

Background

The alpine space is a heavily used transportation passage where the freight traffic has been reduplicated within the last twenty years. 104 million tons of goods were transported via road and railway across the inner alpine bow in the year 2003.

The growing volume of traffic on the roads of the alpine region results in an increased noise pollution, a capacity overload of the roads' infrastructure, an enlarged accident risk as well as in serious ecological damage which is partly caused by heavy CO2-emission. Consequently, the problem's european dimension is well founded.

New, integrated and intermodal solutions gain significance to ease the transalpine transport bottleneck. Such solutions aim at shifting road traffic towards railway usage as well as at the more efficient utilisation of already given railway infrastructure.

Contact

Alpine Space Programme

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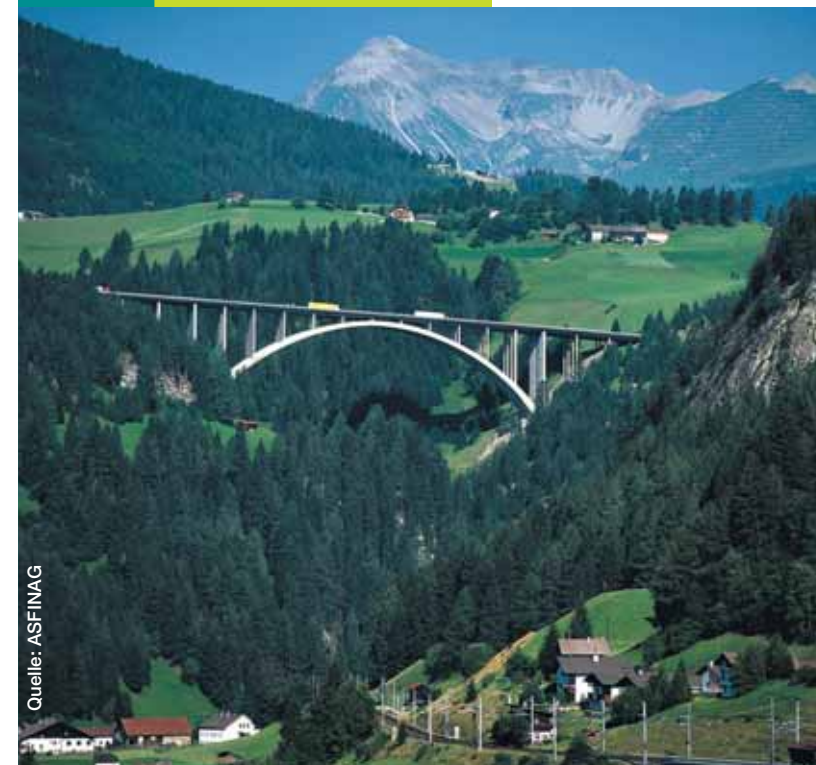
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AlpFRail

Alpine Freight Railway

Displacement of freight traffic from road to rail

For sustainable management of connections of the economic areas within the alpine space



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Objectives and results

The project aims at a consequent shifting of freight flow towards railway usage, reached by innovative concepts which shall cover the whole alpine space. Thus, a railway network has to be established that permits connections in all directions. At this it is important to harmonise economic efficiency and sustainable ecology.

The „alpine“ transport policy has to overcome separate national borders and achieve European dimensions. It is also important to rethink several axes into complex systems and networks. Thus, AlpFRail's superordinated target is to develop a complete product: "The Railway".

Within the project, which is set for four years, existing freight flows and infrastructure shall be analysed and evaluated within simulation processes. On that basis the traffic flow will be optimised and integrated in a cross national network.

To make transparent information concerning disposable offers of the railway network available to the customer, a standard information system and quality management system has to be developed and will be audited by pilot projects.

With the constitution of a partner network across the whole alpine bow the first decisive step has been realised. Thus, the focus lies on the solution of political and organisational restraints to offer market-driven products on the railway.

Partners

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DB Netz AG: www.bahn.de

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Regional Association Donau-Iller: www.rvdi.de

France

Region of Rhône-Alpes: www.cr-rhone-alpes.fr

Italy

Italian Ministry for Environment and Territory: www.minambiente.it

Veneto Union Chamber of Commerce: www.ven.camcom.it

Region of Veneto: www.regione.veneto.it

Autonomous Region Friuli - Venezia Giulia: www.regione.fvg.it

Province of Brescia: www.provincia.brescia.it

Province of Mantova: www.provincia.mantova.it

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Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (bmvit): www.bmvit.gv.at

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Regional Authority of Kärnten: www.ktn.gv.at

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