

Seminar & Workshop

RAIL TRANSPORT & BIKE

AN ALTERNATIVE TO PRIVATE CAR COMMUTING AND FREE TIME TRAVEL

May 11 2016, Godec Inn, Borovnica, Slovenia

Slovenia is at present facing from one side an **increasing challenges how to prevent traffic jams in largest urban centres** and during main tourist season, reduce **air pollution from traffic** while from the other it is facing **important decisions on investments in railway infrastructure, purchase of new passenger trains and implementation of an integrated public passenger transport**. We believe it is a decisive moment for the future of sustainable transport and mobility in Slovenia and the decisions will effect and have an impact on developments in other countries in the region.



When speaking on railway modernisation **the political and media discourse** is nowadays in Slovenia almost exclusively **focused on freight transport** whereas passenger's transport seems to be considered as disturbance in attempts of increasing and speeding of freight transport on rails. Passenger's railway transport in Slovenia is indeed declining as in recent decades comparatively few investments were made for shorten travel times and improve level of services and because Slovenia is lacking an implemented integrated public passenger transport policy.

On the other hand a **demand for better bike carrying capacities of trains, more and better bike stands and bike parking facilities at railway stations and for an overall improvement of bike – train co-modality and inter-modality is not only increasing but is getting organised**. In Bohinj and Posočje regions a wide social and political consensus on the issue has been already built.

It is therefore time to start to **focus on railway transport and cycling in as an integrated solution** for the problems caused by a private car commuting and leisure travel also in Slovenia and the other regions of CIVINET Slovenia-Croatia-South Eastern Europe!

BOROVNICA – A TRUE RAILWAY PLACE INDEED!



The small market town of **Borovnica** (2.500 inhabitants), situated 20 km SW from Ljubljana is just a right place for the seminar in question. In the middle of 19th century the construction of **the largest railway viaduct on the Vienna-Trieste railway** - and at that time the on the globe - transferred the small isolated village into **a market place connected to the modern world**. Due to frequent and fast (it takes only 18 minute by train from and to Ljubljana) railway connections Borovnica has one of the **highest shares of train commuting to work/school** in the country. The municipality is striving for **modernisation of the railway station** and a modern **P+R and B+R** next to it. Within its Development Strategy – currently under development – Borovnica is considering its **railway heritage, cycling and bike- train co-modality** as the **foundations for sustainable tourism development** in the municipality and on Ljubljana Marsh Regional Park and its mountainous hinterlands.

Goals and objectives of the seminar and workshop:

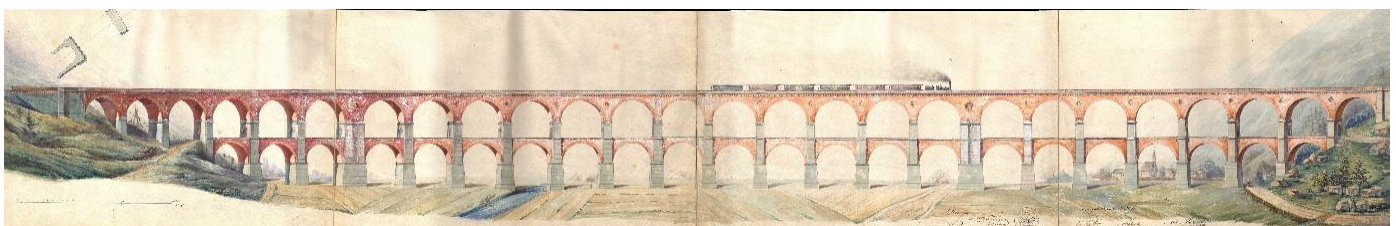
1. To recall the importance of modernisation of passenger's railway transport in Slovenia and integrated public transport in Slovenia as a backbone of sustainable transport in the country
2. To point out key measures and decisions for improved railway, integrated passenger's transport and bike- train co-modality.
3. To present the best practices in the field from neighbouring countries.
4. To point out and discuss key obstacles and challenges in at system and institutional level.
5. To alert on the need for appropriate actual decisions on investment in new railway infrastructure and vehicles.

Target groups:

- a) Planners, policy makers, decision makers, regulatory bodies, railway infrastructure management and development organisations in Slovenia.
- b) Railway passenger's transport operators in Slovenia and neighbouring countries
- c) Mayors and municipal officials in the field of transport, environment and tourism
- d) Tourist associations and businesses
- e) Transport, mobility, environment, consumers and people with disabilities representing NGOs

The organizers:

- CIVINET Slovenia-Croatia-South Eastern Europe
- Coalition for Sustainable Transport
- Slovenian Cyclists Network
- Municipality of Borovnica



Program

8:00 Meeting point at Ljubljana main railway station

8:10 Travel with regular train LPV 1748 Ljubljana – Opčine/Villa Opicina to Borovnica (arrival at 8.21) with presentation of good and bad practices of bike – train co-modality and inter-modality on the route.

