



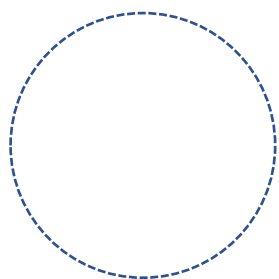
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ACTION GROUP 4

Mobility

1. KEY OUTPUTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2025

Name of the output	Objective tackled	Results and follow-up (if applicable)	Link with the 2023-2025 current Work Plan
7 th EUSALP Mobility Conference (Innsbruck, 27 November)	• Better public transport, shared mobility services • Modal shift from road to rail and soft modes to reduce overall energy consumption in the transport sector • Smart, cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder approaches to capture the potentials of energy transition.	The attendance of over 90 stakeholders, including top-level political representatives, public officials, scientists and managers provided a vital platform for the exchange of information and further cooperation for mobility and transport in the Alpine Space. The format of EUSALP Mobility Conference will be continued with the 8 th conference to be held in Munich on 8-9 October 2026.	Multiple thematic areas (TA) of the Work Plan 2023-2025 were addressed. The annual mobility conference is a core event for EUSALP AG4
External Cost Study	A new study on external costs generated by transport on the Alpine corridors was presented by the contractor, providing insights for decision-makers on the internalisation of externalities like air pollution, noise and congestion.	The study showed that traffic on the transalpine corridors generates several billion of euros in external costs each year with the highest costs being on the Brenner and Ventimiglia corridors. Due to recent amendments the dissemination of the study could only happen in the spring of 2026.	TA 1, TA 2, as the cross-cutting priority (CCP)
Study on energy efficiency on transport corridors	The study on energy efficiency on transport corridors was finalized and published.	It was published and presented in various occasions and served as a key input for the work of AG4	TA 1, TA 2, as well as the CCP
Policy Recommendations	The AG4 Policy Recommendations were finalized and published.	The AG4 Policy Recommendations were published with a concise and simple message to improve the energy efficiency in the Alpine Transport System: AVOID – SHIFT – IMPROVE. Those 3 steps are the key to a more efficient transport system. AVOID addresses the focus on lowering the amount of transport overall by the usage of modern methods of optimisation, interoperability and coordination. SHIFT highlights the potential by	CCP

		shifting road transport onto railways which are a significantly more efficient mode of transport. IMPROVE highlights the potential by decarbonisation and especially electrification of the remaining road transport. Furthermore, tourism mobility is a major tool to boost energy efficiency – Getting tourists onto trains instead of cars or flying can massively cut energy usage and emissions for travelling to the destination and at the destination.	
Project Labelling	The 3rd Call of the EUSALP Project Labelling was conducted in 2025.	During 2025 AG4 conducted its 3 rd call of the Project Labelling. 6 projects have been submitted of which two received the EUSALP AG4 Label and a Letter of Recommendation. The posters of labelling were showcased during the EUSALP Mobility Conference.	TA 2
Resilient road and rail infrastructure	A document for a common understanding of the topic of resilient transport infrastructure with concrete examples of resilient transport infrastructures in the Alpine Region was compiled by AG4 members.	EUSALP Action Group 4 published a document focusing on how local resilience is able 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.	TA 3

2. OUTREACH AND DISSEMINATION

Action	Target audience	Results and follow-up (if applicable)	Link with the 2023-2025 current Work Plan
AG4 website updates & reports	EUSALP community, policymakers, stakeholders	Regular updates on AG4 activities and key events	Awareness and visibility of AG4 work

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Press releases for the 7 th EUSALP Mobility Conference	Regional and national media	Increased visibility of Alpine mobility challenges	Promotion of sustainable transport initiatives
Joint workshop on energy efficiency with other MRS at the EU Macro-Regional and Sea-Basin Strategies Days (24-25 September 2025)	The AG4 Co-Lead organised a workshop on energy efficiency, presenting AG4s study on energy efficiency to various stakeholders including the European Commission and other MRS/SBS experts.	The dissemination of the knowledge gained through the study was well achieved, providing the empirical backing for advancing the energy transition in the transport system in the Alpine Region. Further, using the MRS days as platform was a smart, cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder approach to capture the potentials of energy transition.	TA1 as well as the Cross-Cutting Priorities are directly linked to the workshop activities
Joint workshop on energy efficiency with AG2 and AG9 at the Annual Forum in Innsbruck (26 November 2025)	The AG4 Co-Lead organised a workshop on energy efficiency together with AG9, presenting AG4s study on energy efficiency to various stakeholders participating in the EUSALP Annual Forum.	The dissemination of the knowledge gained through the study was well achieved, providing the empirical backing for advancing the energy transition in the transport system in the Alpine Region. Furthermore, using the Annual Forum and collaboration with other AGs resulted in contact with many stakeholders, also outside the mobility sector.	TA1 as well as the Cross-Cutting Priority are directly linked to the workshop activities
ARGE Alp Event in Brussels	Disseminating AG4 outputs (study on energy efficiency, project labelling) as part of the AT-LI Presidency to the ArgeAlp community and relevant DG MOVE contacts, including insights on EU funding opportunities.	Raising visibility for EUSALP, the AG4 and its outputs. Providing stakeholders information about the importance and data behind modal shift and energy efficiency as well as EU funding opportunities, highlighting the relevance of EUSALP priorities in shaping EU transport policy.	TA1 and the CCP
Transdolomites Event (20 May at the Euregio offices in Brussels)	Strengthening the development of secondary railway infrastructure by presenting the project labelling and supporting the event on a study for the reconstruction of the Val die Fiemme / Avisio valley railway.	The AGL was invited and took the chance to present EUSALP and the work of AG4 by presenting the project labelling and the Alpine Platform of Knowledge for Mobility and Transport; highlighting the project labelling's prior successes for boosting secondary railway infrastructure.	TA 2 and TA 4

