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ACTION GROUP 4

Mobility – “Promoting intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport”

WORK PLAN

2026-2028

Executive Summary

The Alpine Region, with its mountainous landscape, shapes both the opportunities and challenges for mobility and transport. Geophysical constraints limit options for constructing and maintaining transport infrastructure. At the same time, demand for transport and mobility remains high. The Alpine Region is a major crossroads and transit area for pan-European transport. At the same time commuters, the regional economy and the tourism sector all depend on good connectivity. An efficient transport system in the Alpine Region relies on combining a variety of transport modes, including road, rail and maritime ports, which act as gateways for logistics chains.

Transport and mobility are key topics in several strategic documents of the EU, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Intermodality and interoperability are included in the European Union's priorities for 2024–2029 under the heading 'A new plan for Europe's sustainable prosperity and competitiveness'. Mobility topics also align with other activities under the strategy intended to achieve rapid climate neutrality and develop high-quality transport infrastructure across the continent. Given its specific challenges, the Alpine Region should be further developed as a model for shifting from road to more sustainable modes of transport. Developing transalpine rail infrastructure in line with the Trans-European Network plays a crucial role in achieving modal shift, especially in freight transport. Besides modal shift, the decarbonisation of all transport modes should be accelerated not only to reduce greenhouse gas emissions of the transport sector, but also to reduce air pollution emissions with local impacts to the fragile Alpine ecosystem.

Building on ten years of collaboration and continuing the activities of previous Work Plans, the main topics identified by Action Group 4 with macro-regional relevance are:

- Energy transition and decarbonisation of road and rail transport
- Smart clean logistics and policy measures in freight transport to support modal shift (rail and combined and multimodal transport)
- Smart and sustainable passenger transport (local, regional and cross-border mobility)
- Facilitating the development of links between the Alpine regions and the Trans-European Network nodes
- Resilience: Adapting transport infrastructure to climate change and natural hazards, coordinating maintenance works

1. Focus and Scope of the Action Group

Action Group 4 focuses on promoting intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport by coordinating and harmonising efforts towards a sustainable transport and mobility system.

2. Key Tangible Achievements 2023-2025

Project labelling (ongoing)

Since 2017, EUSALP Action Group 4 (AG4) has developed an Assessment Methodology for Individual Projects that serves to identify sustainable mobility solutions in the Alpine Region. The labelling supports impactful mobility initiatives with macro-regional relevance, helping those projects gain recognition and access to funding at national and EU levels. In three project calls from 2020 to 2025, 22 projects have been labelled, each receiving a Letter of Recommendation.

A notable success is the Nice-Ventimiglia-Breil-Cuneo-Turin line, which, after receiving the label, was integrated into the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T).

[AG4 Project Labelling - EUSALP](#)

Policy recommendations: Boosting energy efficiency in Alpine freight transport and tourism mobility (2025)

Developed in the frame of the 2023-2025 mandate under the cross-cutting priority “Accelerating the Energy Transition for a Carbon-Neutral Alpine Region”, a cooperation of AG2, AG4, AG5 and AG9, these policy recommendations highlight specific need for action – following the “**Avoid-Shift-Improve**” logic that also guides the EU Green Deal and Fit-for-55 package:

1. AVOID redundant freight movements: Leverage digital solutions to reduce energy demand from the transport sector
2. SHIFT freight transport: Boost efforts for modal shift in freight transport
3. IMPROVE freight transport: Accelerate the market uptake of zero-emissions road transport vehicles and strengthen enforcement
4. Tackling the “ENERGY – EFFICIENCY – FIRST” principle in tourism mobility

The path towards implementing the recommendations was discussed at the 7th EUSALP Mobility Conference on 27th of November 2025 in Innsbruck, and discussions shall continue for the period 2026-28.

LinkingAlps - Innovative Tools and Strategies for Linking Mobility Services for a Decarbonised Alpine space (Interreg Alpine Space, completed)

This Interreg Alpine Space project (2019-22) was launched upon initiative of Action Group 4. Its main result is increased usage of sustainable mobility through easier access to high-quality travel information and seamless routing information (door-to-door) across borders, operators and modes in the Alpine Space enabled through novel technologies. LinkingAlps connects existing journey planners across the Alpine region into a single, interoperable network. Instead of building a new platform or central database, it links the systems that already know their regions best. This means travelers can receive accurate, local, multimodal information for their entire cross-border journey, directly from the authoritative sources behind each part of the route. With its GoLive in 2025, the LinkingAlps service currently spans across five regions/countries - Austria, Slovenia, Switzerland, South Tyrol and Lombardy - bringing together their national, regional, or local journey planners into one seamless network.

<https://linkingalps.eu/de/about-linkingalps>

Study on the external costs generated by transalpine transport

The study, carried out in 2025 at the request of EUSALP AG4, calculates and compares the external costs of road and rail transport on six Alpine corridors (Ventimiglia, Fréjus-Mont Cenis, Chamonix-Mont Blanc, Gotthard, Tauern, Brenner), both for passenger and freight transport.

