

EUSALP AG4 Project Labelling

1. Background information

Beginning in 2017, the Action Group 4 started to develop a specific project evaluation methodology with the objective of identifying individual projects that foster sustainable mobility solutions in the Alpine Region, contributing to the EUSALP objectives. In order to develop such methodology, a specific task force was installed, whose proposals were then discussed and adopted by the AG4. Hence, the overall aim of the labelling is to demonstrate the macro-regional dimension and benefit of transport projects to boost their implementation by promoting the need for co-funding from EU and national levels. After completing the project methodology by the task force and approval by the members of the AG4, the first call for project submissions opened in 2020. During the first call, 29 projects with a remarkable wide variation in terms of project types and geographical distribution were submitted.

2. Project Assessment

After a call for tender in April, the AGL selected three external evaluators to carry out the assessment of the 29 submitted projects. These evaluators officially confirmed their impartialness. In order to enable a common approach, several workshops with the evaluators were held. Accordingly, the projects were rated by assessing a great variety of indicators divided in a coherence and performance sheet (see below). The threshold to be labelled was defined with 50 out max. 100 points, both in the coherence and performance sheet. The coherence and performance sheets contain the following indicators:

Coherence	Performance
• Contribution to connectivity	• Regional economy
• Promotion of technological innovation to reach project objectives	• Travel / transport time
• Duplicability	• Resilience
• Cross-Border effects	• Territorial and social cohesion
• Support of affected countries	• Traffic safety
• Support of affected regions	• Attractivity, comfort
• Support of affected stakeholders	• GHG emissions
• Support of Society	• Polluting emissions
	• New surface area (land sealing)
	• Ecosystem conservation
	• Soil and water
	• Natural / cultural heritage
	• Noise

3. Labelled projects

The evaluation of the projects according to the methodology resulted in a total number of 14 labelled projects, which will receive a Letter of Recommendation, signed by the AG4 Co-Leaders EGTC European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino and Région Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur. To complete the process and to ensure transparency, these projects will be presented to and the labels approved by the members of the AG4.

The Letter of Recommendation (see annex) highlights the value of the respective projects for the fostering of sustainable mobility solutions in the Alpine Region from a macro-regional perspective and urges decision making authorities to support the implementation and to provide adequate financial support. The following table shows the 14 labelled projects:

Project No.	Project Name	Points awarded for Coherence	Points awarded for Performance
FVG.2	COMODALCE	80,56	52,13
FVG.4	New cross-border rail connections	66,67	59,71
FVG.5	SMARTLOGI	77,78	51,30
GRB.1	Alpine Crossrail in the Rhaetian triangle (Tunnel Engadin - South Tyrol)	52,78	50,38
KTN.2	Logistics Center Austria South / Dry Port Villach-Fürnitz / Alplog - Carinthia	59,72	50,56
LIG.1	Parma - La Spezia Railway Line	55,56	51,31
LIG.2	Genoa-Marseille railway axis	61,11	59,94
PAC.1	Multimodal axis Valence-Val de Suze : modernization of the "Veynes Star"	58,33	60,92
PIE.1	CUNEO-NICE. Rehabilitation and modernisation of the existing railway line	56,94	52,03
STM.1	Cargo Center Graz (CCG) Expansion of the Rail-Road Terminal Graz-Süd	58,33	50,52
STM.2	Inter-Regio rail service Graz - Maribor	70,83	66,85
STM.4	New Bosruck base tunnel	56,94	67,01
TIC.1	AlpTransit Sud	56,94	50,28
TIR.1	Fernpass Railway between Ehrwalder Basin and Ötztal-Bahnhof	52,78	57,14

FVG: Friuli - Venezia Giulia, GRB: Grisons, KTN: Carinthia, LIG: Liguria, PAC: Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur, PIE: Piemonte, STM: Styria, TIC: Ticino, TIR: Tyrol

4. Roadmap and Follow-up procedure

During the 15th AG4 meeting on 4/11/2020, the follow-up procedure was discussed. The AG4 members expressed their wish for a second call in 2021. Furthermore, based on the feedback of the evaluators and AG4 members, the project methodology will be revised in 2021. However, for the second call in 2021 and to enable comparable results, there projects will be assessed according to the actual project methodology.

2020	2021
✓ First Call for project submissions	● Second Call for project submissions
✓ Project Assessment by Evaluators	● Presentation at the Mobility Conference
✓ Presentation of the results	● Promote Co-Funding for labelled projects
✓ Workshop for the revision of the methodology	● Revision of the methodology
✓ Inform Executive Board	
✓ Technical Presentation of the labelled projects	
✓ Approval of labelled projects by AG4 Members	
✓ Publish Letters of Recommendation	
● Communicate project labels to Programme Managing Authorities & other relevant stakeholders	
● Include reference to project labels in AG4 Proposal for a Political Statement	

✓ **completed**

● **ongoing**