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ISTEN - Integrated and Sustainable Transport in an Efficient Network is a project co-funded by the Interreg Adriatic-Ionian Transnational Programme

ISTEN aims to improve intermodal connections from Adriatic-Ionian ports to the hinterland, in particular by supporting rail freight flows and last-mile connections

1st Transnational e-newsletter

The first thematic work package of ISTEN focuses on setting up and feeding a **Transnational Cooperation Network (TCN)** whose aim is to foster the sharing of knowledge for a **better integration between the port and hinterland logistics chain**.

In this framework, each ISTEN partner coordinates a **local working group** composed of public and private stakeholders, such as port authorities, intermodal platforms, railway companies, infrastructure providers, business support organizations and freight forwarders.

The insights from these groups have been crucial since the very beginning of the project activities and in particular, to analyse the **market, infrastructural, operational, institutional and innovation bottlenecks** that hinder the development of an integrated port-hinterland chain in 9 sites in the Adriatic-Ionian area.

The **local analyses** can be downloaded [here](#).

This overview on local contexts is completed by two in-depth analyses.

The **Focus Report** aims at defining the importance of alternative forms of port-hinterland integration, summarizing the port-hinterland cargo volumes in the Adriatic-Ionian area and providing a **comparison between the ADRION area and the rest of the EU in terms of port-hinterland integration**.

Similarly, the **Best Practice Register** extends the scope of the analysis beyond the Adriatic-Ionian area to identify successful examples of port-hinterland integration, in the vast majority of cases regarding the operational and innovation aspects.

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The results of the local context analyses carried out in the ISTEN sites regarding infrastructure, connections and services related to intermodal transportation are collected in a [consolidated report](#), identifying the common challenges and **paving the way to the formulation of the Local Action Plans**, which represent the focus of the second thematic work package of ISTEN.



The experiences of **Budapest Mahart Container Terminal** and **Interporto di Padova** have been the topic of an interesting exchange and learning opportunity hosted by the ISTEN Transnational Cooperation Network. The full audio recording of the **webinar** is available on [YouTube](#) and the presentations made by our guests can be downloaded from our [website](#).

We are happy to share with you the invitation to join the virtual community set up by the EUSAIR Facilitation Point to actively contribute to shaping the European Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region as to transport and connectivity issues. You can register to the **EUSAIR stakeholder platform** [here](#).



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