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EUREGIO Inntal summit on public transport, (30 October, in Oberaudorf, Bavaria.)	Mobility stakeholders in the Cross-border regions between Austria and Bavaria.	Michael Bürger for the AGL attended the summit and gave an overview of the work of EUSALP AG4, with a focus on the project labelling and iMONITRAF!'s Platform of Knowledge.	TA 4
Update at the Alpine Convention WG Transport Meeting (November 28th, Innsbruck)	Expert audience of the Alpine Convention Working Group Transport (national ministries).	Patrick Skonieczki (AGL) provided updates on AG4, the recent Mobility Conference, and iMONITRAF!.	TA 1, TA 3 and TA4

3. POLITICAL DEBATES /POLITICAL MESSAGES TO CONVEY/POLITICAL ADVOCACY

Issue debated	Key points discussed	Follow-up (if applicable)	Link with the EUSALP Action Plan and the AG 2023-2025 current Work Plan
Policy recommendations	During the last period, various members of the EUSALP General Assembly called on the strategy to boost its political output and thereby make itself more politically visible. The Austria-Liechtenstein presidency therefore tasked AGs to submit Policy Recommendations to the General Assembly as input for the EUSALP Joint Declaration of Innsbruck of 2025, based on a template provided by the EUSALP Secretariat (TSS)	The AG4 Policy Recommendations "Boosting Energy Efficiency in the Alpine Transport System" were discussed during the political roundtable of the 7th EUSALP Mobility Conference in Innsbruck and published as an important output of the Work Plan	TA1 as well as the Cross-Cutting Priority are directly linked to the policy recommendations
MFF 2028-2034	The outline and new developments regarding the next MFF were discussed in some AG4 meetings and events attended by the AG4-Co-Leaders	This will remain a notable political debate, also to embed the Alpine Region and Mobility as focuses.	The next MFF is relevant for funding across AG4's TA's and the CCP
The spatial dimension of EUSALP	ÖROK AG Alpenraum (September 22nd in Vienna), the Austria-Liechtenstein presidency drafted a report on the spatial dimension of EUSALP and therefore invited Austrian stakeholders of EUSALP to submit and discuss their views	In a similar format a follow-up meeting happened at 2-3 March in Villach, focusing on the Austrian cooperations in the Alpine Space but also	Mobility and Transport depend a lot on the spatial dimension and for spatial planning, mobility determines the spatial

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	on the topic. AG4 AGL were invited and participated in the fruitful discussion.	served as a follow up and looking-back onto the EUSALP AT-LI presidency	dimension and the spatial dimension determines mobility
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4. CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIONS DELIVERED OR NEEDED

