

Projects Performance Report

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report and its Appendix track progress over the last quarter across SEStran's projects and key work streams. Impacts on progress or delivery are explained, including those deriving from Covid-19.

2 Performance Report

- 2.1 Progress against milestones and timescale is indicated in the report template through a high level 'RAG' (Red-Amber-Green) status with 'Blue' for completed action.

RAG Status	Meaning:
	Complete
	Progressing to plan
	Some issues or delays encountered
	Severe issues or delays

- 2.2 The alignment of project work to SEStran's Strategic Objectives is indicated using the following symbols.

	Economy
	Accessibility
	Environment
	Safety and health
	Corporate

- 2.3 The reporting template at Appendix 1 has been amended following discussion at the Performance and Audit Committee meeting of 10 September 2021, to highlight the achievements and milestones of the last quarter, project stages achieved, where appropriate, and next steps.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 The Board is asked to note the progress against individual project areas, outlined in the Performance Report (Appendix 1).

Anna Herriman
Senior Partnership Manager
November 2021

Appendices

Appendix 1

Projects Performance Report November 2021

Policy Implications	Outlined project work contributes to the objectives identified within SEStran Regional Transport Strategy.
Financial Implications	All project work is delivered from within confirmed budgets.
Equalities Implications	There are no adverse equalities implications arising from SEStran projects. A number of projects actively work to reduce inequalities.
Climate Change Implications	There are no negative climate change implications arising from SEStran projects. A number of projects actively work to tackle climate change through creation of, or support for more sustainable transport options.

SEStran Projects Performance November 2021

Table of Contents

1. STRATEGY.....	4
1.1 Regional Transport Strategy	4
•.....	4
2. STRATEGIC ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECTS	5
2.1 GO e-Bike	5
2.2 Regional Cycle Network Grant Scheme	6
2.3 Regional Active Travel Development Fund – Transport Scotland.....	6
2.4 Cycle Training and Development – Cycling Scotland	8
3. STRATEGIC PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROJECTS	9
3.1 Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI)	9
3.2 Thistle Assistance Programme	10
3.3 Newburgh Train Station Study.....	11
3.4 South East Scotland Transport Transition Group	11
3.5 Bus Service Improvement Partnerships	12
4. FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS PROJECTS	13
4.1 Forth Freight Study	13
5. EUROPEAN-FUNDED PROJECTS	14
5.1 SHARE-North.....	14
5.2 SURFLOGH.....	15
5.3 BLING.....	16
5.4 PriMaaS.....	16
5.5 CONNECT	17
5.6 REGIO-Mob	18
6. SESTRAN FORUMS AND UPCOMING EVENTS	19
6.1 SEStran Forum Meetings	19

1. Strategy

1.1 Regional Transport Strategy



Start date: November 2020

Initial completion date: March 2022

Expected completion date: March 2022

Overall project progress:

On track

Project description: A new Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) to cover the period up to 2035 will align to the National Transport Strategy 2, National Planning Framework 4, Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2019, as well as regional spatial and economic strategies under development across the SEStran area.

SEStran's first RTS was approved in March 2007 to cover the period from 2008 until 2023. The strategy was refreshed in August 2015 to cover the period until 2025. In addition to a new policy context the new RTS takes account of potential impacts for future travel demand, behaviour and the transport system resulting from Covid-19.

Project Development:

- **Last quarter**

On track

The last quarter has focussed on finalising specific stages of the draft RTS development following the required Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) process. Progress:

- Initial Options Appraisal process was completed
- Three steering group sessions were held
- The SEA and EqIA processes were progressed to draft RTS stage
- The development of a draft RTS was completed and presented to the Partnership Board on 29 October 2021
- The SEA report was sent to statutory consultation agencies on 8 November.
- Statutory consultation on the draft RTS commenced on 05 November (due to conclude on 11 February 2022)

- **Stages Achieved**

On track

- Completion of the draft RTS
- Commencement of the statutory consultation

- **Next Steps**

On track

- Engagement with key stakeholders on draft RTS
- Consider comments made during consultation
- Amend the draft RTS and report to the Partnership Board with Final RTS
- Submit Final RTS to Scottish Ministers for approval

