

# Partnership agreement for an iMONITRAF! Coordination Point 2021–2022

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#### 1. Continuation of the Coordination Point in the period 2021-2022

Taking into account the fruitful results of the iMONITRAF! cooperation in the years 2013-2020, as highlighted in the iMONITRAF! Resolution 2020, political representatives of the regions Tyrol, Central Switzerland and the autonomous Provinces of Bolzano-South Tyrol and Trento have re-confirmed the need for continuing the iMONITRAF! cooperation. The observer regions Ticino, Bavaria and Provence-Alpes-Côte d'azur have also validated their support.

They agree to continue their activities in the existing structure containing partners and observers, a lead partner and a Coordination Point in the period 2021–2022:

- The cooperation will follow on the initial partnership agreement as signed in Brussels on 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Land of Tyrol will remain Lead Partner for the iMONITRAF! Coordination Point for the period 2021-2022 with responsibilities regarding financial matters and contracting of external experts.
- The partnership agreement 2021-2022 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 Bavaira will remain an observer within iMONITRAF!.

Observer regions can provide support for all activities at technical and political levels
 (i.e. provision of monitoring data or best practices, contribution 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 2021-2022

The participating regions agree that the activities of the Coordination Point 2021-2022 will focus on the topics that are reflected in the iMONITRAF! Resolution 2020.

- 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.
- iMONITRAFI will continue its ambitious lobbying approach for implementing a Toll Plus system. The network will further support the process at European level and then work closely with decision makers at national level to implement the new provisions. In addition, iMONITRAF! will further investigate the potential of additional steering instruments.
- The network will strengthen its know-how on support systems for combined transport (CT), especially regarding incentive systems which foster innovation (e.g. via an evaluation and exchange of experiences with existing systems). These insights will be brought into the process at European level with the new revision process of the Combined Transport Directive. A similar approach is taken for common measures that support innovation on the road.
- 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. The European Year of Rail 2021 will offer several opportunities for bringing iMONITRFAFI Insights and results to the broader audience.
- iMONITRAF! will closely analyse the impacts of the Corona crisis on the Alpine freight transport system, also considering the systemic relevance of the Alpine links for the overall European transport network, for economy, society and environment. Chances that arise in the wake of Corona recovery programmes shall be used in a coordinated approach to trigger investments which are in line with the overall iMONITRAF! objectives.
- To provide a platform for political and technical exchange, iMONITRAFI shall continue the organisation of events, i.e. at least a technical workshop and a political

roundtable/Transport Forum in the period 2021-2022. The European Year of Rail in 2021 could provide interesting linking points for a high-level event in 2021.

## 3. Specific agreement on the Coordination Point

The participating regions of the iMONITRAF! network agree that the Land of Tyrol will continue the role of lead partner in the period 2021-2022 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 2021 and 2022 is given in the table below.

Region	2021 Commitment		2022 Commitment		DATE and SIGNATURE
	on total financial resources (in 1'000 €)	on personnel resources (in man-months)	on total financial resources (in 1'000 €)	on personnel resources (in man-months)	
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Central Switzer- land	15	0,5 MM	15	0,5 MM	Dimitri MORETTI Regierungsrat, Kanton Uri
Autonom- ous Province of Bolzano	16	0,5 MM	15	0,5 MM	Daniel ALFREIDER Landeshauptmandstellustreter
Autonom- ous Province of Trento	15	0,5 MM	15	0,5 MM	Maurica FUGATTI
Tyrol	15	2 MM	15	2 MM	Vingrid FELIPE Landeshaupimann-Stellvertreterin
Region Sud- PACA					
		- Company	Obser	vers	
Ticino	Pimitri Moretti, TR Vaulor Uni i.V. des Kantons Tessins				Claudio ZALI Consigliere di Stato, Direttore del Dipartimento del territorio
Bavaria				//	