

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, with impacts on progress or delivery explained where required, and new areas of work are highlighted for noting.

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

3 Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) Monitoring

- 3.1 As part of monitoring the existing RTS and in preparation for future monitoring of the draft RTS, work is now required to scope and commence procurement for the mapping and monitoring of projects throughout the SEStran area that are currently being delivered, developed, and considered for investment. This will support future work to be undertaken to develop a Programmed Investment Plan for the SEStran area in consultation with partners, to provide a regional resource, as outlined in Section 1 of Appendix 1.

4 Recommendations

4.1 The Board is asked to:

- a) Note progress on existing projects outlined in the Performance Report at Appendix 1;
- b) Agree the commencement of work to develop a Programmed Investment Plan, as set out in in consultation with partners, outlined in paragraph 3 above and Appendix 1.

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Appendices
Appendix 1: Projects Performance Report June 2022

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. All projects actively work to reduce inequalities.
Climate Change Implications	There are no negative climate change implications arising from SEStran projects. All projects actively work to tackle climate change through creation of, or support for more sustainable transport options.

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1. Strategy

1.1 Regional Transport Strategy



Start date: November 2020

Initial completion date: March 2022

Expected completion date: March 2022

Overall project progress:

Delayed

Project description: SEStran's first RTS was approved in March 2007 to cover the period from 2008 until 2023. The current RTS which was refreshed in August 2015 covers the period until 2025.

A new draft Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) has now been prepared to cover the period up to 2035 aligning to the National Transport Strategy 2, National Planning Framework 4, Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2019, and regional spatial and economic strategies. The new RTS takes account of potential impacts for future travel demand, behaviour and the transport system resulting from Covid-19.

As part of monitoring the existing RTS and in preparation for future monitoring of the draft RTS, and within the approved budget for RTS monitoring in 2022/23, work will commence to identify projects throughout the SEStran area that are currently being delivered, developed, and considered for investment. This will support future work to be undertaken to develop a regional Programmed Investment Plan for the SEStran area in consultation with partners.

Project Development:

- **Last quarter**

On track

- Following submission of comments on the draft RTS, revisions were made, and a final draft was presented at the March Partnership Board. Changes in the draft RTS sought to reflect the comments received, however, Scottish Borders Council continued to seek greater reflection of the distinction of rural issues. The Partnership Board agreed to postpone consideration of the final draft and officers were tasked with working with SBC to resolve SBC the way rural issues are presented within the final draft RTS.
- Further amendments have been discussed with SBC officers.
- The matter is still to be considered by Scottish Borders Council and the timescale for completion has been affected by local government elections.

- **Stages Achieved**

On track

- Completion of the review of the consultation comments from all stakeholders and local authority partners.
- Completion of a final draft RTS in time to report to the Partnership Board in March

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps 	<i>Delayed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend the draft RTS and report to the Partnership Board with Final RTS • Commence work on a Programmed Investment Plan for the region. • To reduce delay to submission of the RTS to Scottish Ministers consideration may be given to a special Partnership Board meeting. • 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:	<i>In progress</i>
<p>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 Fife (two), 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 e-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 added two e-cargo bikes to the project.</p>	
<u><i>Project Development:</i></u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last quarter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing discussion with LAs regarding expansion opportunities. Midlothian conducting survey for potential new site locations. • Removal of Jarnac Court site and review of options for relocating. • East Lothian confirmed two new station sites in Musselburgh. 	<i>In progress</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stages achieved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All planned hubs operational (May 2021) 	<i>On track</i>

- LCTT funding fully maximised with 6 new hubs.
- **Next steps** In progress
 - Work with partners to promote scheme in East and Midlothian, enhancing the system website with route suggestion in the area. Upgrading signage for existing Bewegen stations.
 - Planning for activities of all hubs in 2022/23.
 - Identify sites for expansion of the Bewegen system including provision of cargo trikes. Work with Midlothian Council on relocation of Jarnac Court e-bike station.
 - Groundworks for new wayfinding panels as required at Go e-bike stations.
 - Legacy project in partnership with the Enduro World Series in Tweed Valley to promote access to and use of community Go e-bike fleet for transport and leisure through led-rides and training.

