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Enhancing the capacity of small-medium local authorities to deliver on green sustainable mobility







The SUITS Final Digital Conference "Enhancing the capacity of small-medium local authorities to deliver on green sustainable mobility", will take place on the 24th & 25th February 2021



SUITS Conference sessions will be video-recorded and live streamed in youtube

Register

In a world of change, Local Authorities need to stay ahead the curve – though, it is harder for small and medium sized authorities to innovate, than their larger counterparts. Current research has shown that capacity gaps in small – medium local authorities' knowledge and work practices, which may have arisen due government and economic cutbacks, re-organisation, changing technology (e.g. opendata), new business entrants, shifts in mobility, changing expectations of citizens (greener transportation) and new directives (e.g. in terms of financing and procurement), exist. Significantly, these gaps impact at individual, organisational and institutional levels, all of which need to be recognised in a far-reaching capacity building programme capable of making transport departments resilient and responsive to new challenges.

The SUITS project research proves that investing in capacity building of local authorities in Small-Medium cities, results fast to successful implementation of transport strategies and measures for green sustainable mobility; being a vital step to SUMPs successful implementation.

The SUITS Consortium invites representatives from cities authorities, local regional bodies, national and regional authorities, regulators, policy makers, civil society, the larger scientific community, transport industry, transport service providers, civil society, media representatives, research institutions and academics working in the fields of transport and sustainable mobility to discuss the challenges associated with the capacity building of small-medium cities as to stimulate innovation in transport concepts and services through a citizen-oriented socioeconomic approach.

Join us virtually, to innovative results' presentation, vivid debates and focus on realistic implementation of sustainable mobility measures in cities!



12:00 - 12:20 Opening statements

Panelists: Ms. Elena Tavlaki

Prof. Andree Woodcock

PI SUITS project, Coventry University Project Officer, European Commission (INEA)

Director, SIGNOSIS Research & Consultancy

Mr. Pedro Alfonso Pérez Losa Project Officer, Europ

12:20 - 13:35 Policy innovation on Green Sustainable Mobility; role of SUMPs

This session will discuss the role of SUMPs as a key contributor in addressing traffic congestion, poor air quality, and inefficient transport systems that continue to impact upon lives across Europe and the world. With over 70% of EU citizens currently living in urban areas, Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs), as instruments of policy innovation have a great potential in strengthening and accelerating the transition towards Green Sustainable Mobility. Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans provide the policy framework for a shift towards more sustainable modes of transport-in our cities. A panel of key stakeholders representing policy makers, cities, researchers and industry, will discuss the role of local policies and initiatives to lead and guarantee a shift to green sustainable mobility to improve citizens' quality of life, to make cities more liveable.

Panelists: Mr. Petros Kokkalis Member of the European Parliament

Prof. Andree Woodcock Coventry University

Dr. Maya Ben Dror Head of Sustainable Automotive and Mobility,

World Economic Forum

Mr. Ivo Cré POLIS

Dr. Susanne Boehler-Baedeker Head of Integrated Planning team,

RUPPRECHT CONSULT

Moderator: Mr. Dimitris Micharikopoulos Managing

Managing Partner, SIGNOSIS Research & Consultancy

13:45 - 15:15 Capacity building in small-medium Cities' Authorities

This session will showcase the Capacity building process in Cities' Local Authorities, with special emphasis on the learning process and transfer of knowledge to smaller sized cities, making them more effective and resilient to change and to the implementation of sustainable transport measures. Invited speakers will discuss how a validated capacity building program is a key driving force and a prerequisite for the design and implementation of innovative transport measures and will present which resource learning assets (modules, e-learning material, webinars and workshops) and decision support tools (on procurement, financing, engagement of new business partners and handling of data) are the constitutional elements for such a program.

Panelists: Dipl-Ing. Anastasia Founta

Mrs. Olympia Papadopoulou Ing. Fabio Maria Nussio

Environmentalist, Lever S.A.

Head of the Public & International

Cooperation Unit, Rome Mobility Agency

Transport Engineer, Lever S.A.

Mr. Angel Navarro
Dr. Andrius Jarmemskis

Expert Las Naves, Valencia
Consultant, Smart Continent UAB

Moderator: Dipl-Ing. Sebastian Spundflasch

Researcher, Institute for Media Technology, Ilmenau University of Technology

15:30 - 17:00 Innovative financing, procurement, bankable projects

This session will shed light to the policy perspective of innovative financing, procurement and the design of bankable projects on sustainable mobility. The new public procurement regulations are aimed mainly at simplifying the public procurement process and making it more flexible, while there is a dominant structure of transport and mobility finance for municipalities. A panel of Invited speakers will discuss how in practice, the cities can benefit from innovative financing schemes and procurement tools in order to improve their transport systems and become more sustainable and organized.

