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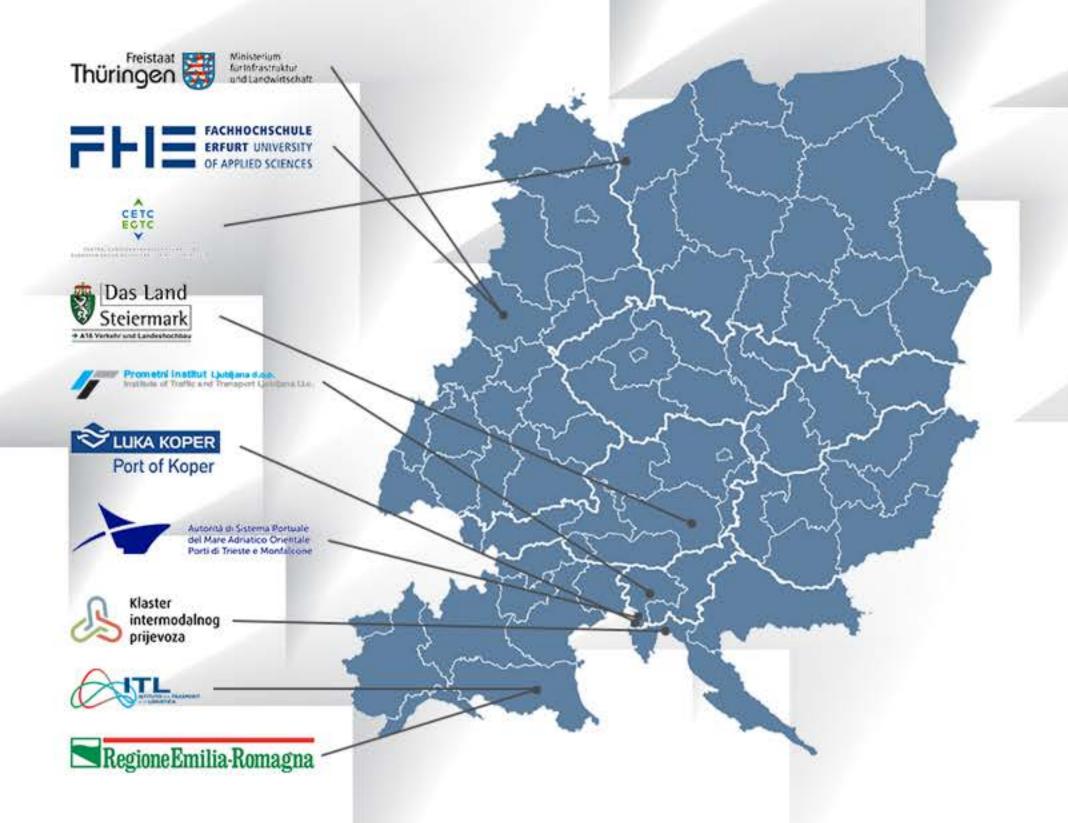


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REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RAILWAY FREIGHT TRANSPORT - REVITALISED

Pilot Action #2 - ITL & RER



ITL Foundation and Emilia-Romagna Region are responsible for the development of Pilot Action #2, focused on the Emilia-Romagna Intermodal Cluster (ER.I.C.). The main aim of ER.I.C. is to develop collaborative activities and to promote the Emilia-Romagna Region's system of intermodal platforms on the national and international stage. These collaborative initiatives include the development of innovative training courses and research activities in strategic areas, such area: digitization, big data and technological upgrade of equipment. ER.I.C. members are fully committed to supporting the strengthening of a freight transport system that is environmentally and economically sustainable and involves the least possible impact on the local area. Today, ER.I.C. is made up of companies representing the main intermodal operators at the regional level: the Port Authority of Ravenna, freight villages, intermodal platforms, ports and inland terminals.

The aim of the Pilot Action #2 is to review the collaborative scheme of the regional intermodal cluster fostering the definition of the main scope, rules and responsibility. The pilot action supports the ER.I.C's transition from informal network to a more formal entity.

Once the examination of different law models was carried out, ER.I.C members agreed that cluster activities should be carry on according two-level approach:

Level 1: general agreement among public authorities and public and private logistic companies for the development of collaborative initiatives regarding strategic areas with pivot activity carried out by Emilia-Romagna Region and with the technical support of ITL Foundation.

Level 2: business agreement among public authorities and public and private logistic companies for increasing business opportunities on intermodal freight transport.