[Detail - EUSALP](#)

EUSALP Mobility Conference (ongoing)

Since the launch of the Strategy, the EUSALP AG4 Mobility Conference has established itself as an important fixed annual date in the work programme. Mobility stakeholders and political representatives of the Alpine Region present and discuss concrete solutions for a more sustainable mobility and transport system in the Alps. Main achievements were presented and political commitment confirmed at the 5th edition in Lugano (5th edition 2023), Bolzano (6th edition in 2024) and Innsbruck (7th edition in 2025). The series of conferences will continue in an annual format.

[7th EUSALP Mobility Conference - EUSALP](#)

Alpine Platform of Knowledge (PoK) for Mobility and Transport (ongoing)

The regularly updated Alpine PoK for Mobility and Transport offers a user-friendly WebGIS interface that gathers results of studies, projects and activities of the EUSALP Action Group 4 Mobility (AG4), as well as annual monitoring data for selected indicators on transalpine transport from the iMONITRAF! network. The PoK has become an important communication and decision-support tool on transport in the Alpine Region.

[Alpine PoK for Mobility and Transport](#)

Resilience of transport infrastructure in the Alpine Region

The increase in temperature due to climate change has been significantly higher in Alpine regions than the global average, with Alpine regions being more sensitive to changes of their climatic conditions. The consequences range from large-scale melting of glaciers and permafrost soils to increased thermal stress on road and rails.

Climate change is causing natural phenomena such as drought, storms, heavy rainfalls, rock falls, landslides and mudslides to occur more frequently and severely, putting transport infrastructure at serious risk. EUSALP Action Group 4 investigated how local resilience – the capacity of a particular infrastructure – would be needed to withstand natural hazards and / or recover from external impacts illustrated with concrete examples from the Alpine Region. A second dimension investigated in the paper is systemic resilience - the capacity of the transport network to enable traffic flows to continue operating smoothly during infrastructure disruptions, by providing an alternative routing and/or mode of transport. The outcome of this analysis compiled in the paper **Resilience of transport infrastructure in the Alpine Region** contributes to an overview of relevant road and rail infrastructure works and their effects on traffic flows and capacity management during disruptions.

[Resilience of transport infrastructure in the Alpine Region - EUSALP](#)

3. Priorities 2026-2028

The five priorities build on the thematic areas of the previous Work Plan and are closely aligned with the main topics included in the Action Plan.

Energy transition and decarbonisation of road and rail transport

Decarbonising road transport has gained significant importance and is supported by recent EU legislation, including requirements for charging and refuelling infrastructure along the Trans-European Network. An integrated perspective, covering energy generation, transfer, recharging and storage, may create synergies with other sectors. The Alpine topography and its physical bottlenecks make the region particularly susceptible to air pollution and noise emissions. Appropriate economic measures are needed to encourage the shift from road to rail. Besides this modal shift, new propulsion technologies offer promising solutions to this problem. Considering the environmental impact of fossil-fuelled freight transport, a cross-cutting approach to accelerate the ongoing electrification of road transport fleets and coordinate the rollout of alternative fuel infrastructure (including for river ports, seaports and multimodal hubs) is essential.

Smart clean logistics and policy measures in freight transport to support modal shift (rail and combined and multimodal transport)

For freight transport, the shift from road to rail remains a challenge and needs to integrate seaports and inland ports, as these often act as entry points to the Alpine Region. Freight rail facilities - including stations, sidings, terminals, and interports - play a key role in the shift from road to rail. Enhancing these facilities and leveraging their strategic locations near industrial and logistic areas accelerates the adoption of rail for freight transport. Improving logistics for sustainable value chains is essential, as these chains depend on efficient, low-carbon delivery solutions. In addition, ICT solutions can support modal shift by making multimodal freight transport operations and the real-time management of cargo flows more efficient. Smart logistics solutions are also needed to make better use of existing infrastructure. This can be achieved, for example, through digitalisation to optimise existing infrastructure (roads, railways and terminals) and through organisational measures. An updated report on external costs in mountain areas will inform potential policy measures for internalisation of externalities. An updated overview on pricing components will provide insights on how different pricing measures set incentives and support for modal shift and how they contribute to internalisation of external costs. Regular exchange with the iMONITRAF! network provides further insights into data related to transalpine transport in the frame of the established monitoring system. All iMONITRAF! data is integrated in the [Alpine Platform of Knowledge for Mobility and Transport](#) which will be further developed in the coming Work Plan.

Smart and sustainable passenger transport (local, regional and cross-border mobility)

In the Alpine context, the scope of this topic includes long-distance transport but also innovative last-mile solutions such as shared mobility, mobility as a service, and promoting walking and cycling. Tourism mobility is often seasonal and concentrated, however there is still untapped potential to foster the use of sustainable mobility modes for tourists and improving corporate mobility management, also with destination management organisations. Integrated mobility concepts addressing the needs of various target groups such as commuters, tourists and last-mile service users can help to tackle this challenge. Cooperative, connected and automated mobility (CCAM) as part of a public transport offer may create additional opportunities in peripheral and rural areas in the near future. Developments in this field are to be observed by Action Group 4.