Panelists: Dr. Iana Dulskaia Senior Project and Innovation Manager, Eurokleis s.r.l

Dr. Olga Feldman Senior Director, Arcadis

Mr. Tudor Drambarean

Ms. Anja Katalin De Cunto

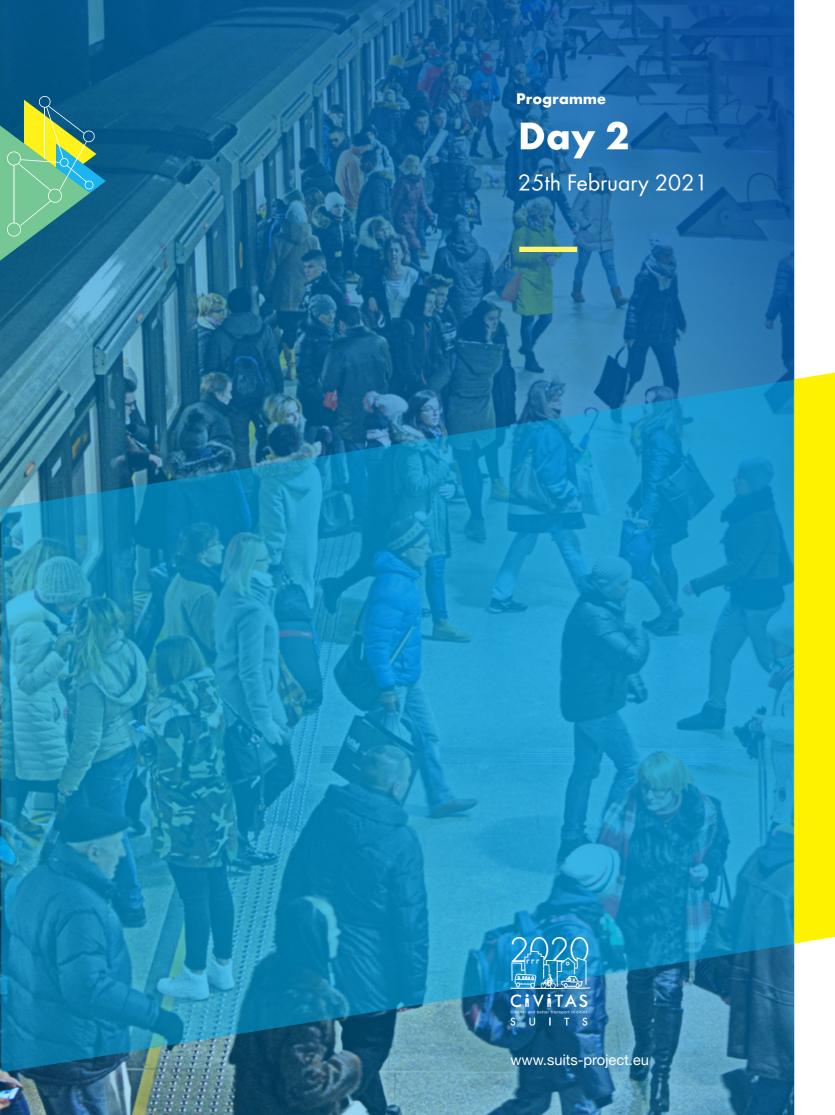
Project Manager, Alba Iulia Municipality, Romania

Project coordinator & policy advisor, EUROCITIES

Moderator: Mr. Stefan Roseanu Senior Consultant, Urban Mobility

and Railway Transport

End of Day 1



10:00 - 11:30 Organizational Change for resilient Local Authorities

This session will focus on the organizational aspects for the implementation of innovative transport measures by local authorities. The panel will present best practices and ways for the reorganization of transport/mobility and planning departments of local authorities in order to increase their capability to develop and implement innovative transport measures.

A panel of invited speakers from Cities' Local Authorities, researchers and practitioners; will discuss on how local authorities could deal with the relevant challenges, use new technology and make their organizations more adaptable and flexible, to overcome future and unforeseen developments.

Panelists: Prof. Ann-Marie Nienaber Human Resource Management and

Organisational Behaviour, Coventry University

Mr. Sunil Budhdeo Transport Innovation Manager,
Coventry City Council

Mr. Keelan Fadden-Hopper Senior Future Mobility Developer, Transport

for West Midlands

Mr. Juan Caballero EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK

Project Coordinator, EUROCITIES

Moderator: Dr. Frederic Rudolph Senior researcher, Wuppertal Institute

11:45 - 13:15 Tools for the Analysis and Exploitation of Mobility Data by Small-Medium cities

This session is to shed light on the possibilities for the exploitation of the open, legacy and real-time transport data by cities. Improving mobility and transport in cities should be based on scientific evidence.

Through the collection of real traffic data in urban areas with the use of affordable technologies and the deployment of data analysis tools, cities can benefit substantially in many areas and would be in a better position to design and implement sustainable mobility measures that are realistic and efficient.

A panel of invited speakers from cities and industry will share their experiences on tested technologies and tools, that augment the benefits from transport data exploitation in the design and implementation of innovative urban mobility plans.

Panelists:Prof. Miriam PirraResearcher & Assistant Professor, Department

of Environment, Land and Infrastructure Engineering, Politecnico di Torino

Dr. