

Partnership agreement

for an iMONITRAF! Coordination Point 2017–2018

Lucerne, 2nd November 2016

1. Continuation of the Coordination Point in the period 2017-2018

During political roundtable discussions (Bozen, November 2015 and Lucerne, November 2016), political representatives of the regions Tyrol, Auvergne Rhône-Alpes, Central Switzerland and the autonomous Provinces of Bolzano-South Tyrol and Trento have reconfirmed the need for continuing the iMONITRAF! cooperation. They agree to continue the existing Coordination Point structure in the period 2017–2018:

- This cooperation will build on the existing partnership agreement as signed in Brussels on Nov 6th, 2012 (including tasks of the Coordination Point and relevant inputs from partner regions).
- The regions will provide different amounts of financial contributions and manpower, according to their individual means (minimum requirement: provision of data inputs for the iMONITRAF! monitoring system). 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.
- However, the Land of Tyrol will take over the role of Lead Partner in the period 2017–2018 (with responsibilities regarding financial matters and contracting of external experts).
- The partnership agreement 2017–2018 re-introduces the role of observers for iMONITRAF! regions that want to continue the cooperation in a more flexible way. The Canton of Ticino will change its status from partner to observer.

2. Activities of the Coordination Point in 2017-2018

The participating regions agree that the activities of the Coordination Point 2017-2018 will focus on the following topics:

- 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;
- To follow-up the political resolution on Toll Plus, further activities shall define steps to support the implementation process of Toll Plus in the iMONITRAF! regions and on national level respectively.
- In addition, further topics as included in the iMONITRAF! strategy (Lyon, May 2012) shall be further developed, e.g.:
 - Specification of target system 2030, especially under consideration on updated target systems on EU and national level (e.g. EU climate targets for 2030)
 - Further exchange on accompanying measures for modal shift as well as integration of passenger and freight transport needs, taking into account first experiences in Switzerland with opening of the Gotthard basetunnel.
 - Further analysis on the interlinkage of Toll Plus with long-term steering instruments Alpine Crossing Exchange or Emissions Trading System which could come into force when basetunnels at Brenner and Mont Cenis are available (timeframe 2030).
 - The role of the green corridor concept for iMONITRAF!, taking into account first experiences along the Brenner.
- Political networking and the networking with other relevant projects shall be continued, especially Action Group 4 of EUSALP, other corridor platforms (e.g. Brenner Corridor Platform) as well as relevant projects at Alpine level (e.g. AlpInnoCT)
- To provide a platform for political and technical exchange, iMONITRAF! shall continue the organisation of events, i.e. at least a technical workshop in 2017 and a political roundtable/Transport Forum in 2018.

3. Specific agreement on Coordination Point

The participating regions of the iMONITRAF! network agree that the Land of Tyrol will take over the role of lead partner in the period 2017-2018.

Agreement on total financial and/or personnel commitment:

The overall contribution of resources for the common activities for the years 2017 and 2018 is given in the table below.

	2017		2018		
Region	Commitment on total financial resources (in 1'000 €)	Commitment on personnel resources	Commitment on total financial resources (in 1'000 €)	Commitment on personnel resources	DATE and SIGNATURE
		iMC	ONITRAF! Partne	ers	
Central Switzerland	5	0.5 MM	5	0.5 MM	Barbara BÄR Regierungsrätin, Kanton Uri
Tyrol	15	2 MM	15	2 MM	Ingrid FELIPE Landeshauptmann-Stv.
South Tyrol ¹	15	0.5 MM	15	0.5 MM	Florian MUSSNER Landesrat MMJJM M
Trento ¹		0.5 MM		0.5 MM	Mauro GILMOZZI Landesrat
Auvergne - Rhône-Alpes		1 MM		1 MM	Patrick MIGNOLA Vice-president
		iMO	NITRAF! observe	ers	
Ticino		Provision of data		Provision of data	Claudio ZALI Consigliere di Stato, Direttore del Dipartimento del territorio

¹ The administrative decision for approving the financial commitment of the autonomous Province of Bolzano and the autonomous Province of Trento will take place after the signature of the partnership agreement. The assignment of funds can also be processed via the GECT/ EVTZ/Europaregione.