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
 - City of Edinburgh have completed a procurement exercise for the engagement of a consultant for Stage 4 design work on this route.
 - Work will be pushed into 2022/23 as a result of this, however Sustrans are able to commit this funding to the project through the SEStran Partnership agreement.
- **SEStran Strategic Network** In progress
 - **Last Quarter:** In order to maximise investment in the Strategic Network, funding will complement the Regional Active Travel Fund and activity (described below).

2.3 Regional Active Travel Development Fund – Transport Scotland



Start date: Financial year 2022/23

Initial completion date: March 2023

Expected completion date: March 2023

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 £597, 000 for this fifth year of funding. Several projects from 2021/22 are to publish final reports.

Project Development:

▪ **Project 1: SEStran Strategic Network**

In progress

- This project builds on prior work in the development of a regional active travel network connecting settlements for short journeys and providing suitable infrastructure for longer journeys.
- This year work will focus on the topographical and utility surveying to progress 5 routes towards the next steps of developed design and produce some costing estimates for construction in subsequent years.
- A further phase is the deployment of a smart multimodal counting system to enable quality data to supplement applications for further funding.
- **Last quarter:**
- Partners engaged in projects in FY 21/22 have been canvassed for eagerness for the deployment of smart counting systems.
- **Next steps:**
- Further discussion with all local partners on the deployment of multimodal sensors.
- Procurement exercise for assets and maintenance service regime, consultant support on ongoing development of network and surveying reports.

▪ **Project 2: GO e-Bike Development**

In progress

- Transport Scotland have provided funding for the development of further stations and use of e-cargo bikes as described in section 2.1.
- **Last quarter:**
- Project officers have been reviewing the contractual arrangements with Bewegen with work ongoing on a fixed term extension of the contract.
- **Next steps:**
- Completion of contractual discussions and procurement of additional assets for the system as described.

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 some constraints to delivery in certain areas due to capacity of instructors and tutors to support delivery as cycle training activity has picked up.
- Two Cycle Trainer courses have been organised in the region over the last quarter, which will increase capacity for delivery.
- Two new instructors based in the region have been brought on board with Cycling Scotland to increase capacity.
- Worked with Thistle to support a Delivering Inclusive Cycle Training course to Edinburgh Active Schools staff in September 2022.
- **Next steps:**
 - Support Plus Application process for next academic year has commenced, so working with LAs to plan spend as required with a deadline of 26th September. Current areas of focus to increase school participation are Falkirk, Fife and West Lothian.
 - Planning for learn to ride pilots in

▪ **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:**
 - E-bike trials and led-rides as part of the Enduro world series in June (Scottish Borders Council). This will be complemented with a series of legacy rides and training offers using the e-bike fleet.
 - Explore options for tying in training offers with Go e-bike hire schemes including demo days in East Lothian and Midlothian.

▪ **Adult and Family Cycle Training**

In progress

- **Last quarter:** Essential Cycling Skills funded sessions are available from a range of providers in the region to the end of June 2022. A series of evening Essential Cycling Skills sessions have been organised in partnership with Midlothian Council as part of their adult education programme.
- Cargo Bike Training for Fife Outdoor learning staff and Porty Community Energy with support from cargo bike movement.
- Supporting Thistle with a Cycle Ride Leader course to increase their capacity to utilise their adaptive cycles.
- **Next steps:**
- Coordinating

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:**
 - PC replacement program is underway for the legacy system.
 - New installations of standalone screens purchased via the framework complete at additional locations in Fife, Scottish Borders and West Lothian.
 - Weekly meetings held with Local Authority partners and projects team.
- **Stages achieved:**
 - The new RTPI system is now live with bus operator data being integrated.

