



***BALTIC  
ADRIATIC  
AXIS***

*Connecting Europe. And beyond.*

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## THE BALTIC-ADRIATIC AXIS

### Carinthia as a strategic region

Carinthia is situated in the south of Austria bordering Italy and Slovenia.

Carinthia covers an area of 9.533 km<sup>2</sup> with a population of approx. 561.000 inhabitants (59 inhabitants/km<sup>2</sup>).



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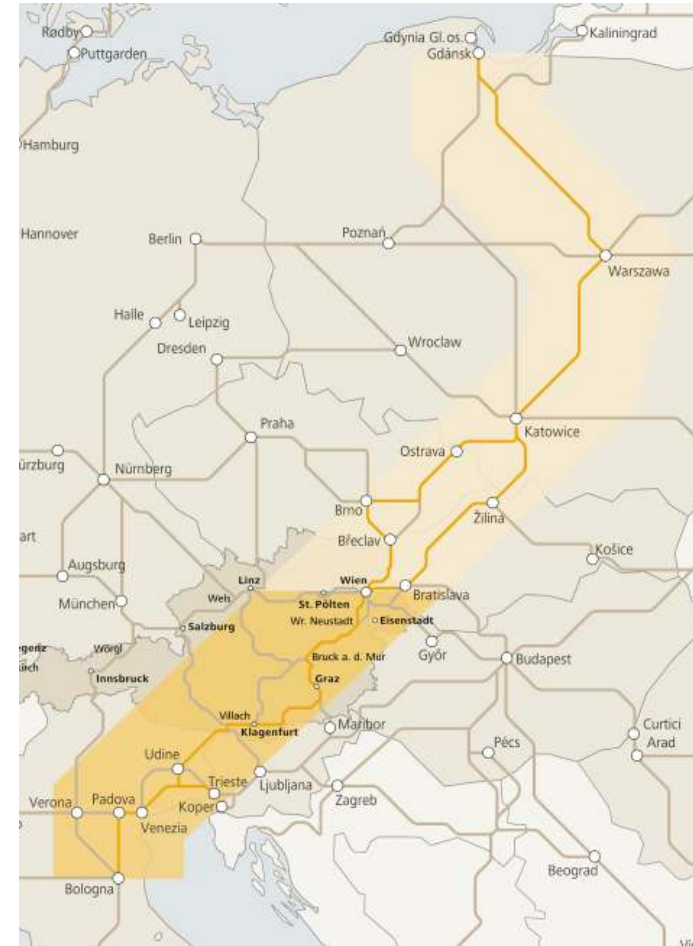
# THE BALTIC-ADRIATIC AXIS

The **Baltic-Adriatic Axis** consisting of

- the Trans-European Networks - Transport (TEN-T) railway priority project 23  
Gdansk – Warszawa – Katowice -  
Brno/Zilina – Bratislava/Wien

- and the southern extension  
Wien - Graz – Klagenfurt/Villach – Udine  
Trieste/Venezia - Bologna/Ravenna

is one of the most important north-south routes in Europe and the easternmost crossing of the Alps connecting the Baltic Sea with the Adriatic Sea.



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## 12th of October 2006 – Letter of Intent

Ministers of transport from Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Italy and Austria sign a letter of intent for implementation of the Baltic-Adriatic Axis. Topics are the enhanced positioning of the project as well as improved coordination on the project-level.

## 6th of October 2009 – Declaration of regions

Representatives of 14 regions signed a declaration demanding a “consistent and rapid implementation of the Baltic-Adriatic Corridor between Gdansk and Bologna”, motivated by the wish for “Improvement of traffic infrastructure as a prerequisite for the economy as well as traffic safety and the consolidation of the new Europe”.

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### Carinthia as a strategic region

#### Koralm railway and Koralm tunnel

Overall length: 130 km  
Koralm tunnel: 32,9 km  
Current status: under construction  
Investment: 5.6 billion €  
Already invested: 1 billion €  
Completion: 2020/2021



#### Progress made:

About 65 km of the railway are under construction or partly completed.

