

# NEWSLETTER

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*PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS IN CENTRAL EUROPE'S PERIPHERAL CROSS-BORDER AREAS ARE OFTEN INSUFFICIENT AND POSING A CHALLENGE FOR A REGION'S ACCESSIBILITY. TRANS-BORDERS WORKS TO IMPROVE RAIL AND BUS LINKS BETWEEN PERIPHERAL AREAS AND THE TEN-T CORE NETWORK THROUGH BETTER GOVERNANCE, JOINT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PILOT PROJECTS.*

*TRANS-BORDERS IS A PARTNERSHIP OF 9 PARTNERS FROM POLAND, CZECH REPUBLIC, GERMANY, SLOVENIA AND AUSTRIA. THE PROJECT BUDGET IS €2.34 MILLION WITH ERDF FUNDING OF €1.93 MILLION.*



### GET STARTED RIGHT AWAY

The TRANS-BORDERS project was successfully launched in the second half of this year. After an initial consultation meeting last June, all parties involved met for the first joint partner meeting in Dresden. The Saxon State Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Transport had invited to this event. In his speech welcoming the participants, State Secretary Dr. Hartmut Mangold underlined the increasing importance of cross-border transport links for public transport, especially in the areas between the European transport corridors and their nodes. The participants agreed on close cooperation to achieve the project's goals and were able to come up with initial solutions during the course of the meeting.

### And what will TRANS-BORDERS deal with in the near future?

TRANS-BORDERS starts with regional analyses of cross-border traffic in the project regions, which are the border triangle Poland-Czech Republic-Germany as well as the border region South Carinthia and Koroška, which is an Austrian-Slovenian border region. The first results of the analyses will be available in the beginning of 2018.

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*“Better planning and more governance help to bring remote crossborder areas to the next TEN-T nodes.”*

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### WHAT'S UP FOR 2018

We will report regularly on the progress of the project. Following the regional analyses of the overall status of cross-border links in the project regions, two transnational workshops will take place in spring 2018. TRANS-BORDERS will first organize and hold a best practice workshop in Villach (Austria). Another workshop is aimed at stakeholders in cross-border public transport, which will take place in Liberec (Czech Republic). Further information on the workshops will be available from January 2018 on the project website.



## GET INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT

TRANS-BORDERS is available in various ways and is open to your opinions and suggestions. Visit us on Facebook, send us an email, give us a call or follow us on our website. We would like to emphasize that we are very pleased about your active participation.

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