2. Strategic Active Travel Projects

2.1 GO e-Bike



Start date: April 2018

Initial completion date: ongoing programme

Expected completion date: ongoing programme subject to funding

Overall project progress:

In progress

Project description: GO e-Bike, the regional bike-sharing scheme launched in 2018, aims to increase the visibility of e-bikes and increase access to e-bike use within community hubs or community groups in the region. The project began with a contribution from SHARE-North to the four GO e-Bike hubs in St Andrews, Buckhaven, West Lothian and Falkirk which remain active. In 2018 SEStran secured funding from the Low Carbon Travel and Transport (LCTT) Fund and Transport Scotland (TS) to expand GO e-Bike to six further hubs / locations. The latest are Bewegen GO e-Bike hire stations in East Lothian and Midlothian. Expanding to e-cargo bikes for shared use or hire is the latest phase of Go-Bike. SEStran has worked with Transport Scotland to support Cargo Bike Movement (CBM) developing a community hub in south Edinburgh. This promotes cargo bikes as a fairer, healthier and greener alternative to carbon-emitting vehicles for delivery of goods and for individuals and families. Go e-Bike has provided two e-cargo bikes.

Project Development:

▪ Last quarter

- Ongoing discussion with Bewegen on expansion opportunities.
- Total of 183 rides recorded on Bewegen system in last three months.
- Fleet from Tweed valley involved in COP26 side event with 50 delegates from USA.
- CBM hub Q2 review meeting. CBM supported with cargo bike training sessions.

In progress

• Stages achieved

- All planned hubs operational (May 2021)
- LCTT funding fully maximised with 6 new hubs.
- Quarters one and two claims and reporting completed for CBM.

On track

• Next steps

- Relocation of Jarnac bikes complementing redevelopment at the court.
- The final report to LCTT and Transport Scotland is to be completed by the end of the year.
- Work with partners to promote scheme in East & Midlothian, enhancing the system website with route suggestion in the area.
- Supporting CBM with business plan development and funding sources for next year.
- Planning for activities of all hubs in 2022/23.

In progress

2.2 Regional Cycle Network Grant Scheme



Start date: April 2014

Initial completion date: ongoing programme

Expected completion date: ongoing programme subject to funding

Overall project progress:

In progress

Project description: Provided through a partnership between Sustrans Scotland and SEStran, the Regional Cycle Network Grant Scheme delivers an annually agreed set of improvements to the cross-boundary utility routes.

Project Development:

- **Edinburgh BioQuarter** *Delayed*
- **SEStran Strategic Network** *In progress*
 - **Last Quarter:** In order to maximise investment in the Strategic Network, funding will be complement the Regional Active Travel Fund and activity (described below).

2.3 Regional Active Travel Development Fund – Transport Scotland



Start date: Financial year 2021/22

Initial completion date: March 2022

Expected completion date: March 2022

Overall project progress:

In Progress

Project description: The Regional Active Travel Development Fund was established between Transport Scotland and the Regional Transport Partnerships in 2018/19 and allows for an annual award for delivery of agreed project work. SEStran's proposal for projects in 2021/22 to Transport Scotland has been awarded up to £250,000 for this fourth year of funding. With agreement of Transport Scotland, a number of 2020/21 projects have been continued into 2021/22 as a result of COVID-19.

Project Development:

- **Project 1: Attitudinal Survey** *In progress*
 - **Last quarter:**
 - Review of pulse surveys informed next stage of discussion with quantitative and qualitative groups.
 - Survey for population group was compiled in September for distribution.

- **Stages achieved:**
- Population survey 1 & 2 complete (September 2020, February 2021)
- Qualitative panel session 1 complete (March 2021)
- Third population survey compiled and distributed to participants (September 2021)
- Guideline produced for next qualitative panel session (October 2021).
- **Next steps:**
- Review of population survey results in November.
- Results from panels expected by end of November.

