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## NEWSLETTER #2 March 2024

Dear reader, we are proud to invite you reading the first newsletter for the ACCESSMILE “Improving ACCESSibility of last MILE connections of rural and peripheral regions to main TEN-T nodes in Central Europe through ICT” project, co-financed by the Interreg Central Europe Programme. Enjoy!

### SUMMARY

*News about the partners: BCT, Zailog, Gruber Logistics*

*Last online Steering Committee*

*New Steering Committee & Joint Event in La Spezia*

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## BCT - Baltic Container Terminal

The BCT is the leading Polish specialist terminal adapted to handle containerized cargo with a current annual cargo handling capacity amounting to 1mln TEUs. Baltic Container Terminal (BCT) operates at the Port of Gdynia 44 years. In 1993 became a part of ICTSI family - the worldwide container operator having more than 30 locations all over the world. BCT recently signed the long term lease till 2053.

BCT has joined to ACCESSMILE project to develop the fast preselection scale system for container trucks' weight verification at the exit gate in to prevent overweight truck to enter public roads and being fined by regulators. All the trucks

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leaving the terminal will be verified and the results will be delivered to truckers and logistics operators by developed ITC tools. This service is strongly required by truckers delivering the goods to surrounding Gdynia Port rural and peripheral destinations where truck weight service is not common and easy to arrange.



## ZAILOG

ZAILOG was born in 2016 by the initiative of “Consorzio ZAI” and Quadrante Servizi” in order to build and stimulate Research and Development of innovative technologies and new business models in the fields of transport and logistics. These innovations will be then transferred to the companies located in the area of the Interporto Quadrante Europa of Verona.

### How operates ZAILOG

ZAILOG’s Mission is developed through:

- National and Global Networking with particular reference to the European Union (Corridors Network Ten-T), through intense relationships with Corridor Coordinators (Scandinavian-Mediterranean and Mediterranean) and the active participation to Corridor Forums.
- Strategic Marketing for Quadrante Europa by proposing the Verona system at international level.
- Research & Development with particular reference to the implementation of the investment/projects included in the “Quadrante Europa Master Plan”.

Zailog joined the ACCESSMILE project with the aim to improve the accessibility of its terminal gates using ICT tools as well as to strengthen the connections with the

rural areas. In this way, the long-term experience gained by Zailog in ICT projects will enhance significantly the opportunity to achieve the project goals.

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## Gruber Logistics

Gruber Logistics is a logistics and transportation company founded in 1936. Over time, the company has grown and specialized primarily in road transportation and exceptional cargo handling. As of 2022, it has achieved substantial financial success, with a revenue exceeding 720 million euros and a workforce of 2.250 employees.

The company operates in multiple countries, with 60 branches across 14 nations and a fleet of over 2.350 transport units. It also possesses extensive warehousing space, totaling 280.000 square meters. Gruber Logistics is divided into six units, covering a range of services from road transportation to maritime and aerial logistics.

In terms of expertise, Gruber Logistics is a notable player in the logistics and transportation market. In recent years, it has focused on alternative fuel sources and energy solutions, including LNG, biodiesel, hydrogen, and electric power, aligning with broader sustainability goals.

At the European level, Gruber Logistics manages seven projects approved by the European Union, aimed at exploring innovations in the industry, such as automation and process digitalization and also hydrogen as a fuel. This reflects the company's proactive approach to staying at the forefront of the logistics and transportation sector.



## OUR VIRTUAL LAST STEERING COMMITTEE

On 11th January 2024 the COMODALCE partners have virtually met again for the 3rd Steering Committee.

The partners had the chance to illustrate the state-of-the-art of the project and discuss on how to proceed. In particular, the meeting focused on the outputs of the WPT1 "WP1 Planning improved last mile accessibility of rural and peripheral regions to TEN-Ts through ICTs". The work is on the right path. Regarding the "Action plan mutual learning workshop", Activity leaders present the main content of the action plans for the three topics: VBS, gates and cargo bundling.

Here our picture of the meeting.. Let's aim for *reducing the carbon footprint* while staying socially connected!



## NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE AND JOINT EVENT

On 18th June 2024 the ACCESSMILE partners will meet in La Spezia for the 4th Steering Committee.

The following day, on June 19th, a Joint Event with two other European co-funded projects, namely MERIDIAN, co-funded under the Connecting Europe Facility programme, and EASY2LOG, co-funded under the Interreg Italy-France Maritime programme, will be held at the Auditorium of the Eastern Ligurian Sea Port System Authority in La Spezia.

In this conference, the topics of logistics efficiency, ICT applications along the supply chain between ports and inland areas and gate automation will be explored in depth.

More details will be communicated in the next weeks.

## EASY2LOG



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