

What is the challenge?

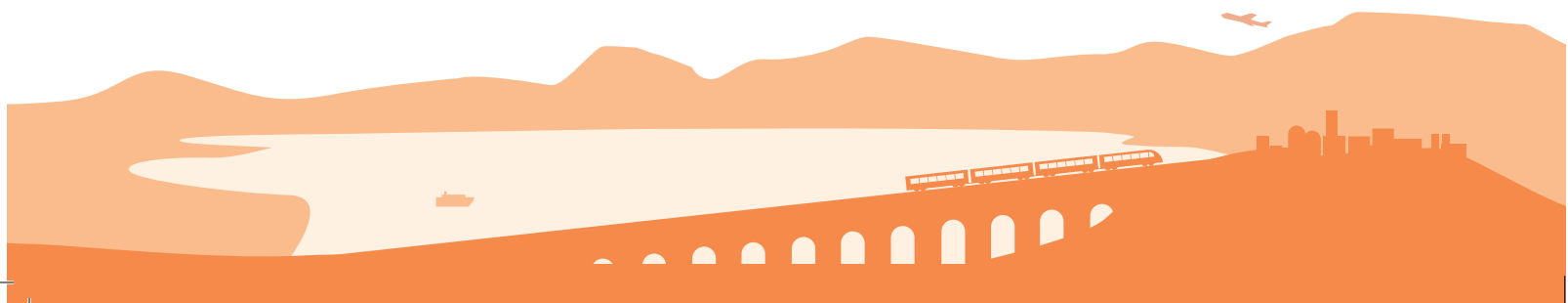
Citizens living in rural or peripheral areas of Central Europe are facing **inadequate connectivity, fragmented transportation networks, and lack of sustainable public transport solutions, particularly at cross-border level**. Leaving the car at home remains challenging for these people because there are often **no satisfying public transport offers** available.

What is the goal?

European policies look toward a **greener and smarter future**, by supporting, among others, actions aimed at promoting the development of sustainable public transport solutions, while providing all citizens with **equal public transportation services and access opportunities**.

What will SUSTANCE do about it?

The SUSTANCE project **involves a wide range of transport stakeholders** to better understand the accessibility of public transport in the involved regions as well as to co-design and **test innovative mobility services and governance schemes** that will **support public authorities in the planning process**. Innovative pilot actions are tested by partners in the involved regions and pave the way to the **adoption of long-term action plans and solutions**.



Project partners



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Sustainable public transport solutions and innovative governance schemes for improving connectivity in Central Europe



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million €
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8
Partners

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6
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End date

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How do people benefit?

TRANSPORT SERVICE

A **new cross-border train service** in 2024, connecting Italy (Trieste, Villa Opicina), via Slovenia (Divača, Pivka), with Croatia (Rijeka)




ICT SERVICE

Demand responsive transport application in Italy (Romagna Region), including ICT application for **planning, booking and e-ticketing**




TRANSPORT SERVICE

Extension until Sopron of the cross-border train service linking Austria (Neusiedl am See) with Hungary (Fertőszentmiklós)




ICT SERVICE

Interactive ICT app for Istria Region (Croatia), including all **private and public transport services** and displaying them in one place



TRANSPORT SERVICE

Feasibility study for the improvement of passenger train services between Croatia (Pula-Buzet) and Slovenia (Divača) and installation of **bike/scooter sharing points**



ICT SERVICE

Digital solution to promote and increase the **use of railway services and bicycles** in Croatia, Italy and Slovenia