▪ **Project 2: 'Do The Ride Thing' Awareness Campaign**

In progress

- **Last quarter:**
- On street and out-of-home marketing carried out across locations in the region.
- **Stages achieved:**
- Initial social media and online campaign presence complete (June 2021)
- OOH campaign complete (September 2021)
- **Next steps:**
- Results expected by end of November from on-street marketing stage.

▪ **Project 3: SEStran Strategic Network**

In progress

- **Last quarter:**
- ARUP were awarded a contract for the delivery of a package of feasibility routes and engagement with stakeholders and the communities involved.
- West Lothian route development has advanced to concept drawings
- Falkirk route development has completed initial stakeholder engagement and consultants have completed site visits.
- Agreement has been reached to progress work in the Scottish Borders.
- All progress of routes is being updated to online engagement rooms.
- **Stages achieved:**
- Stakeholder engagement in West Lothian and Falkirk.
- Concept route plans developed for West Lothian route.
- **Next steps:**
- West Lothian route drawings will be shared on virtual engagement rooms by end of November.
- Development of other routes will continue in similar stages.
- Behaviour change tool is being developed to complement development and implementation of Strategic network.

▪ **Project 4: East Fife Mobility Hub Integration and Last Mile Logistics Feasibility**

Complete

- *Last quarter:*

- The study commissioned by SEStran, and awarded to Steer (working with Jacobs and CoMoUK) has been completed. The study provides an assessment of feasibility and potential business cases for Mobility Hubs in east Fife, at St Andrews, Leuchars, Levenmouth and Cameron Bridge. Findings have been reported to Fife Council and SEStran, and are being considered alongside the Levenmouth Reconnected programme.

Total award £80,000.

- **Stages achieved:**

- Brief developed
- Consultant appointed
- Draft report shared

- **Next steps:**

- Follow up meeting to be arranged with Fife Council to explore next steps for developing Mobility Hubs in East Fife

2.4 Cycle Training and Development – Cycling Scotland



Start date: core workstream

Initial completion date: ongoing

Expected completion date: ongoing

Overall progress:

In Progress

Project description: This workstream is made possible through a partnership arrangement with Cycling Scotland, and supports the delivery of Bikeability Scotland National Standard cycle training delivered by local authority Bikeability coordinators. It promotes, encourages and develops cycle training opportunities across SEStran projects.

Project Development:

- **Bikeability Scotland**

In progress

- **Last quarter:** Delivery across the region is progressing however there are areas where capacity to support delivery is limited as a result of restrictions in place around external staff delivering training for schools as well as availability of local authority staff to coordinate the programme.
- Support Plus Funding expressions of interest have been received from all relevant LAs and applications have been approved for most in the region to enable delivery to continue in the year ahead.
- Bikeability Scotland awards have been handed out and due to announced in late November. Awards went to Schools and instructors in Edinburgh, West Lothian, East Lothian and Clackmannanshire.
- **Next steps:**

- Support will continue with targeted additional support for those areas currently without coordination.
- Mid-year data returns will be sent out and review meetings set-up with all eight LA coordinators.

▪ **GO e-Bike cycle training**

In progress

- **Last quarter:** Training is offered to all hubs as they are completed and as part of ongoing development plans.
- **Next steps:**
 - Explore options for tying in training offers with Go e-bike hire schemes.

▪ **Adult and Family Cycle Training**

In progress

- **Last quarter:** Essential Cycling Skills night riding sessions are being piloted in Edinburgh with potential to make available more widely. A series of Absolute Beginner sessions has been made available in the Edinburgh region for the purpose of evaluation.
- **Next steps:**
 - Evaluate ECS night riding sessions.
 - CPD session for eight Cycling Scotland tutors with support from Cargo Bike Movement.

3. Strategic Public Transport Projects

3.1 Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI)



Start date: 2010

Initial completion date: ongoing workstream

Expected completion date: ongoing workstream

Overall progress:

In Progress

Project description: SEStran began implementing a region wide network of RTPI screens, providing bus timetable information to make bus travel more predictable and reliable. Since 2010, SEStran has worked with partners to build up a comprehensive network of over 200 screens in travel hubs such as railway stations, park and choose / ride sites, hospitals, colleges, universities, shopping centres and large employer hubs. More recently SEStran has worked with the City of Edinburgh Council to support a move towards a new, common Content Management System that will improve the information provided in the public facing regional screen network incorporating Lothian Buses information.

