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Summary description of the pilot action explaining its experimental nature and demonstration character

The aim of the project was to build a fully-equipped multimodal transport hub from the bus and railway station in Rajecké Teplice. Current bus station is be equipped with new shelters at the bus platform. New information and navigation panels are available to the travelling public. There are new passenger benches, trash bins, bicycle stands and shelter for safe bicycle storage. The bus station is also be equipped with a security monitor. The new multimodal transport hub facility will make a significant contribution to public transport in the monitored area. Its new equipment will contribute to making public transport more attractive for passengers. It will improve the quality of the public transport services. At the same time, it will reduce the dependence of rural people on individual car passenger transport.

NUTS region(s) concerned by the pilot action (relevant NUTS level)

Nuts0: SK, SLOVAKIA
Nuts1: SK0, Slovensko
Nuts2:: SK03, Stredné Slovensko
Nuts3: SK031, Žilinský kraj

The pilot was carried out in Rajecké Teplice on a site owned by the Žilina Self-Governing Region.
Expected impact and benefits of the pilot action for the concerned territory and target groups

The Žilina self-governing region is the submitter of transport services in the public interest. Suburban bus transport is funded from its budget. The decline of public transport passengers means an increase in the need to finance the loss from the budget of the region. The submitter of the services expects, based on the improvement of the services in the multimodal transport hub, to make the public transport system more efficient, to follow the travel schedules of each type of transport, to provide a good offer of information for the public transport passengers. As a result, the decline in passenger numbers should be stopped and its gradual increase should be achieved.

A high-quality offer of public transport will reduce the ratio of individual motorized transport, it will reduce the congestion of the road network and it will have a positive environmental benefit. The project of a new multimodal transport hub will also have a benefit for the integration of public transport in the Žilina region. The company Integrována doprava Žilinského kraja, s.r.o. was established in the autumn of the year 2017. The newly built multimodal transport hub will be a fully functional hub at the bus station Rajecké Teplice which will be immediately integrated into the integrated transport system.

Sustainability of the pilot action results and transferability to other territories and stakeholders

In terms of financial sustainability, a financial plan was created and approved by representatives of the Žilina Region for the next 5 years. Before the end of this period, the Žilina Self-Governing Region will deal with further action. After the first 5 years the Citylights in bus shelters could be partially also used for commercial advertising, and a certain fee will be collected for covered bicycle parking from the Slovak Railway Company. These fees could be used for maintenance, servicing and other operating costs of the passenger information system as well as other equipment, or for further extending passenger services at transport hub in Rajecké Teplice.

This pilot project has been prepared so that it can be transferred to any other city of Žilina region, as well as to another city of Slovakia or a foreign city. Of course, the project must always be adapted to local conditions and legislation.

Lessons learned from the implementation of the pilot action and added value of transnational cooperation

The biggest problem which occurred during our pilot preparation was the system of public procurement in Slovakia and terms for delivering of consensus from several departments of National Railway provider. For example in our case there was necessary a partial change of the project documentation after the set out conditions in the opinion of the Regional Directorate of the Railways of Slovak Republic in Žilina. Also there is long time for delivering of necessary documents from the important stakeholders (30 days for each).

We also had a problem with public procurement, which we had to repeat up to 3 times during the project. For the first time we had to cancel the public procurement due to the late request of the Railways of the Slovak Republic on the basis of which we had to redesign the project documentation and in the second round, only one candidate applied for the competition.

These problems could be mitigated by direct and proactive involvement of relevant stakeholders and active communication with them. Unfortunately, we will not affect the terms of the public procurement.
References to relevant deliverables and web-links
If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

The final report of the pilot action has been published on the RUMOBIL website: https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/D.T2.3.3-Report-summarising-implementation-of-pilot-in-Rajec.pdf

Further information in Slovak language was published by the Slovakian government, Zilina Self-Governing Region and the Town of Rajecke Teplice where the investment was carried out

In addition, local media also reported about the pilot action carried out: