

## Transalpine traffic: New Solutions to Old Challenges?

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**Increasing transalpine traffic poses a challenge to the sensible Alpine Space. During a workshop in the frame of the AlpWeek in Poschiavo, about 25 participants discussed about how to achieve a more sustainable transit traffic and to shift transports from road to rail.**

The introduction of an Alpine Crossing Exchange was seen as an effective tool to reach a more railway-based modal split. It was considered to be crucial to well communicate this instrument in order to increase acceptance and to value the benefits for the Alpine Space.

A common approach in the whole Alpine Space was recognised as an important step in order not to shift traffic from one corridor to another one but to really improve sustainability of traffic systems. The basis for a common approach has to lie in a common understanding of the problem in all regions and then be brought into politics by a bottom-up approach.

Besides talking about concrete measures such as the Alpine Crossing Exchange, participants also developed long term visions. The culture was seen as source for a future development. Economic growth as basis for the development should be replaced by a strategy for zero-growth.

The workshop was organised by the Alpine Initiative and the iMONITRAF! project and was moderated by Urs Aschwanden.