

## Inter-Connect PLUS Final conference held online

Project partners, relevant stakeholders, and participants interested in modalities of improving sustainable passenger transport took part in **Inter-Connect PLUS Final conference** that was held online on 22 June 2022.

The event gathered representatives from the Interreg ADRION Programme as well as the EUSAIR Strategy, that provided a macro-perspective of the passenger transport in the Adriatic-Ionian region, stating its importance also for the future programming period.

Inter-Connect PLUS partnership presented to the audience the work that has been performed in the last 6 months by sharing key project outputs. The impact of COVID-19, especially in terms of managing new norms and travel demands, led to an update of Inter-Connect Roadmap and Toolkit, useful for all ADRION transport decision makers and key actors. Furthermore, determining passenger flows between the nodes of Zagreb and the Adriatic coast in Croatia, and identifying measures for the development of public transport and intermodality on the corridor Ljubljana airport-Ljubljana-Koper in Slovenia – were two practical cases performed on a national level that took in consideration the pandemic effect.

This final virtual event was not only an occasion to present the results of cooperation in the framework of the Inter-Connect PLUS project but also an opportunity to further discuss about ways to improve the sustainable connectivity of the Adriatic–Ionian region. Our diverse speakers-stakeholders involved in the event's last session shared their prolific experience and a vision of intermodality in the future. They agreed that the tools for improving ADRION's connectivity in that sense already exist, but we need to make stronger effort on making them more efficient and sustainable.