In progress

On track

- The framework is being utilised by SEStran and Local Authorities to provide additional real time infrastructure for the region.

- **Next steps:**

In progress

- Roll out of new PCs will continue, 180 have been distributed to date from the total of 200.
- The new regional real time system is being updated with real time data from bus operators. Data integration has been an issue and the project team is working with key operators to address this.
- New infrastructure has been ordered for the Scottish Borders and Fife.
- 'Go Live' with capacity management information after further testing.
- SEStran is working with Midlothian Council to explore sites for screens.

- **NOVUS FX**

In progress

- The NOVUS FX platform allows Local Authorities to manage scheduled and real time information in partnership with bus operators.
- It is owned and provided by Trapeze and SEStran manages the contract on behalf of local authority partners.
- The system integrates with the SEStran regional real time passenger information system.
- SEStran has negotiated a new 3-year deal which is now in place from 1st April 2022.
- SEStran is working with Local Authorities and Trapeze to further update the regional NOVUS FX system.

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 continues to be promoted in key publications, Enable, Inspire and Possibility magazine with editorial highlighting the new journey planning project.
- Work continues on the journey planning project with further system design, there has been a slight delay with this element due to software integration, but this is not expected to affect the overall project timeline.
- New branding for the journey planning project is being developed.

- Transport Operator information leaflets and posters have been developed to help inform operator staff about the Thistle Assistance program, this will be distributed throughout 2022.

- **Stages achieved:**

On track

- Journey planning project running to plan with final system design.
- Six-month milestone meeting point met with Scottish Enterprise approval.

- **Next steps:**

In progress

- Stage one initial testing of journey planning prototype will commence in June 2022.
- Project aiming for a 'go live' in July/August 2022.
- Options for further development/use - SEStran will be discussing with key stakeholders Transport Scotland and Traveline Scotland.

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:**

In Progress

- Initial draft of the Detail Options/Business Case has been sent to project team for review.
- Project team have provided feedback for review by SYSTRA.

- **Stages achieved:**

Complete

- Case for Change and Initial Options Appraisal delivered and published.

- **Next steps:**

In Progress

- Final report due June 2022.
- Post Appraisal report due July 2022

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 that provide services in a local authority or BSIP area, and other relevant partners.

SEStran has supported four bus alliance groupings to become established and supported the development of bids in the region and continues to work with partners and Bus Alliance Project managers to maximise investment in bus priority infrastructure where it is needed, ensuring bids are complementary, and reporting to the Partnership Board on progress as Bus Alliances move towards BSIP status. Funding contributions have been made to bid development costs in four partnerships. Across the region, all bids submitted have now received funding to progress some or all of their proposals.

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:

Midlothian Bus Alliance was awarded £302,000 to carry out appraisal work on four key routes within Midlothian, from the bid to the October round.

- West Lothian Bus Alliance was awarded £225,750 to carry out appraisal work on fifteen proposals.

- **Stages achieved:**

On track

- Work in partnerships funded from Round One is progressing across the region with consultants appointed by Forth Valley and Fife Partnerships for appraisal work and by Edinburgh for appraisal work and delivery of quick wins.
- Consultants now appointed for Midlothian and West Lothian bids.
- Agreement has been reached using SEStran's ancillary powers that a member of the SEStran team will provide project management services to Midlothian and Forth Valley Bus Alliances.

- **Next steps:**

In Progress

- SEStran will continue to work with all Alliances on proposed governance structures, plans, and schemes, pending the emerging Guidance and regulations from Scottish Government,

- Continue to engage with Transport Scotland on behalf of all regional partners on issues relevant to all emerging BSIPs in the region, including governance arrangements and efficient application of STAG Appraisals.
- Continue to provide project management services to Midlothian and Forth Valley Bus Alliances using the collaborative powers given to SEStran by s.14 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005.
- A report to the September board will set out progress across the region on relevant BSIP development and STAG processes.

3.4 The GO SEStran project



Start date: March 2022

Planned completion date: December 2022

Expected completion date: March 2023.

