

Rhine-Alpine Talk #19:

Urban Nodes at the Heart of the TEN-T Corridors



Date: Friday 24th of April



Time: 11:00–12:30 CEST



Format: Online

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Urban Nodes have become a central pillar of European transport policy. With the recent revision of the TEN-T Regulation, their role and responsibilities have significantly expanded, positioning cities and Functional Urban Areas as the key interfaces between local mobility and the trans-European network.

However, this increased mandate coincides with a complex investment landscape. As discussions progress on the next Multiannual Financial Framework (2028-34), specifically regarding the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF III), a key challenge remains: ensuring that the growing importance of Urban Nodes is reflected through dedicated funding priorities.

To explore how these policy ambitions can be translated into a supported reality, we invite you to join our Rhine-Alpine Talk #19, where we'll dive into the future of Urban Nodes and their growing role in the European transport network. The webinar takes a multi-level look at how cities are evolving from simple transit stops into the strategic heart of the TEN-T Regulation. We'll start with the European Commission's vision for the new regulatory landscape, then move through the practicalities of cross-border cooperation. To see how this works on the ground, we'll scale from regional strategies in the Baltic Sea to the metropolitan reality of Milan.

Programme of Rhine-Alpine Talk #19

Welcome

11.00h Introduction

Alina Candu (*Chair, EGTC Rhine-Alpine Corridor*)

The European Commission Perspective

11.05h Urban Nodes in the Revised TEN-T

Robert Szűcs (*Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, EC*)

Urban Nodes Across Borders

11.20h Opportunities and Challenges in Europe

Edwin Mermans (*Senior Advisor International Affairs, Province of Noord-Brabant*)

Regional Approaches to Urban Nodes and Urban Mobility

11.35h Scandria Alliance: BSR Urban Mobility

Tommi Vollmann (*Head of Secretariat Scandria Alliance*)

Metropolitan Approach to Urban Nodes and Urban Mobility

11.50h Milan as a Metropolitan Urban Node

Dario Parravicini (*Director of the Economic Development Department, Metropolitan City of Milan*)

From Policy to Practice: Urban Nodes Funding and Strategic Positioning

12.05h The Urban Nodes Alliance: Priorities and Current Developments

Ivo Cré, (*Director Policy Activities POLIS Network*)

12.20h Open Discussion: Shaping the Future of Urban Nodes in TEN-T

12.30h Closing Remarks and End of Meeting

Marie-Eve Reinert, (*Director, EGTC Rhine-Alpine Corridor*)

Further exchange and related initiatives

Following the NL–NRW conference “Urban Nodes and Opportunities in Europe” on 26 February 2026 in Arnhem, we are further strengthening our collaboration with Mobility NL–NRW on this important topic. In this context, we are pleased to highlight the upcoming 1st Mobility NL–NRW Urban Nodes webinar taking place on 15 April 2026 from 12.00 to 13.00:

“How to apply the new guidelines – make maximum practical use out of it as an Urban Node dealing with FUA?”

To register, please send an email to kantoor-dusseldorf@gelderland.nl

Furthermore, at European level, the EGTC Rhine-Alpine Corridor is actively engaged in the *Urban Nodes Alliance*, a coalition of leading networks including Eurocities, POLIS, UITP, and the Scandria Alliance. The Alliance advocates for a stronger recognition of Urban Nodes in EU policy and funding frameworks, particularly in the context of CEF III, and calls for dedicated funding and a stronger role for cities in corridor planning to ensure the effective implementation of the TEN-T network.

- Read more about it [here](#)
- Learn more about the Urban Nodes Alliance’s amendments to the proposed CEF III Regulation [here](#)