Project Development:

- **Last quarter:**

In progress

- New installations complete for West Lothian at the Livingstone Centre.
- New installations complete in Fife at Kirkcaldy, Glenrothes and St. Andrews
- New installations complete in Clackmannanshire at Shillinghill
- **Stages achieved:** On track
 - Silent running has been completed and system acceptance took place on the 12th of November.
 - The system is now live with bus operator data being integrated over the coming weeks.
- **Next steps:** In progress
 - Roll out of new PCs will commence end of November 2021.
 - The new system will be updated with real time data from bus operators.
 - New system training will be conducted with local authority teams.
 - New infrastructure has been ordered for the Scottish Borders & Fife sight surveys will be undertaken in late November/early December.

3.2 Thistle Assistance Programme



Start date: 2005

Initial completion date: ongoing workstream

Expected completion date: ongoing workstream

Overall project progress:

In Progress

Project description: SEStran has developed the (national) Thistle Assistance Scheme to make using public transport easier for older people and those with disabilities, illness or mobility issues. SEStran is leading on the development of a new journey planning aspect of the scheme.

Project Development:

- **Last quarter:** In progress
 - Thistle Assistance was promoted in key publications, Enable, Inspire and Possibility magazine with editorial highlighting the new journey planning project.
 - SEStran officers participated in a Disability Equality Scotland workshop in November.
 - Work continues on the journey planning project with further system design.
 - The project was presented at both the SEStran Equalities & Access to Healthcare & Integrated Mobility forums.

- **Stages achieved:** On track
 - Journey planning project running to plan.

- **Next steps:** In progress
 - Initial testing of journey planning prototype will commence by the end of the year.

3.3 Newburgh Train Station Study



Start date: December 2019

Initial completion date: March 2020

Expected completion date: March 2022

Overall project progress:

In Progress

Project description: SEStran procured Systra to carry out a transport options study for Newburgh, on behalf of SEStran. The study is funded by the [Local Rail Development Fund](#) that was introduced by the Scottish Government in February 2018, with the aim of providing funding to develop community led options to improve local rail connections.

Project Development:

▪ **Last quarter:**

- The work to date was presented to the SEStran Regional Rail group.
- Work continues on the detailed options appraisal.
- The project team presented to Wendy Chamberlin MP on the 11th Nov.

In Progress

• **Stages achieved:**

- Case for Change & Initial Options Appraisal.

On track

• **Next steps:**

- Detailed options appraisal work to be completed by end of the year.
- Final report due March 2022.

In Progress

3.4 South East Scotland Transport Transition Group



Start date: June 2020

Initial completion date: subject to ongoing need for group to meet in response to Covid-19 crisis.

Expected completion date: as above.

Overall project progress:

In progress

Project description: The South East Scotland Transport Transition Group (the Group) was established in June 2020 to jointly plan for the management of transport related measures during and following Covid-19 related restrictions. The work of the Group, made up of local, regional and national partners, is now moving out of transition phase.

Project development:

▪ **Last Quarter:**

In progress

- SEStran coordinated the drafting of an evaluation and close out report to record reflections on the South East of Scotland Transport Transition Plan. This report was based on views gathered from the Group.
- The Group continues to meet on a monthly basis until the transition work is complete.
- **Stages achieved:** Complete
 - The work of the Group mostly focused on the delivery of measures under the Bus Priority Rapid Deployment Fund, which is now complete.
- **Next steps:** In Progress
 - Based on the views gathered from the Group, a review of the evaluation and close out report by the chairs, the Group will agree appropriate steps beyond the temporary 'transition' focus.
 - Whilst many of the interventions delivered through the Group were initially focused on temporary arrangements in response to the pandemic, a number have longer term relevance in a post-pandemic world and contribute to wider targets and aims.
 - It is envisaged that the Group should cease to meet in addition to the different groups and forums in the region, once the transition work ceases. Some activities may continue through business-as-usual work, and consideration will be given to the appropriate existing groups to take this forward.

