

Partnership Agreement

for an iMONITRAF! Coordination Point 2023–2025

iMONITRAF! Political Roundtable, Innsbruck 21/12/2022

1. Continuation of the Coordination Point in the period 2023-2025

iMONITRAF! activities in the years 2013-2022 have highlighted the need for the coordination of transport policies on the major Alpine transit corridors. As road infrastructure capacities are already today reaching their limits, the goal is not to shift traffic from one to the other corridor, but from road to rail. This is the major rationale of iMONITRAF! as re-confirmed in the iMONITRAF! Resolution 2020, the new iMONITRAF! policy pathway and set of target indicators. Political representatives of the regions Tyrol, Central Switzerland and the Autonomous Provinces of Bolzano-South Tyrol and Trento herewith thus re-confirmed the need for continuing the iMONITRAF! cooperation. Support from the observer regions Provence-Alpes-Côte-d’Azur, Ticino and Bavaria has also been validated.

They agree to continue their activities in the existing structure containing partners and observers, a lead partner and a Coordination Point in the period 2023–2025:

- The cooperation will follow on the initial partnership agreement as signed in Brussels on 6th Nov 2012 including tasks and activities provided by the partner regions and the Coordination Point.
- The regions will provide different amounts of financial contributions and manpower, according to their individual means. Minimum requirements are provision of data inputs for the iMONITRAF! monitoring system and manpower of about one man-month per year per region to join the network’s activities as full partner. Partner regions have full power of co-decision on all activities of the network, especially on the political level.
- The activities of the Coordination Point need to be planned according to the available budget. Before launching any additional activities, appropriate financial means need to be guaranteed.
- The State of Tyrol will remain Lead Partner for the iMONITRAF! Coordination Point for the period 2023-2025 with responsibilities regarding financial matters and contracting of external experts.
- The partnership agreement 2023-2025 maintains the role of observers for iMONITRAF! regions that want to continue the cooperation in a more flexible way. Both existing observers Canton of Ticino and Bavaria will remain an observer within iMONITRAF!.
- Observer regions are expected to provide support for all activities at technical level (i.e. provision of monitoring data or best practices) and can contribute to discussions of

political issues or lobbying activities, but have no power of co-decision for either of the two levels

2. Activities of the Coordination Point in 2023-2025

The participating regions agree that the activities of the Coordination Point 2023-2025 will focus on the topics that are reflected in the iMONITRAF! Resolution 2020, the new policy pathway and set of target indicators:


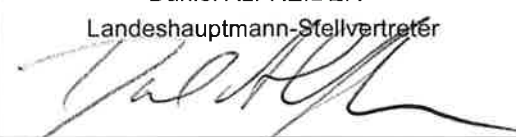

- As bottom-line, activities of the current Coordination Point shall be continued: exchange of Best practices, continuation of monitoring system including the reporting, networking on political level, presentation of iMONITRAF! activities and results in form of an Annual Report.
- iMONITRAF! will strengthen its monitoring system through the implementation of target indicators. The monitoring indicators will be further developed, in line with technological developments to report on the share of HGV with alternative technologies on the Alpine corridors.
- The involvement of partners from the French-Italian corridors shall be strengthened in the new period to extend the scope of relevant iMONITRAF! activities.
- iMONITRAF! will continue its networking efforts at national and European level to foster an ambitious framework for modal shift and decarbonisation of the transport fleet. In this respect, iMONITRAF! will work closely with decision makers at national level to guarantee a swift and ambitious implementation of the revised Eurovignette Directive and a coordination with the revised Swiss HGV fee. Also, iMONITRAF! will closely follow the revision of the Combined Transport Directive to guarantee that the new provisions reflect the needs of the Alpine regions.
- In addition, iMONITRAF! will further investigate the potential of additional steering and reservation instruments to improve capacity use of the Alpine corridors. This will require a closer look at the role and potential of digital technologies.
- iMONITRAF! will further develop its role as knowledge hub and sparring partner for other networks and institutions, especially it will ensure that the position of the most affected Alpine transport regions is considered in discussion at inter-regional, national, macroregional and European level. Especially, iMONITRAF! can contribute the regional viewpoint to any follow-up activities to the Simplon Alliance.
- To provide a platform for political and technical exchange, iMONITRAF! shall continue the organisation of events, i.e. at least two technical workshops and one political roundtable/Transport Forum per year.

3. Specific agreement on the Coordination Point

The participating regions of the iMONITRAF! network agree that the State of Tyrol will continue the role of lead partner in the period 2023-2025 and will run the Coordination Point.

Agreement on total financial and/or personnel commitment

The overall contribution of resources for the common activities for the years 2023 and 2025 is given in the table below.

Region	Commitment for the period 2023-2025 Contributions per year		DATE and SIGNATURE
	on total financial resources (in 1'000 €)	on personnel resources (in man-months)	
iMONITRAF! Partners			
Central Switzerland	20	0.5	Dimitri MORETTI Regierungsrat, Kanton Uri 
South Tyrol	20	0.5	Daniel ALFREIDER Landeshauptmann-Stellvertreter 
Trento	20	0.5	Maurizio FUGATTI Presidente
Tyrol	20	2	René ZUMTOBEL Landesrat für Verkehr, Umwelt- und Naturschutz 
Observers			
Provence- Alpes-Côte d'Azur			Jean-Pierre SERRUS Vice-président du conseil régional chargé des transports, de l'intermodalité et de la sécurité
Ticino			Claudio ZALI Consigliere di Stato, Direttore del Dipartimento del territorio
Bavaria			Christian BERNREITER Bayerischer Staatsminister für Wohnen, Bau und Verkehr

