

# Meeting of Transport Coordinators

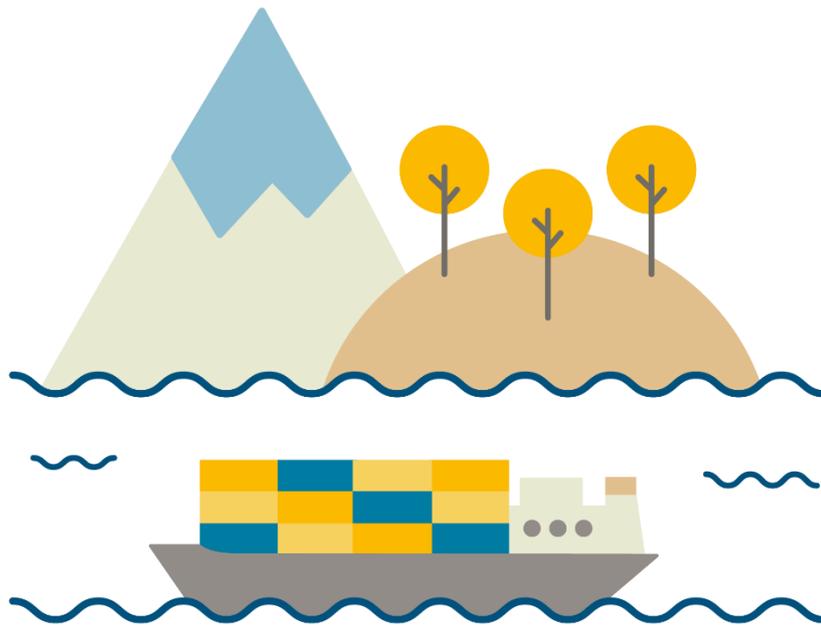
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**Draft Agenda, 14-15 March 2017**

**Joint meeting of Transport Coordinators of the EU macro-regional strategies**

Hotel Slon, Slovenska Cesta 34, Ljubljana, Slovenia





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#### **Background**

EU macro-regional strategies are aiming at addressing challenges shared within a functional area. They also aim at better implementation of the EU policies and more coordination of existing institutions and financial resources. Macro-regional strategies address broad scope of priorities, making an effort for cooperation and coordination across the territory.

Currently there are four EU macro-regional strategies adopted and in different implementation stages. However, it is clear that most of the priorities or policies addressed by the strategies are the same. Acknowledging specifics of each of the strategies and individual approaches established for their implementation, there are certain processes they all experience, e.g. setting up governance structures for the implementation, defining focus of the action/priority or thematic field, reaching common agreement across the countries, defining milestones to be achieved, involving relevant institutions and multi-level actors, monitoring implementation of the priority/ policy/ pillar/ action. There are certain results achieved within each of the EU macro-regional strategies while there are also challenges macro-regional coordinators face.

Acknowledging experience of INTERACT II Programme in supporting implementation of the macro-regional strategies, Interact III Programme has been asked by the Member States to support developing new ways of cooperation where macro-regional framework is a part of it. Interact III is asked to increase awareness of macro-regional framework, develop pilot models for coordination and cooperation, strengthen dialogue across funding programmes for creating synergies within macro-regional framework and to support exchanges across macro-regional strategies.

Taking into account that transport issues are at heart of all four EU macro-regional strategies and they connect not only countries within one macro-region but also countries across macro-regions, Interact III is calling for a Joint meeting of Transport Coordinators (water and land) of the all four EU macro-regional strategies.

The meeting is following up on the discussion in the High Level Group for Macro-regional strategies (held on 30 May 2016) and is supported by National Coordinators for the EUSBSR of Lithuania and Sweden and National Coordinator for the EUSDR, EUSAIR and EUSALP of Slovenia.

#### **Objective**

The meeting is inviting Coordinators of Transport theme, priority, action or pillar from all four macro-regional strategies to exchange practices and experiences in implementation of their tasks.

Additionally, the meeting is aiming at providing general overview on the state of play in implementation of the transport priorities, identifying and addressing shared challenges that hamper smooth implementation of the respective actions and would require to be addressed in a coordinated way. Participants of the meeting will be invited for an open dialogue on the daily implementation issues as well as on exchanging visions for future work.

Good practices established by Transport Coordinators in addressing implementation and management challenges would be collected as an outcome of the discussion.