3.5 Bus Service Improvement Partnerships



Start date: May 2020

Initial completion date: ongoing area of work

Expected completion date: March 2026

Overall project progress:

In progress

Project description: The Bus Partnership Fund (BPF) is a £0.5Bn Transport Scotland capital fund for the delivery of infrastructure to tackle the impacts of congestion on bus priority and reliability. Bids can be made by partnerships working towards a Bus Service Improvement Partnership (BSIP) status. BSIPs must be collaborative, involving bus operators and other relevant partners. SEStran has supported the development of six bids in the region to date, including contributions of £5,000 towards the development of bids. Four received funding from Round One, and two applications submitted to Round Two (in October). The bids were submitted by five different partnerships which aim to work towards BSIP status. SEStran has worked with partners to maximise investment in bus priority infrastructure in the region, ensure bids are complementary, and help groupings to become established.

Project Development:

▪ Last Quarter:

In Progress

SEStran remains involved in and supportive of the following partnerships as they develop new governance structures and carry out appraisal work to develop funded options further:

- Fife Bus Partnership - (awarded £0.75M for West Fife and £1.845M for Central and North East) Financial contribution made by SEStran towards consultancy work.
- The Edinburgh led bid – (awarded £3.03M) led by City of Edinburgh Council. Currently developing new partnership arrangements and have appointed consultants for strategic appraisal work and delivery support.
- The Forth Valley - (awarded £0.5M) led by Falkirk Council has appointed consultants for appraisal work. SEStran engaged Mott MacDonald as consultants on behalf of the Partnership to put together the bid documents.

- **Stages achieved:**

On track

- Midlothian Bus Alliance bid submitted to October round. SEStran engaged WSP as consultants on behalf of the Partnership to put together the bid documents.
- West Lothian Bus Alliance bid submitted to October round. Financial contribution made by SEStran towards consultancy work.

- **Next steps:**

In Progress

Work with all Partnerships on proposed governance structures, plans, and schemes, pending the emerging Guidance and regulations from Scottish Government

4. Freight and Logistics Projects

4.1 Forth Freight Study



Start date: May 2020

Initial completion date: December 2021

Expected completion date: June 2022 (end date revised by funder, Transport Scotland)

Overall project progress:

In progress

Project description: This study, delivered by SEStran in partnership with Forth Ports, explores the potential in the region, particularly around the Forth, for developing sustainable, multimodal freight gateways. It aims to identify key locations for potential freight consolidation centres that would maximise the sustainable movement of freight at national, regional, and local levels. The study is being carried out for SEStran by appointed consultants Aecom. The study is funded by the [Local Rail Development Fund](#) that was introduced by the Scottish Government in February 2018.

Project Development:

- **Last Quarter:**

In progress

- Transport Scotland advised in April 2021 that the evidence and analysis made available through the Case for Change has been incorporated into Transport Scotland's STPR2 process and Case for Change.

- SEStran is in discussion with Transport Scotland Rail Directorate (LRDF funders) to understand how the study work to date can be moved forward as STPR2 progresses.
- **Stages achieved:** On track
 - Case for Change submitted.
- **Next steps:** In Progress
 - Awaiting feedback from Transport Scotland.

5. European-funded Projects

5.1 SHARE-North

Interreg North Sea Region, ERDF



Start date: January 2016

Initial completion date: December 2019

Expected completion date: June 2022 (following successful extension application and 6-month Covid-19 extension)

Overall project progress:

In progress

Project description: SHARE-North focuses on shared mobility and its potential to address sustainable transport challenges in the North Sea region. This includes developing, implementing, promoting and assessing car, bike and ride sharing and other forms of shared mobility in urban and rural areas and employment clusters. One example is the establishment of Mobility Hubs. A Mobility Hub seeks to raise the profile of shared mobility (car club, bike-sharing, carsharing), by integrating these modes of transport with existing public transport provision. Following the completion of the Mobility Hub Strategic Study in 2020 SEStran has been working with partners to identify potential opportunities to plan for Mobility Hubs.

