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*The **SUITS** project is a four-year research and innovation action, intending to increase the capacity building of Local Authorities and transport stakeholders and to transfer learning to smaller sized cities, making them more effective and resilient to change in the judicious implementation of sustainable transport measures. SUITS is one of the three projects of the EU's CIVITAS 2020 initiative focusing on sustainable urban mobility plans.*

The project will produce and provide to small and medium-sized cities a set of tools on planing, financing and implementing sustainable transport measures and will support the enhancement of the capacity of nine cities in seven EU countries to address efficiently the new challenges of urban mobility and to foster investments in sustainable transport.

Webinar: "Building small-medium local authorities' capacity to introduce innovative transport schemes", @13th June 2019



The SUITS webinar is designed to build and/or strengthen the capacity of small-medium cities' Local Authorities to introduce innovative transport schemes, i.e car-sharing, ridesharing (carpooling – vanpooling), bike – sharing, MaaS etc. The webinar is tailored to the needs of local authorities of small-medium cities and especially staff from the transport planning, strategical urban planning, urban development and procurement departments.

It will take place on June 13, 2019, 2:30 PM CEST. A prior registration is essential. If you are interested, please register [here](#).

Topics that will be covered throughout the webinar include:

- concept of Innovative Transport Schemes
- value of these schemes for small-medium cities (challenges, benefits and beneficiaries)
- successful case studies
- available tools and guidelines regarding these schemes

[View the detailed Agenda.](#)

The webinar forms an integral part of the SUITS Capacity Building Programme that has been developed by LEVER Development Consultants in the framework of the Horizon2020 project “Supporting Urban Integrated Transport Systems: Transferable tools for authorities – SUITS”.

The Webinar will be moderated by Frederic Rudolph, project coordinator at the Wuppertal Institute.

Speakers from LEVER Consultants are:

- Anastasia Founta, senior Transport Planner
- Olympia Papadopoulou, Environmental Project Manager
- Iason Tamiakis, Transport Planner
- Konstantia Karagouni, Transport Planner

Reference will be made to innovative options to finance, procure and use business model canvases appropriately for Innovative Transport Schemes. For further in-depth discussion on this issue, please refer to the ‘SUITS Webinar on financing, procurement and business models for sustainable urban transport’ delivered on June 18, 2018 ([available here](#)).

The webinar will be complemented by an e-learning course starting on June 14. The e-learning course will be available for 6 weeks for you to deepen and strengthen the knowledge gained in the webinar. Certificates of completion will be issued for the e-learning course.

Mobility as a Service Training Event

West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), partner at the SUITS project, was one of the four facilitators for the Mobility as a Service (MaaS) training event, with examples of

good and bad practice to help the audience understand the practical processes of MaaS.

Representatives of the CONTACT group came together to create the event to help local authorities to really understand ‘the nuts and bolts’ of how to implement MaaS in their area. The event was been made possible through sponsorship from Innovate UK & Jacobs. The representatives of the CONTACT group that are supporting this event were Innovate UK, TDI, ITS UK, The IET, KTN, Jacobs & MCAV.

At the event, multiple workshops took place that covered different topics and elements of MaaS.

The topics that were covered included Governance & Contractual, Technology, Economics & Business models and Safety, Behaviour and Social factors.

WMCA were able to share their experience of developing MaaS in Birmingham, in co-operation with MaaS Global. The Whim service was launched as a beta product in April 2018 following co-ordination and contractual arrangements made between MaaS Global and suppliers/operators. The service utilises the Swift smartcard platform operated by WMCA. Development of the product is continuing and a formal launch of the product with a full range of modes is expected shortly.

The event was aimed at the employees on the ground that would be part of the implementation of MaaS in their city or region.

Stay tuned for the report that is being produced and summarises the discussion and findings from the event.

Engaging stakeholders on Sustainable urban freight transport challenges, Kalamaria, Greece



The Municipality of Kalamaria, partner of the SUITS Project, organized on 20th March 2019, a stakeholders’ workshop focusing on “Sustainable urban freight transport:

addressing modern era challenges, with the involvement of stakeholders and the support of the SUITS project for Urban Sustainable Mobility". The event was held in the Municipal Council Hall of the city of Kalamaria and was organized under the activities of the SUITS project.