8 stations /stops and 87 railway bridges, under/overpasses have been converted or newly constructed.



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#### Economic Development – Carinthian dry ports

Due to the completion of the Koralm railway new cooperation opportunities, e.g. with the North-Adriatic ports of Trieste, Venezia, Ravenna and Koper in the field of logistics, will be possible.

Considering the Villach Combi Cargo Terminal and ALPLOG Carinthia both located directly at the intersection of the Baltic-Adriatic Axis and the Corridor X (Salzburg - Villach -Thessaloniki) Carinthia will be able to form the “Hinterland” of the North-Adriatic ports.

The Baltic-Adriatic Axis will significantly contribute to sustainably strengthen Carinthia as a business and logistics location.

The logo features a dark red arrow pointing to the right, with a white and light red double-line border. The text 'BALTIC ADRIATIC AXIS' is written in white, uppercase letters within the arrow.

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# BATCo – BALTIC-ADRIATIC TRANSPORT COOPERATION

Supporting the realisation of the Baltic-Adriatic Axis



Duration: 36 months  
March 2010 – February 2013

Total budget: € 3.723.373,98

ERDF  
contribution: € 2.902.134,40

18 Partners from 5 EU countries

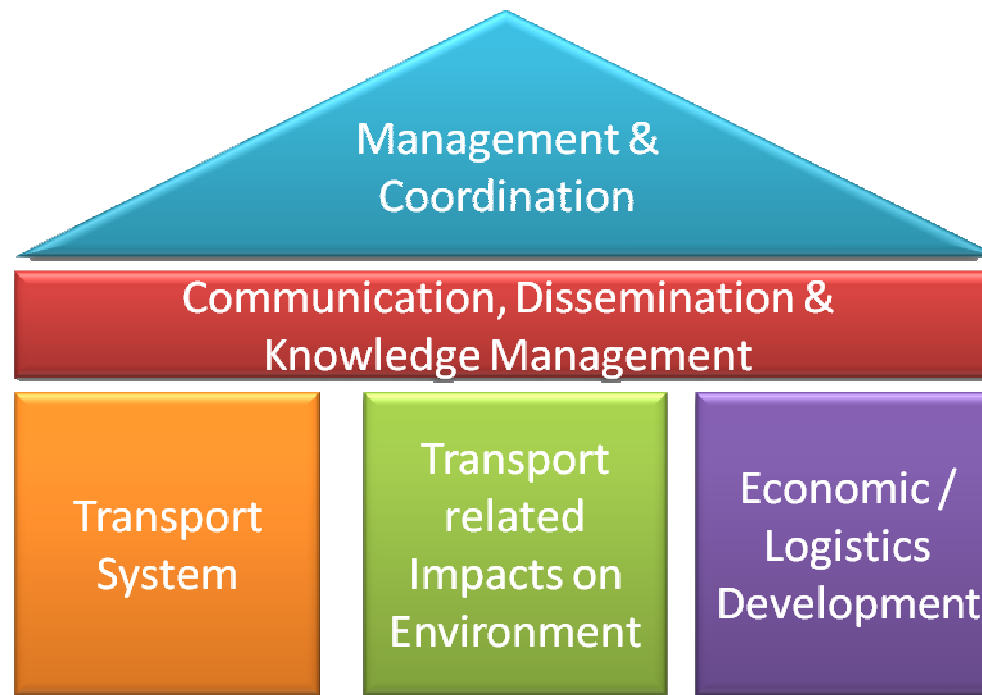
Lead Partner:  
Regional Government of Carinthia –  
Department for Economic Law and Infrastructure



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DEVELOPMENT FUND

## Objectives

The Baltic-Adriatic Transport Cooperation is based on 3 thematic pillars and therefore foresees numerous activities and measures in regard to **technical**, **environmental** and **economic** aspects which are intrinsically tied to the development of the Baltic-Adriatic Axis.





# Cooperation

Lead Partner:



Project Partner:



Cooperating with:



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