Action	Objective tackled	Results and follow-up (if applicable)	Link with the 2023-2025 current Work Plan
3 AG4 Meetings (online, 23 January), (Nice, 17-18 June), (Innsbruck, 26 November)	These meetings provided a platform for AG4 members to engage in in-depth discussions on past, current, and future projects.	Participants also benefited from insightful presentations that broadened perspectives and fostered the exchange of best practices. During these meetings the preliminary results of two studies, commissioned by AG4, were presented by the external consultants who conducted them.	The AG meetings are a key element to discuss the further development of the AG4, additionally they serve as an opportunity to share different ongoing challenges and projects as well as identifying best practices.
Exchanges with and presentations by external partners such as the iMONITRAF! Coordination Point or Stratec	To enhance the technical knowledge of AG4 members regarding Alpine traffic monitoring, external cost methodologies, and strategic transport planning by leveraging external expertise.	AG4 members gained vital insights into current transalpine traffic trends and data-driven methodologies. This expanded the group's analytical capacity, directly informing ongoing policy recommendations. The exchange about insights from iMONITRAF! will be continued.	TA1 and CCP
Presentation by DG MOVE on the TEN-T Climate Adaptation Support Study (Delivered by Nevena Gavalyugova-Bolsi at the 27th AG4 meeting)	To build AG4 members' awareness of transport network vulnerabilities to climate risks (e.g., heatwaves, floods) and to outline the estimated EUR 71 billion investment required for mid-century adaptation, while highlighting the Alpine specific relevance.	The presentation sparked a critical discussion on systemic resilience. The group analyzed how operational efficiency models (like Italy's "rete snella") can inadvertently increase network fragility during disruptions. The AG4 paper on resilient transport infrastructure in the Alpine Region was finalised in 2025 and	TA 3 (Resilient road and rail infrastructure)

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		published in the beginning of 2026 (see also key outputs and achievements).	
Alpine Convention WG Transport Meeting (June 3rd in Berlin):	Participation as observer, Awareness and visibility of AG4 work;	Patrick Skonieczki for the AGL updated the group, consisting of representatives of national ministries, on ongoing developments of AG4.	TA 1

5. PROJECT IDEAS INCUBATED MATCHING EU PROGRAMS

Project name	Status of the project (in progress/submitted/rejected/approved)	Addressed funding programme	Approved funds in € (if submitted)	Action Groups involved	Link with the EUSALP Action Plan and the AG 2023-2025 current Work Plan
CROSUSMOB	Meeting in Aachen (Germany) on March 19 th – 20 th and Ljubljana (Slovenia) on September 17 th and 18 th The project enhances cross border sustainable mobility solutions and exchanges best-practices. AG4 is an observer to the project and participated in the meeting, according to its obligations.	Interreg Europe	1,515,399 € (budget)	AG4	TA1
Degree4Alps	Presentation by Gabriele Grea in 28th AG4 meeting : In progress (6 living labs established; successfully integrated car-pooling, Swiss MaaS, and demand-responsive services)	Interreg Alpine Space	1,582,631 €	AG4	TA1
GeoNetSee	The project was presented during the	Interreg Danube Region	1,433,024 €	AG4	TA3

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	27 th AG4 Meeting and intends to monitor unstable terrain and artificial structures by using a geosensor network with real-time monitoring and visualisation				
RENEWPORT & ADRIREC	Presentation by Alberto Cozzi (Port of Trieste / FVG): In progress (Developing electricity toolkits for ports, calculating maritime CO2 footprints, and assessing Onshore Power Supply constraints)	Interreg Euro-MED (RENEWPORT) & Interreg IPA ADRION (ADRIREC)	2,396,240 € Renewport & 1,328,496.80 € Adrirec	AG4	Strategic Flagship Initiative (Energy transition in the transport system) and Decarbonisation
SWITCH	As presented by Giovanni Mancardi (Lombardia) in the 28th AG4 meeting, the project aims at promoting modal shift by leveraging new ICT technologies through developing a digital decision support platform. At the time the project was in data collection phase on freight and goods exchanged between the two countries.	Interreg IT/CH	1,098,134.80 € (budget) 900,117 CHF (Swiss contribution)	AG4	TA1
Alcotraité <u>2</u>	Presentation by Marco Rolandi (Liguria) at 28th AG4 meeting : In progress (Coordinating cross-border public transport ticketing, schedules, interoperability and joint investments between FR and IT)	Interreg ALCOTRA France-Italy	1,390,737.20 €	AG4	TA1 and TA2

6. YOUTH INCLUSION

Action/nature of the involvement	Number of Youth Councilors involved, country and name	Link with the 2023-2025 current Work Plan
Presentation by Youth Council Members at the 7 th Mobility Conference	Manuel Aita (Lombardia)	Role of the Youth Council
Participation and presentation by Youth Council Members in AG4 Meetings	EUSALP Youth Council Position Paper Focus Mobility & Connectivity Presentation and updates at 29th AG4 meeting by Blaz Istenic (Slovenia) Updates by Rafela Rabic (Slovenia) and Sandra Pasaricek (Austria) during the 28th AG4 meeting regarding current plans, new mandate and cooperation with the Danube Region Strategy's and CIPRA's Youth Council Updates during 27th AG4 meeting by Yannick Werner (Germany) Feedback for the drafting of the Future Work Plan	Role of the Youth Council
Presentation by Youth Council during EUSALP Annual Forum 2025 Workshop on energy efficiency	Panel Discussion with Youth Councilors Livia Behnisch (Switzerland) and Philipp Auberger (Austria) among others	Role of the Youth Council