Project Development:

- **Last Quarter:** In Progress
 - SEStran attended the SHARE-North Monthly conference calls and participated in the various Internal Mobility Hub Exchange meetings.
 - SEStran participated in an interview with a junior researcher at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences of the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. The purpose of the interview was to learn about the Mobility Hubs practice in the SEStran region for the benefit of hub development in Groningen and Drenthe.
 - SEStran is working with East Lothian Council to expand the Brunton Hall Journey Hub pilot, supporting its development through SHARE-North funding.
- **Stages achieved:** On track

- The first stage of the Journey Hub development at the Brunton Hall in Musselburgh is now complete. This includes EV charging facilities for car club vehicles, electronic information displays, and Journey Hub landscaping concept design.

- **Next steps:**

In Progress

- SEStran will continue to work closely with East Lothian Council to monitor the implementation of the Journey Hub project.
- SEStran is also working with the SHARE-North project partners to reinstate physical partner meetings likely to start in the new calendar year.

5.2 SURFLOGH

Interreg North Sea Region, ERDF



Start date: June 2017

Initial completion date: October 2020

Expected completion date: June 2023

Overall project progress:

In progress

Project description: SURFLOGH aims to enhance the role of sustainable logistics in urban logistics networks in the North Sea Region. SURFLOGH has created a trans-national network of ‘city hubs’ promoting innovation in city logistics. These hubs bring together different partners to exchange knowledge and work on innovative pilot projects and business models that can work in real world urban logistics systems. SEStran’s Edinburgh pilot operating near Haymarket has now been running successfully since 2018, and the study is in an advanced stage.

Project Development:

- **Last Quarter:**

In progress

- Edinburgh Leith hub equipped with new bikes with 8 now operating and a corresponding uptake in delivery volumes seen.
- SEStran ran a hackathon in partnership with Product Forge in Nov that explored how to engage the public to encourage them to adopt sustainable logistics. One concept will be potentially taken forward by the project team.

- **Stages achieved:**

On track

- Edinburgh pilot running.
- Business model framework & canvas developed and being used.
- Project extension approved.

- **Next steps:**

In progress

- Perth West stakeholder workshop to be run in December 2021.
- Good Neighbour hackathon concept to be developed – links to Edinburgh hub.
- Drone feasibility study to be developed.

- Develop initial discussions with DHL on integrating potential trial in Edinburgh.

5.3 BLING

Interreg North Sea Region, ERDF



Start date: January 2019

Initial completion date: June 2022

Expected completion date: June 2023

Overall project progress:

In progress

Project description: Blockchain is a key enabling technology that will underpin efforts to deliver innovative services under the Digital Agenda for Europe. The BLockchain IN Government (BLING) project focuses on providing one of the first dedicated platforms to bring these tools and approaches into local and regional services. SEStran's role is to develop a pilot with the University of Edinburgh, which will showcase innovative use of the technology in a transport environment.

Project Development:

- **Last Quarter:**

In progress

- GeoPact logistics concept presented at virtual webinar in the Netherlands.
- Project partnership meeting held online in October.

The first international hackathon or '*Blingathon*' took place on the 13th & 14th of November and was a huge success. www.blinathon.eu

- **Stages achieved:**

On track

- GeoPact pilot proof of concept delivered.
- Research paper written and shared.
- Project extension approved.

- **Next steps:**

In Progress

- SEStran to explore options for blockchain in logistics locally.

5.4 PriMaaS

Interreg Europe, ERDF



Start date: August 2019

Initial completion date: January 2023

Expected completion date: July 2023 (following 6-month extension due to Covid-19 impacts)

Overall project progress:

In Progress

Project description: Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) is a concept that changes the way people travel and pay for mobility services. The main vision of PriMaaS is to promote MaaS and incorporate wider societal goals through interregional collaboration, sharing best practices, and policy development.