During the workshop, a fruitful discussion concerning the future of the sustainable urban freight transport was held. Different views and experiences were shared among representatives from authorities, academia, companies and citizens. Presentations setting the frame of the workshop were delivered by SUITS partners; the Municipality of Kalamaria (Civil Engineer MSc Mr. Ioannis Krinos), the CEO of SBOING.net (Dr. Fotis Liotopoulos), Fleet Maintenance Manager of Makios Logistics (Mr. Nikos Sfitis), the Research Associate in Logistics and Supply Chain Management of the Hellenic Institute of Transportation (Ms. Elpida Xenou), and the Consultants of Lever Development (Ms. Olympia Papadopoulou and Ms. Kostantia Karagouni).

Click on the name of the participant to download the presentation (available only in Greek).

Important conclusions/take-home messages were drawn from the presentations and the subsequent discussion:

The platform MyPolisLive.net, presented by Dr. Fotis Liotopoulos, showed a great potential and a high level of detail in the visual representation of the route traffic information, compared to the alternatives (IMET, Google etc.). Furthermore, the platform can provide data with negligible costs, as opposed to the high prices of Google's route traffic data. It can produce a very useful and cost-effective tool for the collection of real-time traffic data, provided always that the data is appropriately processed by the personnel.

During the presentation of the educational material prepared by Lever regarding the urban goods transport and a case study in Utrecht- Netherlands, it was highlighted that they cannot be rapidly implemented in all cities due to dissimilarities in cultural matters, the States' motivation, cities' traffic conditions and the geometric design of roads.

It was also emphasized that, without the political will (eg Mayor's), the measures cannot be properly addressed.

Occasioned by the urban consolidation centers presented, it was concluded that they were successfully implemented (abroad) due to specific incentives (such as the mandatory use of bicycles for the transportation of goods and low speed zones in the circumference of the cities' center). Additionally, due to the costly use of land inside the cities, each municipality must take initiatives to cede land for those centers. Hence, there is a need for a legal and regulatory framework.

The presentation of HIT emphasized that the SUMP's do not integrate the urban goods transport in their design, and therefore, the Sulp (Sustainable Urban Logistics Plan) was developed. The importance of the determination of the main factors and the stakeholders in the supply chain was underlined, with the objective to create a Partnership Agreement (Memorandum) between the stakeholders' groups and analyze the current condition of the urban goods transport. The effective measures for the urban goods transport will be developed after the determination of priorities and measurable goals (objectives).

The participants were highly interested in the participation in the webinars – e-learning's organised by Lever.

It was obvious that the externalization of freight transport's social and environmental impacts was something unknown for the participants from trade transport sector (businesses, trade association). A lot in the field of citizens awareness is needed to be done for that issue.

Valencia shares its advances in urban mobility and road safety with a delegation of Dutch students



The students attended a presentation on the SUITS project (Supporting Urban Integrated Transport Systems: Transferable tools for authorities), financed by the European Horizon 2020 programme, in which the City Council of Valencia and ITENE participate together with entities and companies from eight other European countries.

A delegation made up of 20 second-year students of spatial development and transport management from the University of Applied Sciences "Windesheim Flevoland" in the Netherlands visited the municipal facilities of Tabacalera today accompanied by staff from the City Council of Valencia, Las Naves and the Packaging, Transport and Logistics Research Center (ITENE).

The visit began with a talk in the traffic control room given by municipal officials who explained in detail the technological innovations of this service, located in the building of Tabacalera, which have consolidated it as a reference at national and international level.

During the tour, the mobility technician from Las Naves Ángel Navarro and the transport and mobility specialist from ITENE Mireia Calvo gave a talk to inform the Dutch delegation in detail about the SUITS project (Supporting Urban Integrated Transport Systems) project: Transferable tools for authorities), financed by the European Horizon 2020 programme and in which the City Council of Valencia and ITENE participate together with entities and companies from Italy, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Greece, Lithuania, Germany, Belgium, and Ireland.

This project (2017-2021) aims to design new procedures to help improve the efficiency of urban mobility plans, as well as the exchange of synergies between the participating European cities (West Midlands region in the United Kingdom; Stuttgart in Germany; Kalamaria in Greece; Rome and Turin in Italy; Palanga in Lithuania, and Alba Iulia in Romania).

The university group was interested in the benefits for the city of improving the efficiency of the current Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan in implementing more sustainable mobility measures at both individual and public level. As explained by Navarro, these measures would help reduce carbon dioxide emissions and traffic congestion in the city, as well as improve road safety, among other key aspects.

In addition, Calvo and Navarro have highlighted the importance of training municipal staff in the project to broaden their knowledge and improve decision-making when promoting sustainable mobility policies.

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