Overall project progress:

In progress

Project description: SEStran has worked with a wide range of stakeholders across the South East of Scotland to develop the GO SEStran project, an innovative Mobility as a Service (MaaS) and Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) project proposal that was submitted to the Transport Scotland’s MaaS Investment Fund Round 2 (MIF2). The GO SEStran project was awarded £212,440 for the development of MaaS and DRT pilots in the SEStran region over the course of a one-year period.

SEStran will deliver the project in partnership with 3 project partners, Fuse Mobility as MaaS providers, East Lothian Council and Tactran. SEStran will also work with Prentice Coaches and their DRT tech provider Ioki to obtain data on their DRT 109 service, as well as working with Transport Scotland to co-create other Digital Demand Responsive Transport (DDRT) pilots in the East Lothian area which link into the MaaS project.

Project development:

• **Last Quarter:**

In progress

- SEStran has worked with project partners and Transport Scotland to co-create the final GO SEStran project proposal.
- The consortium group is meeting fortnightly to discuss updates and plan project activities.

• **Stages achieved:**

Complete

- A revised project proposal was submitted to Transport Scotland and was approved for funding in November 2021.

- **Next steps:**

In Progress

- SEStran is working with Transport Scotland to get the grant agreement arranged, including project objectives and milestones.
- SEStran is working with Anderson Strathearn and the consortium partners to develop and agree an innovative legal agreement structure that will set out the collaborative arrangements for the delivery of the GO SEStran project over the first year of MIF2 funding.
- SEStran is working with Prentice Coaches and their DRT tech provider Ioki to obtain data on their DRT 109 service, as well as working with Transport Scotland to co-create other DDRT pilots in the East Lothian area which link into the MaaS project.

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

- Finalising the Case for Change ready for publication.
- Work has begun on the Initial Options Appraisal (Outline Business Case)
- Stakeholder workshop will be run in March 2022 to help inform the next stage of work.

- **Stages achieved:**

On track

- Case for Change approved December 2021.

- **Next steps:**

In Progress

- Initial Options Appraisal to be submitted to Transport Scotland in July 2022.

- Detailed Options Appraisal due to start in September 2022 subject to Transport Scotland Approval.

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 were involved in the SHARE-North final conference which took place in 25 May 2022 in Bremen. The event, Shared Mobility Rocks, was well attended and SEStran presented on the Regional Transport Strategy and how shared mobility and active travel is being delivered and incorporated into sustainable transport policies.

- **Stages achieved:**

Complete

- 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.
- SEStran has worked with East Lothian Council to further expand the Brunton Hall Journey Hub pilot and provided SHARE-North funding for multi-modal travel counters and additional geo-fenced Bewegen e-bike hubs. This work is also now complete.

- **Next steps:**

In Progress

- The final meeting of the Shared North Project takes place at the end of June in Edinburgh with a partner meeting to discuss administration and the final closure requirement of the project.
- Preparation of final project report and funding claim.

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.

Project Development:

▪ **Last Quarter:**

On track

- Developed procurement brief for Perth West study – April 2022
- Drone innovation workshop help in partnership with Provence of Drenthe and Edinburgh Napier University in Brechin (June 2022).
- SEStran attended the partnership meeting in Boras (Sweden) in May 2022 and presented the regional freight study work to the project partners.

▪ **Stages achieved:**

- Edinburgh pilot running case study research complete.
- Business model framework and canvas developed and being used.
- Project extension approved.

▪ **Next steps:**

In progress

- Finalise brief for Perth West hub and appoint consultants to undertake the study.
- SEStran to attend Partner meeting and hackathon in Groningen in June 13th to 15th June 2022.

