

SMACKER-Enlarged Transfer Programme (ETP) Call

Main technical information

Kind of projects SMACKER is looking for

Basically, the SMACKER ETP follower is interested in working on the definition of new DRT service(s) and/or the improvement of existing DRT service(s). This interest must be demonstrated by the willingness (and ability) to work on one or more of the following activities:

- Development of a pre-feasibility study related to the assessment of the need for activating a new DRT service;
- Development of a pre-feasibility study related to the implementation of a new DRT service;
- Improvement / extensions of an existing DRT service.

Such different levels of DRT projects development are directly linked to the SMACKER main actions foreseen in the project, that refer to:

- Analysis and feasibility studies;
- Implementation of pilot on DRT services in low density areas (re-)designed according to users and stakeholders' needs;
- Optimisation of existing services according to different business models;
- Behaviour change campaigns towards a greener modal shift;
- Marketing campaigns to support existing services usage.

Benefits for ETP followers

The ten selected SMACKER ETP followers benefit of:

- Coverage of travel costs for two training events in Maribor and Vienna;
- Free of charge technical webinar on demand responsive transport solutions development;
- ETP meetings in Maribor and Vienna with other public authorities, universities, research institutions working on the development of effective demand responsive transport solutions;
- Free of charge access to all the training materials developed in the framework of the SMACKER project.

Some of the activities listed above, can be performed in cooperation with external experts provided through SMACKER project funds. Additional benefits for ETP followers could be added in accordance with the SMACKER Lead Partner (additional transnational and local events, dedicated technical materials, etc.).

Obligations for ETP Followers

The objective of the ETP is to contribute to the achievement of the expected results of SMACKER project and ultimately to give the non-partner organization the tools for drafting Action Plans on demand responsive transport (DRT). The ETP is an opportunity for participants to improve their DRT service building capacity thanks to experienced and knowledgeable partners and external experts, using some budget available in the SMACKER project for this specific scope. Keeping in mind these purposes, each applicant is required to commit and to regularly participate in the SMACKER ETP's activities, explaining and describing its problems and expectations from the participation to the ETP and ensuring its commitment in drafting an Action Plan on demand responsive transport solution by the end of 2021.

In order to better know the starting point of each applicant to SMACKER ETP programme, candidates are asked to describe their state of the art in terms of sustainable mobility problems and related policy challenges in their territories.

Some of the ETP activities, can be performed in cooperation with external experts provided through the SMACKER project funding. Each selected ETP follower must sign an agreement with one of the SMACKER PPs declaring the availability and commitment to participate to the drafting / implementation of **all** the following deliverables:

- One report on “State of the Art about mobility problems and policy challenges within their area” following the template provided by ITL;
- One report on “Action Plan for the enhancement of intermodal mobility in their territory” following the template provided by ITL;
- The participation of at least 1 representative to the Maribor ETP transnational event (November 2020);
- The participation of at least 1 representative to the Vienna ETP transnational event (February 2022);
- The participation of at least 4 representatives to the online training webinar (March 2021).

Others opportunities for ETP participants

ETP followers are invited to the SMACKER final conference.

They are also invited to join additional transnational and local events organised by SMACKER project.

ETP followers can benefit from the experience of the SMACKER pilot actions and from the support of the appointed technical experts. Special attention is paid to match the organizations / bodies joining the ETP with SMACKER partners and stakeholders performing relevant transferable experiences.

SMACKER consortium will keep ETP followers informed in relation to further relevant events (both at European and local level) related to SMACKER project topics and not included in this document.