

ERMN

European
Rural
Mobility
Network



Engaging with institutions and policymakers to advocate for strategies, policies, and funding that support sustainable transport

Promoting and sharing knowledge, experiences, and innovative solutions for sustainable rural mobility

Connecting stakeholders across Europe, fostering dialogue, collaboration, and knowledge exchange

Identifying challenges and opportunities for developing practical solutions to advance rural mobility

Improving accessibility in rural, suburban, and peripheral areas across Europe by supporting inclusive and sustainable transport services

TOWARDS THE ERMN

2018 SMARTA & SMARTA II Projects

EU projects dedicated to rural mobility implemented between 2018 and 2020. Rural areas needed a place where their voices could be heard!

2021 "A long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas"

The Communication "A long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas - Towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas by 2040" is released.

2022 SMARTA-NET project

Follow-up project of SMARTA and SMARTA II, as a part of its mission here came to life the ERMN!

2024 The report is adopted!

The European Commission has adopted the report on the long-term vision for EU's rural areas.

The Community Group on Rural Mobility is finally mobilised.

THE ERMN SO FAR

01 1st ERMN webinar

On 25th June 2025, the 1st ERMN webinar, "Building up Users/Ridership in rural mobility" took place with more than 60 participants from 12 countries.

02 ERMN living network

On 28th July 2025, the ERMN acquired legal personality as an ASBL (not-for-profit entity) under Belgian law. It has since become a reality and grown into a living network.

03 1st ERMN high level dialogue

On 6th November 2025, the event 'The Right to Move – the Right to Stay: Tackling Rural Transport Poverty for a Fairer Europe' in collaboration with DG MOVE, takes place in Brussels at the European Commission.

04 Looking ahead: 1st ERMN conference

The ERMN aims to hold its first conference during 2026. Join the network to be part of what's next!

ACTIVITIES

Driving research and innovation

Studying European and national policies, identify good practices, and test new technologies and solutions for sustainable rural mobility.

Enhance rural environment

Analysing the impact of traditional transport systems on the rural landscape and collaborating with local authorities and transport companies for the implementation of integrated sustainable mobility services that respect the landscape context.

Acting with our values

All our activities are guided by inclusion, collaboration, transparency, gender and generational equality, respect for diversity, and intercultural dialogue.

Providing advice and support

Assisting rural municipalities in planning, managing, and funding mobility projects, helping local actors collaborate effectively.

Promoting sustainable rural mobility

Raising awareness about sustainable transport and shared mobility solutions in rural areas through events, campaigns, and educational materials (publications, videos, online content).

READY TO BE INVOLVED ?

If you are interested in rural mobility and the work of the ERMN, you are welcome to join the network and take part in its activities, from workshops and conferences to debates, knowledge exchanges and joint proposals for funding. The ERMN brings together mobility stakeholders to share insights, discuss challenges and opportunities, and provide recommendations based on the latest knowledge and results. All activities are designed to be open and interactive, ensuring that the wide range of experience within the sector contributes to more inclusive and effective rural mobility solutions.

Become a member

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"Help place rural mobility at the heart of rural development and transport policies"