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**Timetable**

**Tuesday, 14 March 2017**

*Moderator Wiktor Szydarowski, Ph.D*

**11.00 – 12.30 Welcoming lunch and registration to the meeting**

**12.30 – 13.15 Welcoming words**

*Andreja Jerina, National Coordinator of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian regions and EU Strategy for the Alpine Region, Slovenia*  
*Satu Hietanen, Interact*

*Tour de table*

**13.15 – 15.15 Experiences of Transport Coordinators: Challenges, achieved solutions and detected failures to address particular aspect in macro-regional strategy**

*Setting up governance structures for the implementation of transport Policy Areas of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (PA 'Transport'; PA 'Safe' and PA 'Ship')*

*Presentations by:*

- *Policy Area Coordinator 'Improving internal and external transport links'*
- *Policy Area Coordinator 'Becoming a leading region in maritime safety and security' and Policy Area Coordinator 'Becoming a model region for clean shipping'*

*Inputs from other Coordinators, discussion*

*Involving relevant institutions and multi-level governance actors in implementation of the Pillar 'Connecting the Region' (Topic 1: 'Maritime transport' and Topic 2: 'Intermodal connections to the hinterland') of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region. How to reach common agreement across the countries involved in the implementation*

- *Presentation by Pillar Coordinator*

*Inputs from other Coordinators, discussion*

**15.15 – 15.45 Coffee break**

**15.45 – 18.00 Experiences of Transport Coordinators: Challenges, achieved solutions and detected failures to address particular aspect in macro-regional strategy**

*Defining focus of the transport related Priority Area 'To improve mobility and intermodality' of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (1A: 'Inland waterways' and 1B: Rail, road and air links). How to distinguish work of*



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*Strategy from the other European or intergovernmental policy instruments, e.g. TEN-T core network corridors*

*Presentations by:*

- Priority Area 1A Coordinator: 'Inland waterways'
- Priority Area 1B Coordinator: 'Rail, road and air links'

*Inputs from other Coordinators, discussion*

*Defining milestones to be achieved and monitoring of implementation of the Action 4 'To promote inter-modality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport' of the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region*

- Presentation by Action Group Leader

*Inputs from other Coordinators, discussion*

**19.30 – 22.00**    **Dinner**  
*Venue tbc*

**Wednesday, 15 March 2017**

**08.30 – 08.45**    **Summary of the discussions during the Day 1: Solutions to implementation and management aspects in macro-regional strategies**  
*Wiktor Szydarowski, moderator*

**08.45 – 10.15**    **Key issues to focus during 2017–2018 in implementation of macro-regional strategy (governance aspects and thematic issues)**  
*Short presentations by Transport Coordinators (Tour de table)*  
*Presentations by:*

- Presentation by Action Group 4 Leader 'To promote inter-modality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport', EU Strategy for the Alpine Region
- Presentation by Pillar Coordinator 'Connecting the Region', EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region
- Priority Area 1A Coordinator: 'Inland waterways', EU Strategy for the Danube Region
- Priority Area 1B Coordinator: 'Rail, road and air links', EU Strategy for the Danube Region

*Discussion*

**10.15 – 10.45**    **Coffee break**

**10.45 – 12.00**    **Key issues to focus during 2017–2018 in implementation of macro-regional strategy (governance aspects and thematic issues)**  
*Short presentations by Transport Coordinators (Tour de table continues)*  
*Presentations by:*

- Policy Area Coordinator 'Becoming a leading region in maritime safety and security' and Policy Area Coordinator 'Becoming a model region for clean shipping', EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region



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*Discussion*

**Summary: Common issues for 2017–2018 across macro-regional strategies**  
*Wiktor Szydarowski, moderator*

**12.00 – 13.15** **Lunch**

**13.15 – 13.45** **Future of the EU Transport Policy in the framework of EU macro-regional strategies**

- *How to build and how to sustain coordination across macro-regional strategies*
- *Role of macro-regional strategies in the context of post 2020 discussion*

*Discussion moderated by Jörg Mirtl, Interact*

**13.45 – 16.00** **Information and initiatives to support transport projects**

***EU Enlargement Policy and Transport Priorities of the macro-regional strategies***  
*Directorate General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (tbc)*

***Danube Strategic Project Fund***

*Rudolf Schicker, Priority Area 10 Coordinator 'To step up institutional capacity and cooperation', EU Strategy for the Danube Region (tbc)*

***Interreg support to transport cooperation projects: clustering and cooperation with Transport Coordinators of the EUSBSR***

*Jozsef Attila Darabos, Interreg Baltic Sea Region*

***KEEP: what information it provides and how it can serve the EU macro-regional actors***

*Satu Hietanen, Interact*

**16.00 – 16.15** **Closing of the meeting**

*Wiktor Szydarowski, moderator*  
*Satu Hietanen, Interact*