



In the framework of the “Inter-Connect” project, on 26.11.2018 in the premises of Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, was held the 1st round table with the stakeholders, of this project. The aim of the roundtable was to discuss the case studies of MIE, under the project’s framework regarding namely “Study on developing and implementing a technological solution for intermodal transport”. The objective of this case is to enhance intermodal transport between rail +maritime +air transport (and possibly other modes of transports) especially between Tirana and Durres region.

Relevant stakeholders were present, namely representatives from the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, experts from railway sector, expert from maritime transport sector, Institute of Transport Albania University of Tirana and local tourist operators.

The Inter-Connect project and it’s its expected outputs was presented to the participants. The discussions were focused:

- On the case study, the definition of a detailed timeplan for its implementation.
- Questionaries’ and their findings were discussed with stakeholders and the Collection of data/sources that are necessary for the traffic flows analysis /demand and supply data at ADRION and local/regional level/
- Also, the bottlenecks and potential hurdles that can hamper the implementation of the case studies were discuss with stakeholders
- Support the definition of a list of prioritized measures to streamline public transport and intermodality.

During the discussion the main identified problems were as follows:

1. As regard the info mobility the participant highlighted that is evident the lack of information on tourist opinion (what they want to see and what in reality they have seen?)
2. Improvement of interactive information display for tourist and passenger at the railway station and in ferry terminal
3. Due to recently changes on the location of the of Tirana city train station to fit with the new urban regulatory plan of the city, the information about rail lines is missing for tourists.
4. Improve connections between the port and hinterland and its related information mobility
5. During the meeting was also suggested to collaborate with other EU project with the theme of transport connections and intermodality



The conclusions derived from this meeting were:

- There is a need for data processing for all mode of transport and presenting them for tourist and passengers through info point established at ports, rail station and airport
- Improvement of special passengers services as embarking/disembarking comfort & security, improvement of Parking area offers in port of Durres
- Improvement of information for passengers mobility and intermodal solution

The steps to be taken

Following the activates of the project the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy will promote the use of intermodal transport via various channels including the Ministry of Transport web- site, Albanian tourism fairs, Albanian tourism web-sites, at TIA, and so forth. This integrated digital timetables information will allow foreigners and/or Albanians returning from their travel to have the necessary information on real time so they can plan and coordinate their movements more effectively and efficiently.

The next round table will be organised during first quarterly of 2019.