Facilitating the development of links between the Alpine regions and the Trans-European Network nodes

Transport transit across the Alps is growing. While the Alpine metropolitan areas are often linked to the main transport routes, more peripheral regions benefit less from the Trans-European Network. Links from these regions to the nodes are often missing. The quality of transport, especially public transport, is usually much poorer in these areas, which in many cases are only scarcely or dispersedly populated. Therefore, it is important to develop integrated transport systems linking those regions to the Trans-European Network nodes and to improve sustainable transport connections between valleys and across passes, especially across regional and state borders. Railway stations play a crucial role in developing integrated transport systems, as enhancing them as mobility hubs facilitates connections across Alpine regions.

Resilience: Adapting transport infrastructure to climate change, natural hazards and maintenance works

Local resilience is the capacity of a particular infrastructure, e.g. a local section, to withstand natural hazards and/or to recover from external impacts. As the Alpine region is particularly vulnerable to climate change and natural hazards, climate-proofing and the resilience of green and blue transport infrastructure deserve particular attention. These hazards are likely to grow as the 1.5-degree target of the Paris Agreement is already now difficult to achieve and climate change scenarios increasingly take into account compound and cascading risks. Moreover, **systemic resilience** (infrastructure redundancy) is the capacity of the transport network to enable traffic flows to continue operating smoothly during infrastructure disruptions, by providing an alternative routing and/or mode of transport. Measures such as the construction and maintenance of Alpine transport infrastructure require coordinated approaches, including designing resilient civil engineering projects, the potential of blue-green elements (shadow along soft mobility axes, nature-based solutions for evacuating surface water, etc) and providing sufficient redundancy to allow for bypass routes during disruptions. In addition, better coordinated construction site management across international and intermodal transport is required to ensure safe traffic flow during renovation

work. EUSALP provides a platform for sharing knowledge and information on resilience and adaptation measures and promoting investment in improving transport resilience.

3.1. Key Activities 2026-2028

Main topics	Key activities
Energy transition and decarbonisation of road and rail transport	Monitor the development of charging and refuelling infrastructure for alternative fuels in line with EU Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation (AFIR) to address item #3 IMPROVE freight transport: Accelerate the market uptake of zero-emissions road transport vehicles and strengthen enforcement of AG4 policy recommendations "Boosting energy efficiency in Alpine freight transport and tourism mobility". Knowledge sharing and analysis of different pricing components in transport taxation and charging systems: opportunities to accelerate the uptake of zero-emission technologies and coordination needs. Extension of 2018 AG4 study "Overview of existing pricing components that influence the competitiveness between road and rail freight transport" to address modal shift but also decarbonisation of road transport. Extension of 2018 AG4 study to include not only modal shift (see below) but also decarbonisation of road transport Data collection on secondary railway lines and their power systems & strategies for decarbonisation to be integrated in the Alpine Platform of Knowledge. Possible projects to be submitted under EUSALP AG4 Project Labelling 4th call.
Smart clean logistics and policy measures in freight transport to support modal shift (rail and combined and multimodal transport)	Observe implementation of EUSALP Declaration on "Rail Transport in the Alpine Region – Joining Forces for a Sustainable Transport and Mobility System" (regular EU update at AG4 meetings). Update of 2018 AG4 study "Overview of existing pricing components that influence the competitiveness between road and rail freight transport", to address item #2 SHIFT freight transport: Boost efforts for modal shift in freight transport of AG4 policy recommendations "Boosting energy efficiency in Alpine freight transport and tourism mobility". Mapping of transalpine freight movements and between combined transport terminals (inland terminals and maritime ports), mapping of railway access of industrial and logistics sites. This analysis will build on a previous AG4 study on multimodal logistic chains and a terminal network study of the "Action Community Brenner Railway" (AGB / CAB) and aims providing the necessary conditions for modal shift of goods from road to rail. Discuss specific insights on transalpine freight movements with stakeholders from the transport and logistics sector to better understand their needs and opportunities – building on a stakeholder mapping conducted in the frame of AG4 in 2019 on multi-modal logistic chains. Observe and transfer results of projects on ICT and digitalisation in multimodal terminals, such as the AG4 labelled project ACCESSMILE (Interreg Central Europe) to address item #1 AVOID redundant freight movements: Leverage digital solutions to reduce energy demand from the transport sector of AG4 policy recommendations "Boosting energy efficiency in Alpine freight transport and tourism mobility".

	Possible projects to be submitted under EUSALP AG4 Project Labelling 4th call.
Smart and sustainable passenger transport (local, regional and cross-border mobility)	Follow-up implementation of policy recommendations by ARPAF CrossBorder project (2018-2019) with support of projects – Interreg and other programmes. Transfer results of projects like CROSUSMOB (Interreg Europe) on sustainable cross-border mobility solutions and DEGREE4ALPS (Interreg Alpine Space) on accessibility opportunities for local communities by integrating traditional, flexible and shared, formal and informal mobility options through a set of digital tools and social innovation approaches. Collaboration with AG5 on digitalisation in transport e.g. to investigate the potential of cooperative, connected and automated mobility (CCAM) in rural areas as part of a shared mobility offer, digital innovative last-mile solutions. Focus groups with Youth Council discussing their needs on cross-border transport. Address item #4 Tackling the “ENERGY – EFFICIENCY – FIRST” principle in tourism mobility of AG4 policy recommendations "Boosting energy efficiency in Alpine freight transport and tourism mobility". Continue exchange with Alpine Convention WG Transport on best practices in sustainable tourism mobility. Possible projects to be submitted under EUSALP AG4 Project Labelling 4th call.
Facilitating the development of links between the Alpine regions and the Trans-European Network nodes	Explore the status quo and definitions of transport poverty (accessibility, availability and affordability) in the Alpine Region – mapping accessibility and availability and integrate in the Alpine Platform of Knowledge. Observe projects in the Alpine Region that support the implementation of TEN-T Regulation on urban nodes as multimodal mobility hubs that facilitate connections across Alpine territories. Possible projects to be submitted under EUSALP AG4 Project Labelling 4th call.
Resilience: Adapting transport infrastructure to climate change, natural hazards and maintenance works	Deepen the knowledge of local and systemic resilience building on the outcomes of the AG4 report “Resilience of transport infrastructure in the Alpine Region” by collecting good practice and knowledge, in particular as regards to corresponding additional costs. This evidence shall underline the funding needs at EU and national levels. Infrastructure costs are particularly high in Alpine territories due to high maintenance needs and exposure to climate-related risks. Possible projects to be submitted under EUSALP AG4 Project Labelling 4th call. Coordination with the Brenner Corridor Platform and other European Transport Corridors crossing the Alpine Region to promote the coordination of road and rail infrastructure works and unforeseen disruptions on transalpine corridors and elaborate the potential of transalpine capacity management tools. The aim is to better anticipate bottlenecks and the deviation of traffic flows between transalpine road and rail corridors.

3.2. Missions

AG4's contribution to the EUSALP Missions will be defined based on the Missions approved by the General Assembly, starting from 2026.

4. Communication

The drafting of contents for communication of results of Action Group 4 is done by the co-lead EGTC European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino. The ETS will publish results via the official Social Media channels for outreach, while AG4 co-leaders will mainly communicate via the EUSALP website. Furthermore, the AG4 main consumer-friendly interface is called the "Alpine Platform of Knowledge for Mobility and Transport". As in the previous period, it serves as an interactive communication tool to be continually updated with information about the activities and projects of the AG4. It contains information from the iMONITRAF! networks on transalpine transport related indicators like "road traffic flows", "composition vehicle fleet", "rail traffic fluxes", "air pollutant emissions", and "toll prices". Moreover, the Alpine Platform of Knowledge informs about relevant AG4 outputs such as the labelled projects, the ARPAP CrossBorder project, the AG4 Conflict Map and other studies. On the one hand, the aim is to reach a wider public and to draw attention to AG4 activities, on the other hand, to convey certain technical contents for political decision-making and implementation of the Strategy.

Strong communication ties also exist with the relevant Interreg projects (Alpine Space, Central Europe) as well as with the transport coordinators of the other EU macro-regional strategies and with the European Commission. The annual Mobility Conference is the main vehicle for communicating AG4 activities to a wider audience and engage in political debates with decision-makers.

Concerning the participation to other initiatives, the AG4 Lead acts as an observer in the Alpine Convention WG Transport by communicating regular updates and paving the way for more effective cooperation. Moreover, several AG4 members are involved in the iMONITRAF! network. Direct exchange occurs on a regular basis on technical contents.

4.1. Dissemination and Communication Activities

EUSALP website and social media channels	
We expect to publish at least one article per thematic area on the EUSALP Website. The TSS will promote AG4 results on their Social Media Channels, since AG4 itself does not have any presence on social media.	
External dissemination (Interreg ASP and/or external communication channels)	
AG4 regularly communicates its results to other experts, as observer to the Alpine Convention WG Transport, in the Alpine Climate Board Transport Community, to Arge Alp, the TEN-T corridors and to relevant policy officers in the European Commission. Regular exchange with transport coordinators of the other macro-regional strategies takes place in the frame of the MRS Days and through specific events or activities supported by Interact. AG4 also closely follows relevant Interreg ASP projects. AG4 plans to submit one article on the achievements of this Work Plan most likely at the end of the period.	
Dissemination of results to policymakers	
The final results of the Work Plan shall be communicated in the form policy recommendations at the Annual Forum and the Mobility Conference 2028, where relevant EUSALP decision-makers are expected to participate.	
Success Stories	
With the support of the TSS, AG4 shall produce success stories on specific results of the Work Plan. They are intended for publication on the EUSALP Website and via the EUSALP social media channels.	
Other	
For direct engagement with the political level and a wide range of stakeholders, the annual Mobility Conferences taking place in different Alpine regions serve as good practice. Furthermore, all results of AG4 are made publicly available in a user-friendly format on the Alpine Platform of Knowledge.	

