



We inaugurated our services

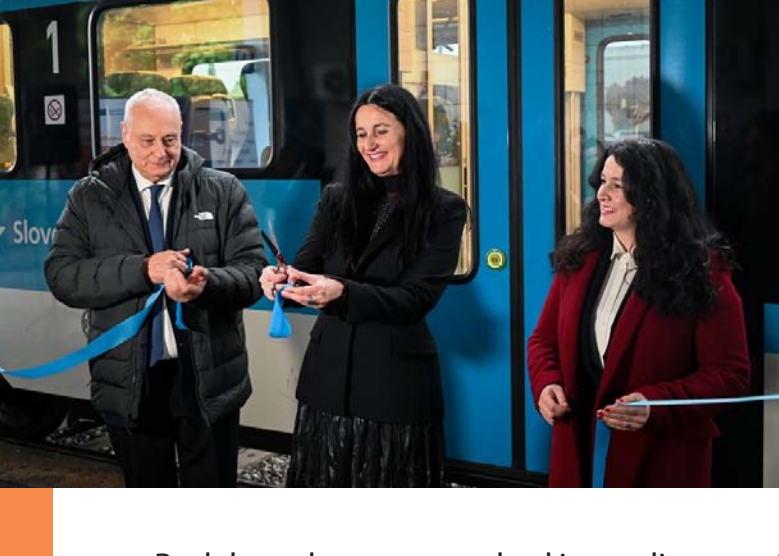
Since the Neusiedl Lake, an UNESCO World Heritage site, is generating tourist traffic, **GySEV company** introduced a direct railway service between the Hungarian and Austrian side, extending the service from Bad Neusiedl am See to Sopron, with 2 pairs of trains per day, on weekends, during the spring/summer season. The launch event took place on the first day of train operation, 13th April 2024, and generated much interest.

[Sopron event](#)



Through history, cities of Trieste in Italy and Rijeka in Croatia, have been connected in many aspects. For over 5 decades, there was no direct train connection between those cities, so **Slovenian Railways – Passenger Transport**, in cooperation with Croatian railways, decided to introduce a direct railway service, operating it with its new Stadler multi-system electromotor unit. With the idea of improving public transport connections in the area and making a modal shift, this one pair of trains service was operational from April to September, daily and it all started with launch events.

[Villa Opicina & Rijeka events](#)



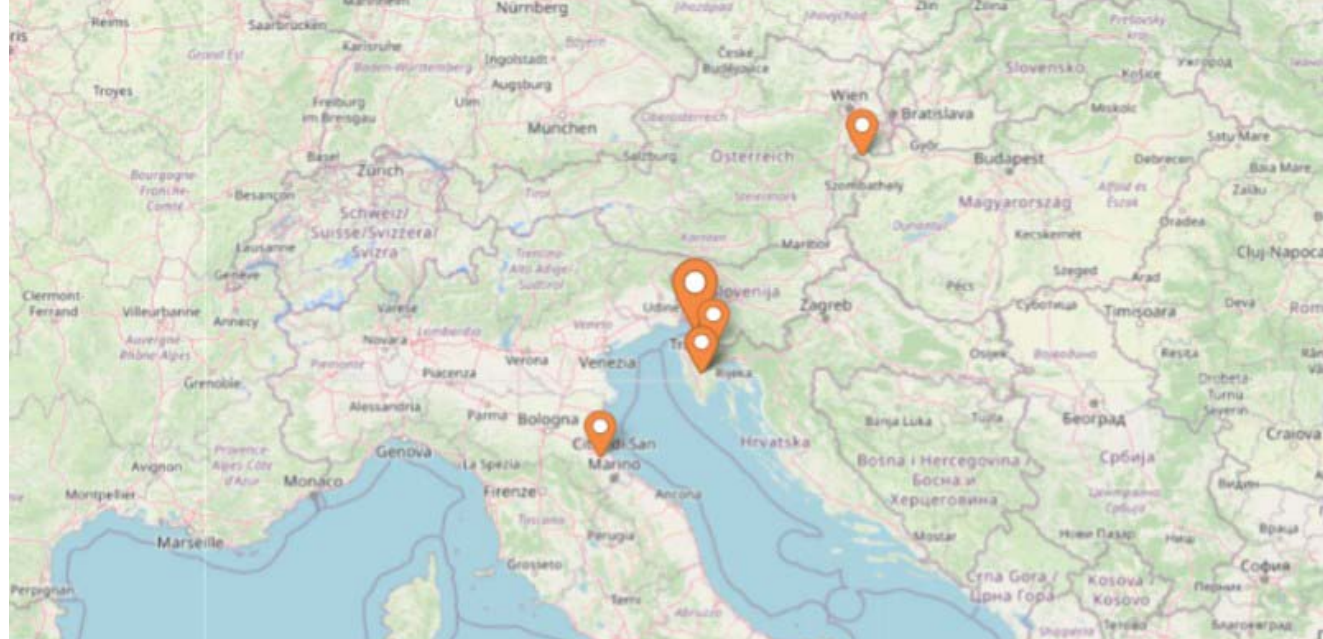
Both launch events resulted in media attention on local, regional, national and even international level. The information about our services found its way to the online media, printed media, radio and TV. The news about the services was available in English, Italian, Slovenian, Croatian, Hungarian and German language. Even the European Commission made a review of the Italy-Slovenia-Croatia service on their website and featured it in its newsletter.

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What is innovative about our pilots?

While some of the piloting activities are in their initial implementation phase, other are available in test mode, some are finalized. Train services that were inaugurated in April, came to an end, and the preliminary results were presented to stakeholders and to project partners.

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To reduce the environmental impact of transport in Istria, Croatia, **Istrian Development Agency** is making a Feasibility study concerning the improvement of passenger rail services between Divača, Buzet and Pula. In addition, IDA is promoting the bike&rail concept as last mile connections by implementing bike-sharing points. They are also providing users with public transport information in one place, in form of a mobile app.

To solve public transport challenges in sparsely populated areas in the south of Italian Emilia-Romagna Region, **Institute for Transport and Logistics** is creating an app for demand responsive transport with the aim of being integrated in the regional Mobility as a Service scheme.

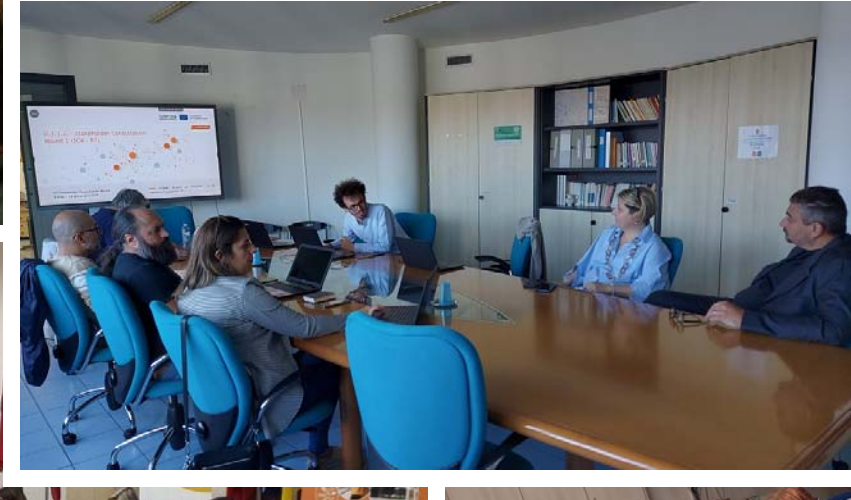
To entice the use of trains and bicycles, achieve integration and reduce the carbon footprint, **Croatian Railways Passenger Transport** has upgraded its website with **information to promote sustainable mobility and tourism, in Croatia, Slovenia and Italy**.

[Pilots](#)

Feedback from stakeholders

Every partner involved institutions that have an impact on the activities in stakeholders' consultations. Around 50 relevant stakeholders from 35 institutions and 5 countries participated in discussions and provided useful feedback.

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Spreading the word

CEI-ES participated at the **19th Beyond Borders Breakfast Debate**, on 27th June 2024, to present best practices for the promotion of cross-border public transport connections.

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Eurac Research participated at the **Euro Working Group on Transportation 2024 conference**, taking place in Lund, Sweden, from 4th to 6th September 2024, to present a case study done in the Alps, on the railway accessibility of peripheral areas to the TEN-T network, done within SUSTANCE project.

SUSTANCE was represented in a roundtable hosted by the GRETA project at the **Green Logistics Expo 2024** in Padua, on 9th October 2024. The event gathered representatives from logistics and accessibility in regions underserved by traditional transport services.