

Lead Partner and JIKORD's Study Visit in South Bohemia and Vysočina



The two Czech partners in the Rumobil project represent the Vysočina and the South Bohemia Region, are one of the largest regions in terms of territory but the least densely populated region of the Czech Republic (63 inhabitants per square km.). During the study visit in August 18th -20th, representatives from Vysocina and JIKORD shared their previous experiences in the coordination and planning of public transport in its territory. They provided its knowledge, good practices and project results to Lead Partner from RegiaMobil project, Sächsisches Staatsministerium für Regionalentwicklung.

The main aim for Rumobil project, was to improve planning and coordination of passenger regional transport systems for better connections to national and European transport networks. Pilot action in the project was created to verify new and innovative solutions in a public transportation. JIKORD was participating in all activities foreseen in the work plan and implementation within its own territory. This includes the successful Rumobil pilot of a Smart mobility solution for rural regions which the LP in WP T2 will adapt within RegiaMobil project. The Saxon State Ministry for Regional Development (SMR) is part of the government of the Free State of Saxony. The fields of responsibility of the Ministry are internal affairs, state and regional development, geological survey, urban development, construction, housing, innovation. The study visit, that has placed from August 18th to August 20th has given a chance for SMR to benefits from PP4's results of Rumobil Project, as well as given the opportunity to deepen the cooperation with national and regional authorities in Central Europe, whereby the interests of the Free State of Saxony are better perceived and articulated at national and transnational level and synergy effects. The main purpose of the study visit was to learn about the results of the earlier Rumobil project, in which Jikord and Vysocina participated as a project partner. During the study visit Lead Partner had the opportunity to participate in two seminars devoted to the implementation, planning of activities that took place in Rumobil project. He also had a chance to acquaint with the results of the project, as well as with the weaknesses, problems and challenges that Project Partner 4 and region Vysocina had to face during the project implementation in their regions. It was extremely instructive, thanks to that, Lead Partner will be able to avoid and find another solution for his region. Nevertheless, the pilot action, due to the hard work of the team that was responsible for implementation, turned out to be a great success. In addition to the seminars Lead Partner had also the opportunity to see how the bus management system (dispatching system) works in South Bohemia. The system is being tested, but already at this stage it has great potential for further actions and maybe it will be possible to connect it with other regions in the future. After the theory, it was also a time to get to know the results of the Rumobil project in practice. The

second day of the study visit gave the participants an opportunity to use the bus line created in the project. At 8.30 a.m. representatives of Lead Partner, a transport consulting company **core-consult** and PP4 JIKORD met at the rail station Kaplice, from where at 8.45 a.m. everyone drives to visit a tourist attraction - the church in Dobrá Voda (**photos in the documentation**) by bus line created in the Rumobil project. It is a tourist region with many hiking and cycling trails, for which the bus was also prepared because it had a special trailer for bicycles, which was certainly a very wise solution in this region. Thanks to this, the bus could accommodate more people inside without taking up space for bikes. The bus line connections are also synchronized according to the traffic flow and connected to the incoming trains. The stopping place also allows the driver to observe if the train has already arrived.

Good practices were also one of the keys from the Study visit as well as information what needs to be avoided, or what activities can cause a problem during the implementation of connecting rural areas. PP4 hat also present information about tests and verifying demand for new connections in the context of a territory with dispersed settlement structure. A good practice in a sense of promoting the transfer and uptake smart mobility solutions for rural areas that are affected by demographic change was also presented.

The main result of the study visit was that the Lead Partners going to use all the experiences and lessons learned from the Rumobil project regarding mobility solutions in rural regions, and many guidelines and good practices will be transferred and adopted by the Lead Partner within the RegiaMobil project during the implementation and while planning the next steps and activities.

Besides the Lead Partner, Mr Ludwig Scharmann and Mr Peter Just, the following parties also participated in the meeting. On part of the Regional Authority of the Vysocina Region the Department of Regional Development (Ms. Lenka Matoušková - project coordinator) and the Department of Transport and Road Management (Mr. Pavel Bartoš - head of department) were represented at the seminar in Jihlava.

South Bohemia Region was represented by 3 JIKORD officials, namely

- Ms. Zuzana Jelínková (Dpt. of Internal affairs and economics)
- Ms. Lucie Hozeplova (Dpt. of Internal affairs and economics)
- Mr. Martin Stach (Dpt. Public Transport Planning - Rail Transport)

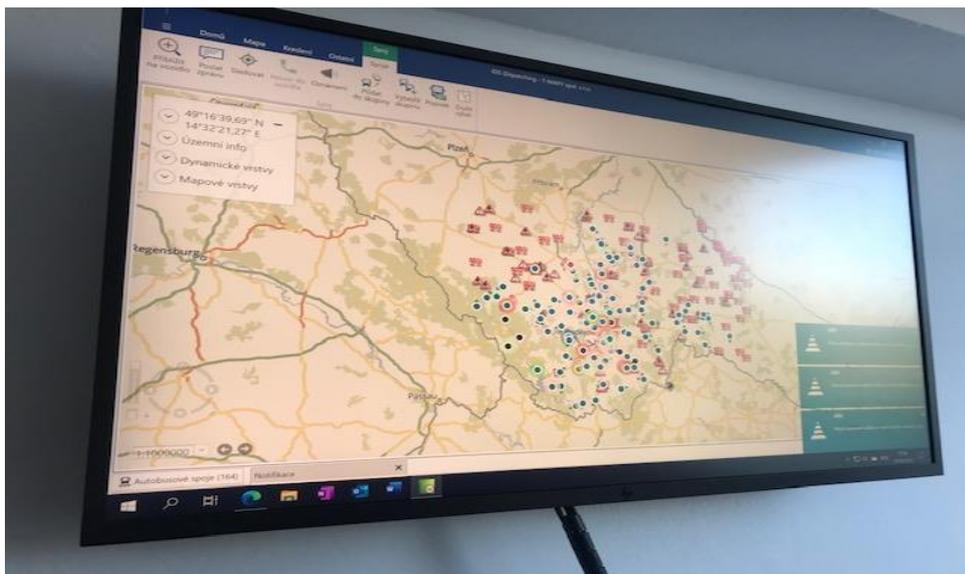
The transport consulting company core-consult GmbH & Co KG was represented by Ms. Urszula Borek and Mr. Gerald Stöger



Bus station Humpolec



New dispatching system for South Bohemia Region



2nd day

The 20th of August- Kaplice railway station



Bus transfer, destination Dobrá Voda



The 20th of August- Seminar



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