4.2. Events and Research

8th EUSALP Mobility Conference, 8-9 October 2026, Munich

9th EUSALP Mobility Conference, 2027, Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur (location tbc)

10th EUSALP Mobility Conference, 2028, Italy (location tbc)

5. Work Plan Outputs and Results

5.1. Monitoring Indicators

Project/Activities

Name	Pillar	Action	Topic	Goal	Activities	Start Date	End Date	Funding source
Coordination of road and rail infrastructure works in the Alpine Region	Pillar 2: Mobility and Connectivity	AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Adaptation of transport infrastructure in response to the effect of climate change	Promote the coordination of road and rail infrastructure works and unforeseen disruptions on transalpine corridors and elaborate the potential of transalpine capacity management tools. The aim is to better anticipate bottlenecks and the deviation of traffic flows between transalpine road and rail corridors.	Coordination with the Brenner Corridor Platform and other European Transport Corridors crossing the Alpine Region for transalpine capacity management across transport modes.	09/03/2026	31/12/2028	
EU policy dialogue	Pillar 2: Mobility and Connectivity	AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Facilitation of the development of links from the TEN Nodes to the Alpine regions	Ensure that Alpine Region priorities are taken account of at EU decision-making level, ensure embedding of AG4 priorities in EU Multiannual Financial Framework.	Regular agenda item "EU update" at AG4 meetings. AG4 meeting to be held in Brussels in 2027 or 2028 with participation of DG MOVE. Visibility of AG4 results and priorities at annual MRS-SBS Days in Brussels. Observe projects in the Alpine Region that support the implementation of the TEN-T Regulation,	01/01/2026	31/12/2028	

					including on urban nodes as multimodal mobility hubs that facilitate connections across Alpine territories. Invite project implementers to present the project at an AG4 meeting. Panel debates with European Transport Corridor Coordinators and high-level representatives of the European Commission (DG MOVE) at the annual EUSALP Mobility Conference.			
EUSALP AG4 project labelling	Pillar 2: Mobility and Connectivity	AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Facilitation of the development of links from the TEN Nodes to the Alpine regions	Identify individual projects that foster sustainable mobility solutions in the Alpine Region, contributing to the EUSALP objectives. With the label, decision-making authorities are recommended to support the implementation of the project and provide adequate financial support.	4th project call in 2027 or 2028. Showcase labelled projects at relevant events (Mobility Conference, MRS-SBS Days etc). Invite project proponents to present the labelled project at an AG4 meeting.	04/01/2027	30/11/2028	Dedicated budget AG4 co-lead EGTC European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino
EUSALP Mobility Conference	Pillar 2: Mobility and Connectivity	AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Smart and sustainable passenger and freight transport	Mobility stakeholders, political representatives of the Alpine Region and decision-makers at EU level present and discuss concrete solutions for a	Organisation of an annual EUSALP Mobility Conference in cooperation with Presidencies. 8th EUSALP Mobility Conference, 8-9 October	01/01/2026	31/12/2028	Annual EUSALP Presidencies, 4SupportEUSALP, dedicated

				more sustainable mobility and transport system in the Alps, discuss implementation of AG4 policy recommendations 2025.	2026, Munich 9th EUSALP Mobility Conference, 2027, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (location tbc) 10th EUSALP Mobility Conference, 2028, Italy (location tbc)			budget AG4 co-lead EGTC European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino
Exchange with Alpine Convention Working Group Transport	Pillar 2: Mobility and Connectivity	AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Smart and sustainable passenger and freight transport	Create synergies and alignments of work plans and mandates of EUSALP AG4 and Alpine Convention WG Transport.	Observer status of EUSALP AG4 co-lead in Alpine Convention WG Transport and vice versa with participation and knowledge exchange at the respective meetings. Introduction of regular joint meetings of the two groups.	01/01/2026	31/12/2028	Dedicated budget AG4 co-lead EGTC European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino
Exchange with EUSALP Youth Council on cross-border mobility	Pillar 2: Mobility and Connectivity	AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Smart and sustainable passenger and freight transport	EUSALP AG4 is committed to engage the Youth Council in AG4 activities in order to take up specific considerations and viewpoints from the young generation and to ensure their involvement in the decision-making process.	Focus groups with Youth Council discussing their needs on cross-border mobility, either as part of an AG4 meeting or as a separate event.	31/08/2026	31/12/2028	
Exchange with stakeholders in freight transport	Pillar 2: Mobility and Connectivity	AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Smart and sustainable passenger and freight transport	Discuss specific insights on transalpine freight movements with stakeholders from the transport and logistics sector to better	At least one stakeholder event with experts from the transport logistics sector. Panel debate at 8th EUSALP Mobility Conference 8-9 October	31/08/2026	31/12/2028	Dedicated budget AG4 co-lead EGTC European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-

				understand their needs and opportunities - building on a stakeholder mapping conducted in the frame of AG4 in 2019 on multi-modal logistic chains. Discuss implementation of AG4 policy recommendations 2025.	2026 in Munich under Bavarian Presidency.			Trentino. EUSALP Presidency Bavaria 2026.
Expert dialogue on energy efficiency and external costs	Pillar 2: Mobility and Connectivity	AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Energy transition and decarbonisation of road and rail transport	Taking stock of previous findings from AG4 studies on energy efficiency and external costs and the AG4 policy recommendations 2025 to define the need for further action. Liaise with AG9.	Webinar with experts in the frame of the French EUSALP Presidency 2027.	04/01/2027	30/06/2027	
Knowledge sharing and analysis of different pricing components in transport taxation and charging	Pillar 2: Mobility and Connectivity	AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Smart and sustainable passenger and freight transport	Overview of existing pricing components that influence the competitiveness between road and rail freight transport" to inform decision-making for modal shift from road to rail but also decarbonisation of road transport.	Update and extension of 2018 AG4 study "Overview of existing pricing components that influence the competitiveness between road and rail freight transport" to include not only modal shift but also decarbonisation of road transport.	01/04/2026	31/12/2028	Dedicated budget AG4 co-lead EGTC European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino
Resilience of transport infrastructure in the	Pillar 2: Mobility and Connectivity	AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Adaptation of transport infrastructure in response to the	Adapting transport infrastructure to climate change, natural hazards and maintenance works. Deepen the knowledge of	Collection of good practices and knowledge, exchange with experts and decision-makers at EU and national levels.	16/03/2026	31/12/2028	Dedicated budget AG4 co-lead EGTC European Region Tyrol-

