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SETA
South East Transport Axis

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SETA: the project

Good regional and international accessibility in passenger and freight transport are crucial preconditions for the economic growth and sustainable development of regions. Therefore, the transport connection from Central Europe to the Northern Adriatic ports and further on to the Western Balkans is of major importance for enhancing the competitiveness of regions in Central and South East Europe sustainably. In times of limited budgets and long-term planning schedules for new infrastructure stretches, planning efforts mainly have to concentrate on the improvement and further development of existing transport infrastructure.

Rail transport planning and management for better connections in South East Europe - Optimizing transport flows by fostering common infrastructural planning measures

Following a common vision, 11 project partners from 6 countries started to cooperate for 3 years in 2011: SETA project is focusing on improving passenger rail connections and logistic work flows in South East Europe. The most important destinations are the Northern Adriatic Sea ports as important gateways to the motorways of the sea, connecting Europe with the other parts of the world.

The project is aiming at overcoming existing infrastructural and organizational bottlenecks along the existing railway connection, improving the competitiveness of rail transport as a precondition for the necessary modal shift from road to rail. Concrete infrastructure development measures, specifically considering the respective needs of the involved regions, are going to be elaborated to conduce to a less fragmented transportation network in the project area.

Furthermore, the project is dedicated to improve the organizational framework conditions along the corridor, which is crossing at least three national borders. In order to highlight the benefits of an improved SETA corridor, services - both for freight operators and passengers - will be developed and demonstrated.

In a nutshell: SETA tries to make rail connections in South East Europe more efficient, sustainable and competitive - by jointly identifying bottlenecks, potentials and development options and by reflecting the relevance of the findings with a wide range of key players.
## SETA: facts & figures

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### Funding Programme
- **Priority**: Improvement of the accessibility
- **Area of Intervention**: Improve co-ordination in promoting, planning and operation for primary & secondary transportation networks

### Timeframe & Budget
- **Duration**: 01/2011-12/2013
- **Budget**: € 2,835,414 (out of which 85% are co-financed by ERDF funds)
  - **thereof ERDF Budget**: € 2,410,101.90

### Project Partnership
- **ERDF partners**: 9 partners from Austria, Hungary, Italy, Slovak Republic & Slovenia, coordinated by an Austrian Lead Partner
- **10% partners**: 2 partners from Croatia
- **Observer partners**: 14 observers from Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary & Italy (contributing to the project without specifically receiving EU funds)

### More information
- SETA project: [www.seta-project.eu](http://www.seta-project.eu)
- SEE Programme: [www.southeast-europe.net](http://www.southeast-europe.net)
SETA & the SOUTH-EAST EUROPE Programme

SETA was approved in the framework of the 2nd call of the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme (SEE) in Priority Area 3 “Improvement of the Accessibility.”

The SEE programme is an instrument of the objective “European Territorial Cooperation”, embedded in the framework of European Regional Policy 2007–2013. It aims to develop transnational partnerships on matters of strategic importance, in order to improve the territorial, economic and social integration process and to contribute to cohesion, stability and competitiveness of the region.

Hence, it intends to promote better integration between the Member States, candidate and potential candidate countries and neighboring countries. For this purpose, the Programme seeks to realize high quality, result oriented projects of strategic character, relevant for the programme area. Approved projects are respectively focusing on challenges addressing one of four thematic Priority Axes, which are in line with the Lisbon and Gothenborg priorities: “Innovation”, “Environment”, “Accessibility” and “Sustainable Growth Areas”.

Further information on the SEE programme: www.southeast-europe.net
The main focus of SETA is to improve the accessibility and logistic work flows of and within the SEE regions involved by better connecting primary and secondary transport networks as well as to improve intermodal transport offers.

In order to achieve these goals, the SETA partnership is composed as a multi-sectoral consortium utilizing existing expertise and different functionalities in a complementary way. To enhance the chances of implementation of commonly identified measures within the SETA project, the partnership comprises a wide range of regional and national authorities of the regions concerned as important key actors for further evolving transport development measures. Observing partners from the surrounding regions accomplish the SETA partnership, highlighting the importance of the project’s objectives beyond the borders of the SEE region and the core actors involved.

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