

What is the challenge?

Citizens living in rural or peripheral areas of Central Europe are facing **inadequate connectivity, fragmented transportation networks, and lack of sustainable public transport solutions, particularly at cross-border level**. Leaving the car at home remains challenging for these people because there are often **no satisfying public transport offers** available.

What is the goal?

European policies look toward a **greener and smarter future**, by supporting, among others, actions aimed at promoting the development of sustainable public transport solutions, while providing all citizens with **equal public transportation services and access opportunities**.

What will SUSTANCE do about it?

The SUSTANCE project **involves a wide range of transport stakeholders** to better understand the accessibility of public transport in the involved regions as well as to co-design and **test innovative mobility services and governance schemes** that will **support public authorities in the planning process**. Innovative pilot actions are tested by partners in the involved regions and pave the way to the **adoption of long-term action plans and solutions**.

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SUSTANCE

Sustainable public transport solutions and innovative governance schemes for improving connectivity in Central Europe



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8
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TRANSPORT SERVICE

A **new cross-border train service** in 2024, connecting Italy (Trieste, Villa Opicina), via Slovenia (Divača, Pivka), with Croatia (Rijeka)



ICT SERVICE

Demand responsive transport application in Italy (Romagna Region), including ICT application for **planning, booking and e-ticketing**



TRANSPORT SERVICE

Extension until Sopron of the cross-border train service linking Austria (Neusiedl am See) with Hungary (Fertőszentmiklós)



ICT SERVICE

Interactive ICT app for Istria Region (Croatia), including all **private and public transport services** and displaying them in one place



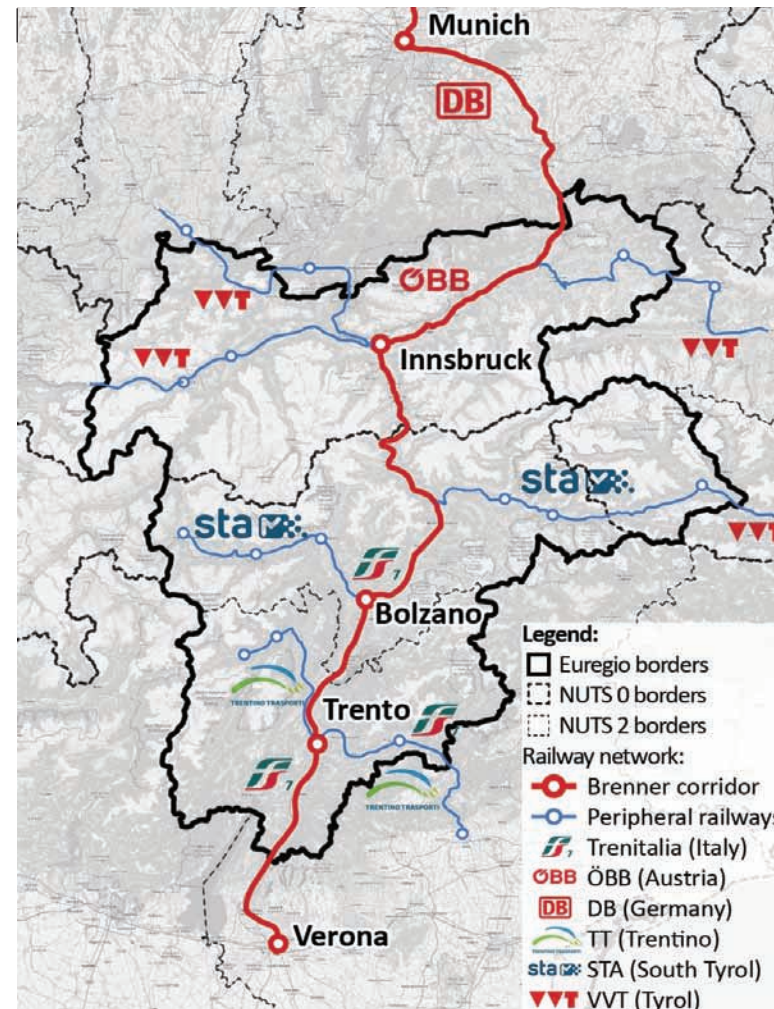
TRANSPORT SERVICE

Feasibility study for the improvement of passenger train services between Croatia (Pula-Buzet) and Slovenia (Divača) and installation of **bike/scooter sharing points**



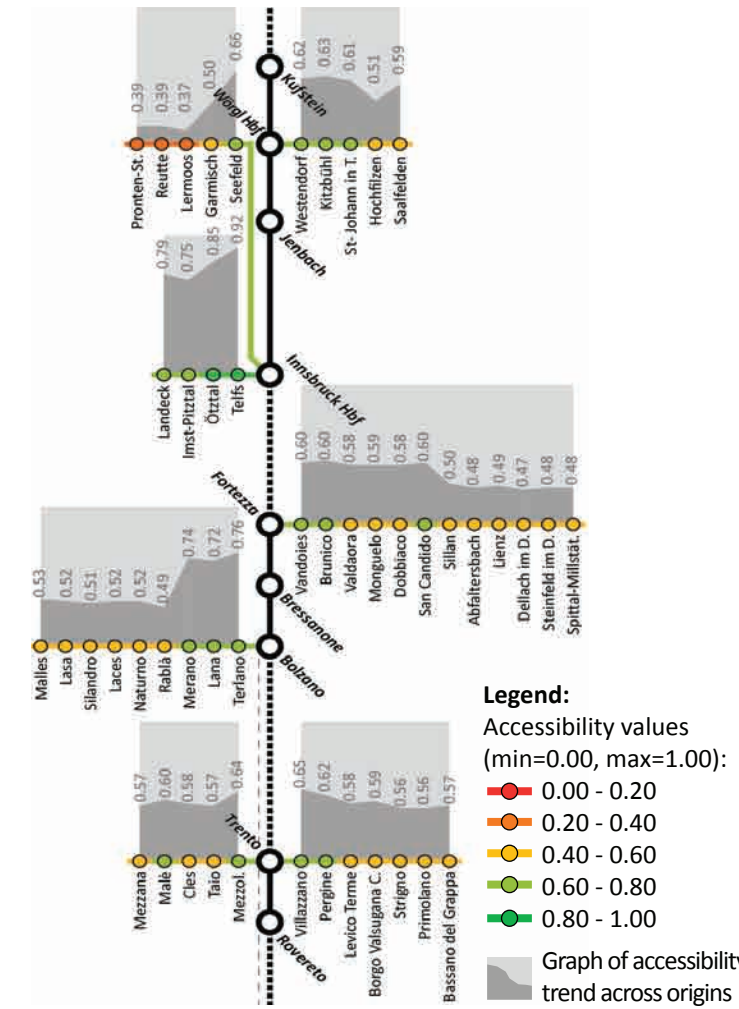
ICT SERVICE

Digital solution to promote and increase the **use of railway services and bicycles** in Croatia, Italy and Slovenia

1. Focus

We place our attention on the peripheral public transport network of the Euregio



2. Analysis

We analyse its public transport accessibility to the main nodes of the TEN-T Brenner corridor



3. Result

We draft a Roadmap for the Euregio, by involving local stakeholders