Alpine Region			effect of climate change	local and systemic resilience building on the outcomes of the AG4 report “Resilience of transport infrastructure in the Alpine Region” to underline the funding needs for transport infrastructure at EU and national levels. Infrastructure costs are particularly high in Alpine territories due to high maintenance needs and exposure to climate-related risks.				South Tyrol-Trentino
Transfer results of Interreg projects	Pillar 2: Mobility and Connectivity	AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Smart and sustainable passenger and freight transport	Exploit knowledge and concrete solutions generated by relevant Interreg projects for policy dialogue, decision-making and transfer of results across the Alpine Region.	Ongoing exchange with CROSUSMOB (Interreg Europe), DEGREE4ALPS (Interreg Alpine Space), ACCESMILE (Interreg Central Europe) and other relevant projects. Advocacy for streamlining future Interreg programme objectives with priorities of Action Group 4, especially in view to the new Interreg Alpine Space Programme 2028+ and relevant cross-border programmes.	01/01/2026	31/12/2028	Interreg programmes
Update of Alpine Platform of Knowledge	Pillar 2: Mobility and Connectivity	AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in	Smart and sustainable passenger and freight transport	The regularly updated Alpine PoK for Mobility and Transport offers a user-friendly WebGIS	The iMONITRAF! network will further expand and improve its monitoring of indicators on transalpine	04/05/2026	08/12/2028	iMONITRAF! Partnership

for Transport and Mobility (part 1)		passenger and freight transport		interface that gathers results of studies, projects and activities of AG4, as well as annual monitoring data for selected indicators on transalpine transport from the iMONITRAF! network. The PoK has become an important communication and decision-support tool on transport in the Alpine Region.	freight transport. Data on additional transalpine corridors in the Eastern Alps will be added to cover the entire Alpine Region. A new layer mapping transalpine freight movements and between combined transport terminals (inland terminals and maritime ports), and a mapping of railway access of industrial and logistics sites shall be integrated in the Platform of Knowledge. Increase user-friendliness of Alpine PoK.			
Update of Alpine Platform of Knowledge for Transport and Mobility (part 2)	Pillar 2: Mobility and Connectivity	AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Energy transition and decarbonisation of road and rail transport	The regularly updated Alpine PoK for Mobility and Transport offers a user-friendly WebGIS interface that gathers results of studies, projects and activities of AG4, as well as annual monitoring data for selected indicators on transalpine transport from the iMONITRAF! network. The PoK has become an important communication and decision-support tool on transport in the Alpine Region.	The iMONITRAF! network will further improve and expand its monitoring of indicators on transalpine freight transport, such as alternative fuels infrastructure. As an additional layer, the mapping of secondary railway lines and their power systems & strategies for decarbonisation may be integrated in the Alpine Platform of Knowledge.	04/05/2026	08/12/2028	Dedicated budget AG4 co-lead EGTC European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino

Update of Alpine Platform of Knowledge for Transport and Mobility (part 3)	Pillar 2: Mobility and Connectivity	AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Facilitation of the development of links from the TEN Nodes to the Alpine regions	The regularly updated Alpine PoK for Mobility and Transport offers a user-friendly WebGIS interface that gathers results of studies, projects and activities of AG4, as well as annual monitoring data for selected indicators on transalpine transport from the iMONITRAF! network. The PoK has become an important communication and decision-support tool on transport in the Alpine Region.	Explore the status quo and definitions of transport poverty (accessibility, availability and affordability) in the Alpine Region – mapping accessibility and availability and integrate in the Alpine Platform of Knowledge, based on "EUSALP in Maps" series.	04/05/2026	30/12/2026	Dedicated budget AG4 co-lead EGTC European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino
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Indicators

Action	Object	Name	Indicators Category	Topic	Type of Unit	Unit	Target	Value
AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	EUSALP AG4 project labelling	4th Labelling Call	a) Common Framework promoted for thematic area (for recognition/certification/standardisation/code of ethics/code of conduct/quality label)	Facilitation of the development of links from the TEN Nodes to the Alpine regions	Strategic framework/planning document available	Labelling methodology	1,00	0,00
AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	EU policy dialogue	AG4 Meeting in Brussels	a) Discussion forums/dialogue events; b) Brainstorming; c) Active exchanges; d) Joint formulation of concepts	Facilitation of the development of links from the TEN Nodes to the Alpine regions	Types of participants/stakeholders (inclusiveness, relevance...)	Types of stakeholders (AG4 members, European Commission, external experts)	3,00	0,00

AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Exchange with stakeholders in freight transport	Discuss specific insights on transalpine freight movements with stakeholders from the transport and logistics sector	a) Discussion forums/dialogue events; b) Brainstorming; c) Active exchanges; d) Joint formulation of concepts	Smart and sustainable passenger and freight transport	N° of participants/stakeholders	Workshop participants	30,00	0,00
AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	EUSALP Mobility Conference	EUSALP Mobility Conference	a) Events, Forums; b) Newsletters, Social Media campaigns, Storytelling; c) Dedicated Website	Smart and sustainable passenger and freight transport	N° of participants/stakeholders/recipients	Conference participants for 2026 Mobility Conference	150,00	0,00
AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	EUSALP AG4 project labelling	EUSALP Platform of Knowledge for Mobility and Transport	a) Information/knowledge platform b) Digital exchange platform c) Structure for information/knowledge sharing	Smart and sustainable passenger and freight transport	Status of implementation of the platform	Platform of Knowledge online	1,00	0,50
AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Exchange with EUSALP Youth Council on cross-border mobility	Focus groups with EUSALP Youth Council on cross-border mobility	a) Discussion forums/dialogue events; b) Brainstorming; c) Active exchanges; d) Joint formulation of concepts	Smart and sustainable passenger and freight transport	N° of participants/stakeholders	Focus group participants	20,00	0,00
AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Transfer results of Interreg projects	Harvesting of past and ongoing Interreg projects and support new projects	a) Transnational networks & working groups Joint proposal & project development b) Common methodologies adopted c) Alignment & coordination measures applied d) Thematic Cooperation platforms set up	Smart and sustainable passenger and freight transport	N° and type of projects/networks	Past and ongoing Interreg projects with AG4 patronage	5,00	3,00

AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Exchange with Alpine Convention Working Group Transport	Joint meetings with Alpine Convention WG Transport	a) Transnational networks & working groups Joint proposal & project development b) Common methodologies adopted c) Alignment & coordination measures applied d) Thematic Cooperation platforms set up	Smart and sustainable passenger and freight transport	N° of relevant types of stakeholders participating from different countries	Alpine States represented at joint meetings	7,00	0,00
AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	EU policy dialogue	Policy Recommendation	a) Policy recommendations b) Policy guidelines	Adaptation of transport infrastructure in response to the effect of climate change	N° of recommendations and/or guidelines provided to policy makers and political authorities	Number of recommendations / AG4 priorities covered	5,00	0,00
AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	EU policy dialogue	Representation of EUSALP AG4 in key events in Brussels	a) Discussion forums/dialogue events; b) Brainstorming; c) Active exchanges; d) Joint formulation of concepts	Adaptation of transport infrastructure in response to the effect of climate change	Types of participants/stakeholders (inclusiveness, relevance...)	Types of stakeholders addressed	5,00	0,00
AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Knowledge sharing and analysis of different pricing components in transport taxation and charging	Updating the study "Overview of existing pricing components that influence the competitiveness between road and rail freight transport"	a) Studies, surveys, mapping, data collection b) Good practices/Case studies c) Knowledge networks/ Think tanks / d) Observatories e) Thematic workshops/conferences"	Smart and sustainable passenger and freight transport	N° of studies/surveys/ mapping	Study report	1,00	0,50
AG4: To promote intermodality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport	Expert dialogue on energy efficiency and external costs	Webinar with experts in the frame of the French EUSALP Presidency.	a) Discussion forums/dialogue events; b) Brainstorming; c) Active exchanges; d) Joint formulation of concepts	Energy transition and decarbonisation of road and rail transport	N° of participants/ stakeholders	Webinar participants	30,00	0,00

5.2. Work Plan Outputs

Project/Activity	Expected Output
AG4 project labelling	Identify sustainable mobility solutions in the Alpine Region.
Alpine Platform of Knowledge for Transport and Mobility	Update of existing and additional layers, new interface.
Coordination of road and rail infrastructure works in the Alpine Region	1 policy recommendation. Transparent communication of planned infrastructure works and capacity restrictions on transalpine road and rail corridors.
EU policy dialogue	1 AG4 meeting in Brussels with relevant stakeholders.
EUSALP Mobility Conference	3 reports and social media postings related to 3 annual event.
Exchange with Alpine Convention Working Group Transport	3 joint meetings with WG Transport.
Exchange with EUSALP Youth Council	1 policy recommendation.
Overview of existing pricing components that influence the competitiveness between road and rail freight transport	1 study published. 1 policy recommendation.
Resilience of transport infrastructure in the Alpine Region	1 policy dialogue in Brussels. 1 policy recommendation.
Discuss specific insights on transalpine freight movements with stakeholders from the transport and logistics sector	1 stakeholder event. 1 policy recommendation.
Energy efficiency and decarbonisation in transport	1 webinar report.