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

- SEStran participated in the partnership meeting in Belgium in March 2022.
- SEStran engaged with DHL and ZEDIFY logistics to develop interest in using the Blockchain Readiness Awareness Tool (B.R.A.T.) developed by the University of Gothenburg.
- SEStran developed a brief is to build on the conclusions of the project work to date, identifying and evaluating opportunities and challenges to the wider implementation of blockchain technology, smart contracts, and distributed ledger technology, in local government within the Scottish policy landscape, with a particular focus on the impact on transport.
- This has been sent to consultants to return quotes with the work commencing 3rd quarter 2022 with a report for partners by December 2022.

▪ **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 in partnership with the University of Gothenburg and ZEDIFY to trial the use of the B.R.A.T. tool in September/October 2022.
- Appoint consultant to help with work on current state of play and opportunities for blockchain technology within transport sector in Scotland.

5.4 PriMaaS

Interreg Europe, ERDF



Start date: August 2019

Initial completion date: January 2023

Expected completion date: July 2023 (following a 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 completed the first stage of the PriMaaS project, running a face-to-face event and two online Regional Stakeholder events, as well as submitting its Good Practice examples and Action Plan, which have been approved by the Project Leads.

▪ **Stages achieved:**

On track

- In April, SEStran hosted a face-to-face event, involving all PriMaaS partners and regional stakeholders. The event consisted of three elements: a thematic conference, a capacity building workshop, and an internal partner meeting.
- Also in April, SEStran submitted its Good Practice examples and Action Plan, detailing examples of good practice in MaaS in Scotland and elsewhere, showing how the lessons learned from EU partners had informed SEStran's own GoSEStran project, and setting out an Action Plan as to how MaaS and DRT would be implemented in the SEStran region.
- In May, SEStran, with the support of IBI Group, hosted a second online Regional Stakeholder event which involved different speakers from across Scotland on the challenges and opportunities surrounding MaaS and DRT.

▪ **Next steps:**

In Progress

- A final face-to-face event is planned in the Coimbra region of Portugal in June 2023.

5.5 CONNECT

Interreg North Sea Region



Start date: October 2019

Initial completion date: March 2022

Expected completion date: December 2023

Overall project progress:

In Progress

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:** In progress
 - SEStran participated in a partnership meeting in Brussels in March 2022.
 - SEStran presented freight study work to highlight sustainable freight options being explored in and around the Firth of Forth (key regional waterway).
- **Stages achieved:** In progress
 - Not applicable.
- **Next steps:** In Progress
 - SEStran to continue integrating freight study work (initial options appraisal) into project.
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 - SEStran will be review with Forth Ports their approach to enhancing sustainable ports operations and increasing commercial efficiency, this work will be reported back to the project team.
 - SEStran to visit Port of Gothenburg in October to assess approaches taken.

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 one 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)”.

The additional REGIO-MOB activities, through a partnership made up of 6 partners from 6 European regions (IT, PL, RO, SI, GR, UK), will allow for an exchange of 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.

Project Development:

- **Last quarter:** In Progress
 - The first of the three interregional events was held online by the Polish partners. Two good practices from Poland and Romania were discussed at the event.
- **Stages achieved** In Progress
 - SEStran identified five good practices that were implemented in the SEStran region in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and shared these with the REGIO-Mob partners. The good practices include the South East of Scotland Transport Transition Plan, the Thistle Assistance Face Mask exemption sticker, the Bus Priority Rapid Deployment Fund measures, the proposed East Lothian DRT trial, and the Spaces for People programme.
- **Next steps:** In Progress
 - The second Interregional meeting will be held in Slovenia on 5th and 6th July and the final meeting will now be 13th to 15th September in Edinburgh.
 - Organisation of regional stakeholder meeting to consider and vote on partners’ good practices.
 - Attending partner meeting in Slovenia (between May and September 2022).
 - Organisation of partner meeting in Edinburgh from 13th to 15th September 2022 and presentation of good practices within SEStran area during the Edinburgh meeting.
 - Finally, 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.

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 the 26th of January 2022 (online).
- **Equalities and Access to Healthcare Forum**
 - The last forum took place on 30th of September 2021.
- **Integrated Mobility Forum**
 - The last forum took place on 7th of October 2021.