

Project Newsletter #1



Rail4Regions is an Interreg Central Europe project aiming at improving the access to the European rail freight networks. Twelve project partners develop solutions to optimise regional rail lines and access points and create action plans to encourage the uptake of their solutions in regional development plans.

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Thuringia's Ohratalbahn ready to resume rail freight services



A feeder line in central Thuringia (DE) is expected to be back in operation after its decommissioning in 2013. As a result of a pilot action of the Interreg Central Europe project [REIF](#), in recent months the line had been cleared of vegetation, tracks were reinforced where necessary, and all bridges have been tested for their load capacity. A stretch of 18 kilometers between Ohrdruf and Gotha, where the line feeds into the main rail network, is now ready for railway transportation. Once the final permits are available, timber transports will be launched, effectively reducing the number of trucks on Thuringia's roads.

Malopolska Regional Development Agency (MARR SA), founded in 1993, one of the greatest institutions of this type in Poland, focuses on important actions leading to positive changes in the regional environment. MARR SA plays a vital role as a tool of the self-government of the voivodeship.

Regarding Rail4Regions, MARR's primary objective relies on identifying and analysing the regional potential of rail freight transport in relation to local economic structure. The agency aims for a new impact on the process of decision-making, sensitivity for environment protection and a new opening for rail networks on the regional and transnational size.

**Meet our partners: MARR
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Join our Local Stakeholder Workshops



Across our partner regions, local events are taking place to introduce the project to local stakeholders. First events already took place on June 7th in Baja (HU) , on June 15th in Tarnów (PL) and on June 19th in Žilina (SK). More events are scheduled in the next few weeks: on June 23rd in Brno (CZ), and on June 28th in Koprivnica (HR). Online workshops are staged for stakeholders of Thuringia (DE) on June 29th, and Novara province (IT) on July 6th, 2023.

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