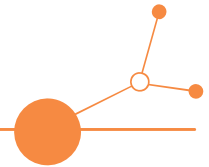


MoU for cooperation across borders beyond the project's end

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

on the continuation of cooperation beyond the ACCESSMILE project

Preamble

In accordance with the principles of mutual benefit, shared development and territorial cohesion, and with the aim of reinforcing and further developing transnational cooperation beyond the project lifetime, the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea as Lead Partner, together with ZAILOG scarl and the Eastern Ligurian Sea Port Authority (Italy), Luka Koper, port and logistic system, public limited company (Slovenia), the Port of Rijeka Authority (Croatia), MAHART Container Center Ltd. and the National Association of Radio Distress-Signalling and Infocommunications (RSOE) (Hungary), BCT - Baltic Container Terminal Ltd. and Gruber Logistics Poland (Poland), as well as Rostock Port GmbH (Germany), hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”, having cooperated as project partners within the ACCESSMILE project - *Improving accessibility of last-mile connections of rural and peripheral regions to main TEN-T nodes through ICT*, co-financed by the Interreg Central Europe Programme, acknowledge the strategic value of the solutions, tools, methodologies and governance approaches jointly developed and tested during the project implementation.

Building on the experience gained through transnational cooperation and pilot actions, the Parties recognise the importance of ensuring continuity, capitalisation and further development of the ACCESSMILE results after the formal completion of the project.

On this basis, the Parties hereby agree to sign the present Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 1 - The ACCESSMILE project

The present Memorandum of Understanding builds upon the experience, results and cooperation framework developed within the ACCESSMILE project, co-financed by the Interreg Central Europe Programme. The Parties acknowledge that ACCESSMILE has enabled the testing of innovative ICT-based solutions, governance approaches and pilot actions aimed at improving the accessibility of peripheral and rural areas to the main TEN-T nodes, while strengthening transnational cooperation among ports, logistics operators and public authorities.

Article - Purpose and continuation of cooperation

On the basis of the cooperation established within ACCESSMILE, the Parties express their common intention to continue working together after the completion of the project. The continuation of cooperation aims at consolidating and further developing the project’s outcomes, fostering long-term collaboration among the Parties and contributing to more accessible, efficient and resilient freight transport and logistics systems. Such cooperation shall be carried out on a voluntary and non-binding basis, in accordance with the institutional mandates, internal procedures and available resources of each Party.



Article 3 - Areas and topics of future cooperation

The Parties agree to pursue continued and structured cooperation in the domains addressed by the ACCESSMILE project, as well as in related and emerging fields of common interest, building on the results achieved during the project implementation.

Area 1 - Accessibility of peripheral and rural areas to TEN-T nodes through ICT

The Parties shall cooperate to further improve the accessibility of peripheral and rural regions to main TEN-T freight nodes by promoting ICT-enabled solutions, digital platforms and intelligent transport systems, including last-mile optimisation, multimodal coordination and data-driven planning.

Area 2 - Capitalisation, transfer and upscaling of ACCESSMILE results

The Parties shall support the uptake, adaptation and replication of the tools, methodologies, pilot actions and best practices developed within ACCESSMILE in new geographical or operational contexts.

Area 3 - Cybersecurity and digital resilience of transport and logistics systems

The Parties shall cooperate on strengthening cybersecurity, data protection and resilience of ICT systems used in transport and logistics, including secure data exchange and protection of critical digital infrastructures.

Area 4 - Policy coordination and governance

The Parties shall contribute to policy dialogue and harmonisation at regional, national and European level, supporting the integration of digital transport solutions into relevant strategies and plans.

Area 5 - Innovation, sustainability and future challenges

The Parties shall remain open to cooperation on additional topics related to innovation, digitalisation and sustainability of freight transport and logistics systems.

Article 4 - Cooperation concept and implementation modalities

The cooperation referred to in Article 3 shall be implemented through a flexible and collaborative approach, based on mutual interest and voluntary participation of the Parties.

Cooperation may include the exchange of information and best practices; joint development of concepts, studies and pilot initiatives; involvement of relevant stakeholders; joint dissemination and promotion activities; and the preparation and submission of future European, national or regional project proposals in the thematic areas outlined in Article 3.

Any future projects or initiatives shall be subject to separate agreements defining roles, responsibilities and financial commitments, where applicable.

Article 5 - Parties and institutional commitment

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed by the organisations that have participated in the ACCESSMILE project and that commit to the continuation of cooperation as outlined herein. Each Party confirms that the present MoU is signed by its authorised representative.



Article 6 - Entry into force and duration

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature. It is intended to remain valid for a period of three (3) years and may be renewed by mutual agreement of the Parties.

Article 7 - Relation with other agreements

The present Protocol and its implementation are without prejudice to the execution of obligations arising from other multilateral or bilateral agreements which have been or will be signed and approved by 'the parties'.

Article 8 - Final provisions

This MoU does not constitute a legally binding agreement and does not entail financial commitments for the Parties. Any amendment shall be made in writing and agreed upon by all Parties.



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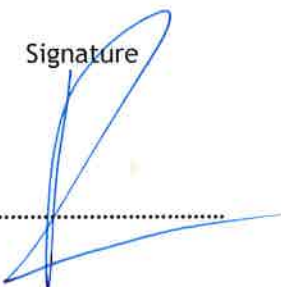


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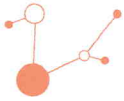
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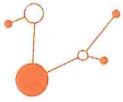
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