

Regions & Partnerships

The partnership represents all regions from the northern and southern accesses of the main transit corridors in the central Alps. It covers the main transit corridors Fréjus and Mont-Blanc between France and Italy, Gotthard in Switzerland as well as Brenner and Tauern between Austria and Italy. The project includes ten partners, of whom eight have already cooperated in the project MONITRAF which ran from 2005 to 2008.



To maximise output and visibility of the project, the project includes as observers the regions Salzburg, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Liguria, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, Piemonte, the transport department of Slovenia and the Alpine Convention to get a broad view on the common strategy and to include aspects beyond the partnership area.

Objectives

- iMONITRAF!'s objectives are to develop common strategies for transalpine traffic and to put them into action.
- A longlasting political network shall be established, which serves as common voice of the Alpine regions and which is recognised on regional, national and EU level.
- Project partners from the most affected Alpine transit regions will develop innovative and common measures for modal shift improvements and for a more sustainable regional development.

Transport Forums

The Annual Transport Forums will provide the possibility to share iMONITRAF! outputs, views and experiences with politicians, stakeholders and the public and to integrate their feedbacks, ideas and visions into further project activities.

The Annual Transport Forums will also be the platform for strengthening the common voice of the Alpine regions and for discussing common strategies and measures to achieve a sustainable transalpine traffic.

The annual Transport Forum will take place in the years 2010 (Tyrol), 2011 (Switzerland) and 2012 (Rhône-Alpes).

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Implementing Monitraf

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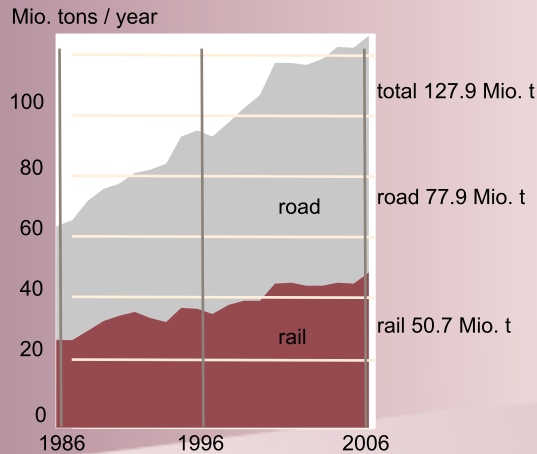
Monitoring of road traffic related effects in the Alpine Space and common measures

Duration 2009 - 2012



Problem addressed

The traffic volume along the main alpine corridors has nearly doubled in the last 20 years. The traffic growth has led to negative effects for the population, for the environment as well as for economic activities.

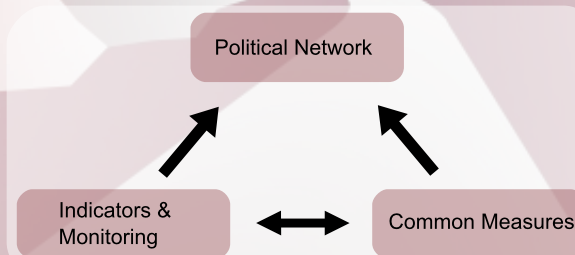


Freight development 1986-2006 across Mt. Cenis, Fréjus, Mont-Blanc, Simplon, Gotthard, San Bernardino, Brenner and Tauern for road and rail transport. Source: BAV Alpinfo 1986 – 2006

To reduce the negative impacts of transalpine traffic, the affected countries and regions have implemented different regulatory and market-based measures. As these measures are however not coordinated between the Alpine regions, they do not create synergies but much more risk the creation of further distributional effects (e.g. traffic shifts between adjoining corridors). In addition, some measures do not become fully effective, as accompanying measures would be necessary not only on the national level but on the whole corridor. Further regional cooperation and action with an inclusion of economic, social and environmental aspects is needed.

Organisation

- The workpackage "Political Networking" is dedicated to the political implementation of project results. Its aim is to establish an interregional network with political and technical members to strengthen the common voice of the Alpine Regions.
- The workpackage "Indicators & Monitoring" will provide the necessary data basis for developing the common measures and strategy. Data from project regions will be compared and interpreted to assess the effects of transalpine freight traffic. The results will be visualised with the help of a Web-GIS system.
- Workpackage "Common Measures" is based on an exchange on Best-Practices and their effects. Project partners will develop a decision making aid to ease implementation in other regions. As second element, this WP will assess new and innovative measures to tackle the problems related to transalpine traffic.



Transregional Approach

Up to now, the Alpine countries have implemented own measures to tackle the problem of rising traffic volumes. These measures differ due to political and economic interests and have thus led to distributional impacts between the regions. A transregional cooperation, as initiated by iMONITRAF!, enables the regions to work toward a harmonisation of traffic conditions and to design a common strategie to prevent distributional effects. A closer political cooperation will also help the Alpine regions to develop a stronger voice in Europe.

Partners



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Autonome Provinz Bozen Südtirol



Amt der Tiroler Landesregierung



ARPA Valle d'Aosta



Région Rhône-Alpes



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