5.3. Action Group Results

Project/Activity	Expected Result
AG4 project labelling	Support impactful mobility initiatives with macro-regional relevance, helping those projects gain recognition and access to funding at national and EU levels.
Alpine Platform of Knowledge for Transport and Mobility	Improved and more user-friendly interface, better visibility of AG4 results and relevant indicators on transalpine transport.
Coordination of road and rail infrastructure works in the Alpine Region	Transalpine capacity management on road and rail for more coordinated action.
EU policy dialogue	Better visibility for transport priorities of Alpine States and regions in EU policy.
EUSALP Mobility Conference	Strengthened interaction with stakeholders from research and practice, political commitment.
Exchange with Alpine Convention Working Group Transport	Better alignment and coordinated measures between national and regional levels.
Exchange with EUSALP Youth Council	Improved cross-border mobility services for young people.
Overview of existing pricing components that influence the competitiveness between road and rail freight transport	Inform decision-making in favour of modal shift from road to rail and of decarbonisation of road transport.

Resilience of transport infrastructure in the Alpine Region	Generate appropriate funding at EU and national levels for maintenance and climate-proofing transport infrastructure in the Alpine Region.
Discuss specific insights on transalpine freight movements with stakeholders from the transport and logistics sector	Improve the policy framework for modal shift from road to rail in transalpine freight transport.
Energy efficiency and decarbonisation in transport	Define the need for further action for decarbonised, energy efficient.

6. Action Group's Organisation and Targets

6.1. Composition and Organisation

Action Group Leader/Co-Leaders	
Martin Gassner, Patrick Skonieczki, Michael Bürger (EGTC European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino) Xavier Garcia (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur)	
Number of Appointed Members	
41 members with decision-making capacity (DMC).	
Represented Countries	Represented Institutions
☒ Austria ☒ France ☒ Germany ☒ Italy ☒ Liechtenstein ☒ Slovenia ☒ Switzerland	Austria: Department of Transport Planning, Land Kärnten (DMC); Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Land Salzburg (DMC); Department of Transport and Construction, Land Steiermark (DMC); Department of Mobility Planning, Land Tirol (DMC); Department of Mobility Planning, Land Vorarlberg (DMC). France: National Agency for Territorial Cohesion ANCT (DMC); European Cooperation Service, Région Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (DMC). Germany: Bavarian State Ministry for Housing, Construction and Transport (DMC); Ministry for Transport, Baden-Württemberg (DMC). Italy: Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (DMC); Office of Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility, Autonome Provinz Bozen-Südtirol / Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano-Alto Adige (DMC); Presidency of the Regional Government, Regione Autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia (DMC); Port of Trieste, Regione Autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia (DMC); Directorate-General for Infrastructure and Public Works, Regione Lombardia (DMC); Confindustria, Regione Piemonte (DMC); Directorate for Infrastructure and Transport, Regione Liguria (DMC); Directorate for Heritage and Transport, Autonomous Province of Trento (DMC); Department of Transport, Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta (DMC); Directorate Unitary Programming, Regione Veneto (DMC). Liechtenstein: Office of Building, Construction and Spatial Planning (DMC). Slovenia: Ministry of Infrastructure (DMC). Switzerland: Federal Office of Spatial Planning ARE (DMC); Federal Office of Transport BAV (DMC).
Observers	
European Commission; EUSALP Youth Council; Interreg Alpine Space Programme Joint Secretariat; Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention (PSAC).	
Members in Advisory Role: Alliance of the Alps; Austrian Federal Ministry for Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure; Central European Initiative CEI; Amt für Energie und Verkehr, Kanton Graubünden; CIPRA International; CIPRA Youth Council; EUROCHAMBRES.	

Organisation of Work

The activities of EUSALP AG4 are directly managed by AG4 Co-Leaders EGTC European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino and Région Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur. All AG4 meetings are held in plenary and decisions are taken by consensus. External guests are invited regularly to present relevant projects.

6.2. Involvement of the Stakeholders

Members in Advisory Role are NGOs, umbrella organizations, fora or associations representing a large group of stakeholders or civil society. These members ensure the link between the AG and EUSALP-wide actors and their activities.

Additionally, EUSALP Mobility Conferences are an occasion to engage with relevant stakeholders. The 8th EUSALP Mobility Conference 2026 will be co-organised with the German Association for Transport Science (DvWG) and coupled with the “DACH Conference”, the biannual event of the three Transport Science associations of Germany, Austria and Switzerland and the European Platform of Transport Sciences. The aim of co-organising the two events is to strengthen the exchange between EUSALP with its political dimension and experts from science and practice.

6.3. The Role of the Youth Council

The Youth Council has become an important voice in developing the activities of all EUSALP AGs. EUSALP AG4 is committed to engage the Youth Council in all AG4 activities in order to take up specific considerations and viewpoints from the young generation and to ensure their involvement in the decision-making process. EUSALP AG4 is dedicated to consulting with the Youth Council on initiating projects as well as the implementation of the strategy. This includes supporting the winner of the Pitch Your Project competition 2025. Moreover, EUSALP AG4 is engaged in actively involving the Youth Council in events organized by EUSALP AG4 such as Action Group 4 Meetings, the EUSALP Mobility Conference and sessions as part of the EUSALP Annual Forum or the MRS-SBS Days. Formats such as focus group with youth representatives on cross-border mobility solutions will be explored in the coming period.