8:30 – 9:00 Registration of the participants at Godec Inn, Paplerjeva 12, 1353 Borovnica

9:00 – 9:15 Opening Ceremony

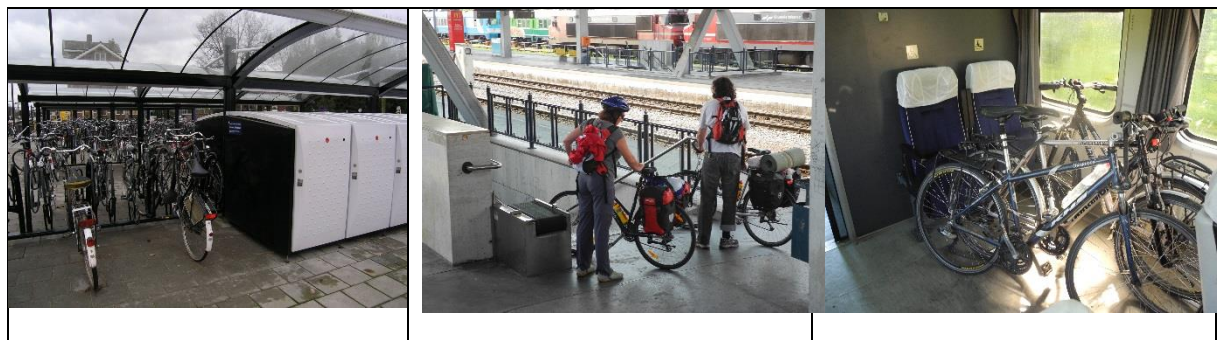
Mr. Vlado Babić , CIVINET Slovenia-Croatia-South Eastern Europe
HE Mr Bart Twaalfhoven , Netherlands Ambassador
dr. Franc Trček , Committee of Infrastructure, Environment and Space of National Assembly of the RS
mag. Klemen Grebenšek , Ministry of Infrastructure of the RS
Representative of Slovenian Railways

9:15 – 11:00 MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

Chair: Mr. Vlado Babić, CIVINET Slovenia-Croatia-South Eastern Europe

9:15	The role of Railway in the Past, the Present and the Future of Borovnica
9:25	<i>Mr. Bojan Čebela</i> , the Mayor of Borovnica
9:25	Policies and Measures in Support of Increased Share of Railway in Modal Split in RS mag.
9:45	<i>Mr. Bojan Žlender</i> , Directorate of Transport, Ministry of Infrastructure of the RS
9:45	State of The Art and the Prospects of Passenger's Railway Transport in Slovenia and Transport of Bicycles on Slovenian Railways Trains
10:05	<i>Mr. Gorazd Hartner</i> , Head of Sales and Marketing Department, Slovenian Railways
10:05	Planning the Development of Suburban Railways as Spinal Multimodal Transport Chain
10:30	<i>Mr. Tadej Brezina</i> , Technical University of Vienna
10:30	B&R at Maribor Main Railway Station as a Good Practice of B-T intermodality in SLO
10:45	<i>Mr. Josip Rotar</i> , Maribor Cyclists Network
10:45	Discussion - Key activities and measures to increase the share of rail transport in modal split in Slovenia from perspective of the participants
11:00	

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break



11:30 – 13:00

BIKE & TRAIN – A REAL ALTERNATIVE TO A PRIVATE CAR

Chair: Matej Ogrin, CIPRA Slovenija & Coalition for Sustainable Transport

11:30 11:50	BiTiBi project – Development and promotion of bike-train co-modality in the EU <i>Mr. Eduard Röntgen, inno-V, The Netherlands</i>
11:50 12:10	ISR Project – Shining Example of Multi-Stakeholder Cooperation in Development of Bike-Train Co-modality and Inter-modality <i>mag. Rudolf Sebastnik, Schieneninfrastruktur-Dienstleistungsgesellschaft mbH, Austria</i>
12:10 12:30	The »Miracle« of Revitalised Vinschgaubahn <i>Mr. Helmuth Moroder, SAD - Trasporto locale, Alto Adige/Sudtirolo, Italy</i>
12:30 12:45	Bike & Train Co-modality and Development of Tourism along Bohinj railway <i>Mr. Matjaž Marušič & Mr. Edo Sorč, Initiative 110 years of Bohinj railway</i>
12:45 13:00	Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

- **Introduction: USER EXPERIENCE OF BIKE – TRAIN COMMODALITY AND INTERMODALITY BY**
 - *Slovenian Cyclists Network, Slovenia*
 - *Cyclists Trade Union, Croatia*
 - *Radlobby, Austria*
 - *Amici della Bicicletta, Italy*

Workshop A – moderator: *Luka Mladnovič*, Institute of Urban Planning of RS
BIKE & TRAIN AND COMMUTING TO WORK/SCHOOL

Workshop B- moderator *Marko Lenarčič*, Biking and Hiking Interest Association
BIKE ON TRAIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE TOURIST PRODUCTS

Workshops will follow the model of »Word Cafè« in order to define in an inter-active way key obstacles, challenges and opportunities for improvement of bike-train co-modality and inter-modality

15:30 – 15:50 PLENARY SESSION

- Reporting from workshops
- Defining key findings, statements and recommendations from the seminar

16:00 – 17:00 Guided Tour on Railway Heritage in Borovnica (optional):
ruins of Borovnica Viaduct, abandoned railway with Pako viaduct, Railway Watch House nu. 666