Project Development:

- **Last Quarter:** In Progress
 - SEStran has been working with its consortium partners to submit a revised MaaS/DRT project proposal to the second round of the Transport Scotland MaaS Investment Fund. Transport Scotland is now reviewing the revised proposal for final approval. SEStran is meeting with its project partners to initiate preparations for the kick-off of the project.
- **Stages achieved:** On track
 - SEStran hosted a Regional Stakeholder Workshop that focused on MaaS and DRT. The seminar included a range of stakeholders and experts in the field of MaaS and DRT, and the event was attended by a range of local stakeholders including transport operators, local authorities, local politicians and SEStran Board members.
 - SEStran participated in an interview by a PhD student at the University of Stirling on MaaS.
- **Next steps:** In Progress
 - SEStran has been working on a brief for consultants to help deliver on PriMaaS activities, such as the identification of good practices, organisation of Regional Stakeholder meetings and the development of a Regional Action Plan to help promote MaaS and DRT in the SEStran region.
 - SEStran is working with the PriMaaS project partners to reinstate physical project meetings starting in the new calendar year and organising the staff exchange programme as envisaged in the project application.

5.5 CONNECT

Interreg North Sea Region



Start date: October 2019

Initial completion date: March 2022

Expected completion date: December 2023

Overall project progress:

Delayed

Project description: [CONNECT's](https://northsearegion.eu/north-sea-connect) overall objective is to support the growth of 'smart inter-modality' in the North Sea Region, through smart efficiency enhancements within freight movement. It looks at connecting the North Sea Region's TEN-T nodes, focusing on implementing new smart processes and working tools (smart inter-modality) and development of strategies for smart efficiency enhancements (smart involvement). <https://northsearegion.eu/north-sea-connect>

Project Development:

- **Last Quarter:**
 - SEStran participated in an online meeting with partners.
- **Stages achieved:**
 - Not applicable.
- **Next steps:**
 - SEStran drafting an inland waterways paper.
 - SEStran to visit key non partnership ports to assess approaches taken.

Delayed

On track

In Progress

5.6 REGIO-Mob

Interreg Europe, ERDF



Start date: April 2016

Initial completion date: March 2020

New start date: October 2021

New completion date: September 2022 (following approval of additional 1 year funding for project activities in relation to Covid-19 impacts)

Overall project progress:

In Progress

Project description: REGIO-Mob aims to promote “learning, sharing of knowledge and transferring best practices between the participating regional and local authorities to design and implement regional mobility plans (or Regional Transport Strategies)”.

Project Development:

- **Next steps:**
 - The additional REGIO-MOB activities, through a partnership made up of 6 partners from 6 European regions (IT, PL, RO, SI, GR, UK), with complementary skills and experiences on the management of policies for sustainable mobility (local authorities, regional mobility development agencies and regional management authority), will allow an exchange experiences aimed at learning about the best solutions developed to deal with the Covid-19 crisis and to improve 6 policy instruments for public transport policies to meet the new needs of planning and guarantee a safer and sustainable mobility.
 - To achieve these results, a process of exchange of experiences and the identification, together with the stakeholders, of 12 good practices is envisaged (2 per partner); an Interregional exchange process with the selection of good practices that will be the subject of in-depth analysis during 3 learning events scheduled in PL, UK, SI.
 - Finally, a storytelling video and 6 brief summaries on the key elements learned to drive the change will offer visibility of the results achieved and will facilitate applicability in project’s regions and replicability in other European regions as well.

In Progress

6. SEStran forums and upcoming events

6.1 SEStran Forum Meetings



SEStran hosts three different forum groups, the Integrated Mobility Forum, the Equalities and Access to Healthcare Forum and the Logistics and Freight Forum. The aim of the forums is to provide a platform for interested parties to come together and to formulate a regional voice in various transport-related matters.

Latest Forum meetings:

- **Logistics and Freight Forum**
 - The last forum took place on 19 May 2021.
- **Equalities and Access to Healthcare Forum**
 - The last forum took place on 30 September 2021.
- **Integrated Mobility Forum**
 - The last forum took place on 7 October 2021.