

# CONNECT2CE

Improved rail connections and smart mobility in Central Europe



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## Transnational training in Brussels!

On 13th February 2018 the Lead Partner - CEI organised a transnational training in Brussels under the title “Enhancing planning capacities of passenger transport systems in Central Europe”.

Training was intended as an opportunity for project partners, associated partners and stakeholders to discuss with experts about recent legislative initiatives and best practices at the EU level as well as about how to improve public transport in the three main areas of intervention of CONNNECT2CE project.

During the training, three main topics were discussed - connectivity, integrated tariff and ticketing, and infomobility systems. Mr Martin Granadia (SCHIG) gave an overview of the

first topic - connectivity in CE: elaboration of PSOs/PSCs, harmonisation of multimodal timetables, regional/cross-border rail services.

Mr Saverio Gini (MemEx srl) addressed the second topic with best practices and innovative solutions for integrated tariff and ticketing in Central Europe. Last presentation was about infomobility: application of innovative ICT solutions to regional/cross-border mobility in Central Europe, presented by Ms Suzanne Hoadley (Polis).

After the training, project partners gathered for the Consortium Meeting where following steps to be taken during the upcoming period of the project were discussed.





## 3<sup>rd</sup> partner meeting in Bolzano

On 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> partner meeting of CONNECT2CE project was held in Bolzano, Italy. The first day was a technical meeting and second day was a technical and seminar session.

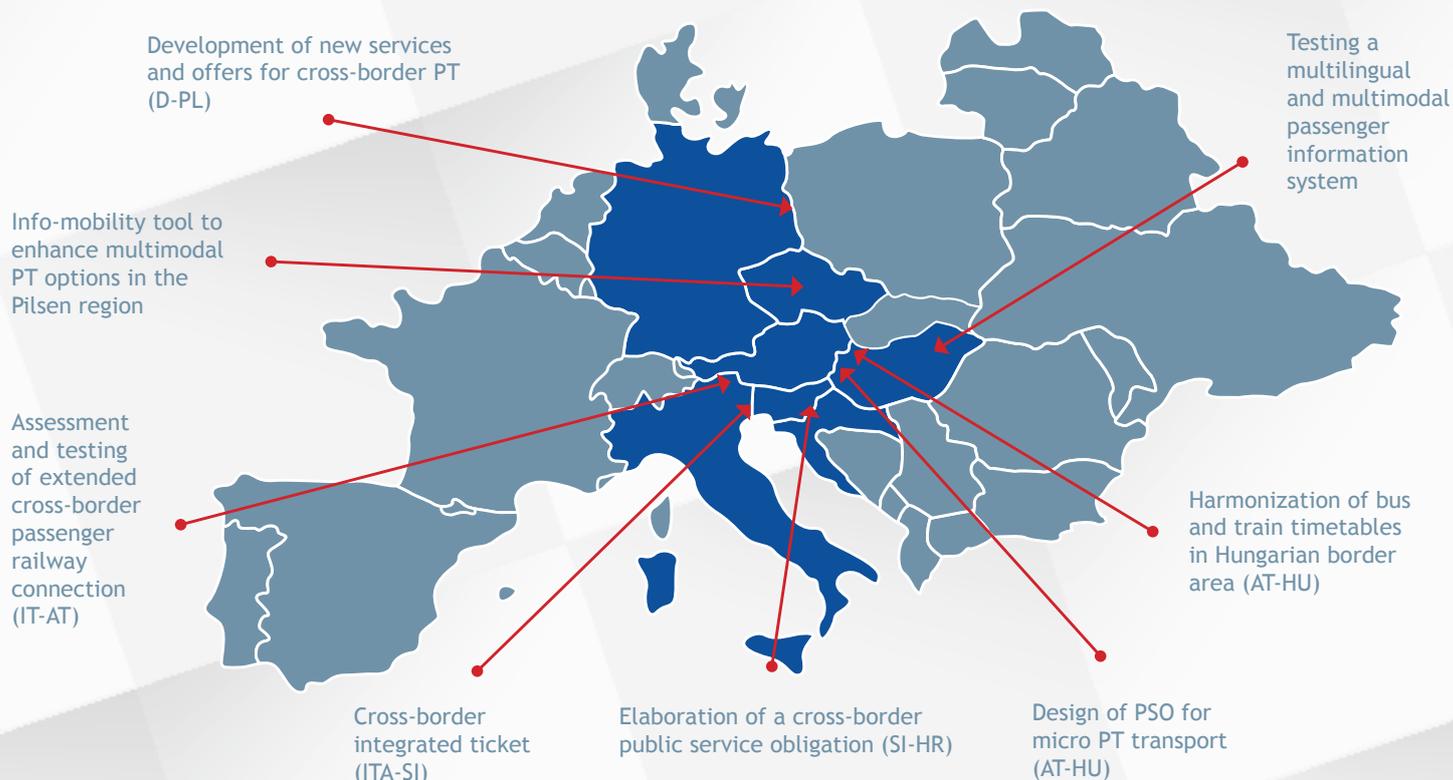
On first day, partners discussed about the state of the art of first two thematic groups of activities of CONNECT2CE project, mainly about the enhancement of PT planning capacities for better regional and cross-border passenger transport in CE, and testing enhanced and improved regional and cross-border PT potential in CE through pilot actions.

It was concluded that partners are on a right path towards reaching main goals of CONNECT2CE project. Transnational tools for improving peripheral and cross-border passenger transport in CE are finalized and available on our website.

Also, most partners have already started working on their respective pilot actions, and first results can be expected very soon. The first pilot action will be launched in June!

# Pilot Actions

CONNECT2CE project forsee 8 pilot actions through which coordinated strategies and tools will be mainstreamed and implemented at regional and cross-border level. These pilot actions are:



Partners started with implementation of Pilot Actions and first Pilot action - Assessment and testing of extended cross-border passenger railway connection (IT-AT) is already underway!

## First pilot action!

The train that connects Villach to Udine will be extended, thanks to CONNECT2CE project, to Trieste! This experimental extension will start with its work in June. The line will be operational on weekends and holidays, both Austrian and Italian. This train will have 2 passengers carriages and one carriage for storing up to 100 bikes. Costs for tickets and timetables are available [here](#).



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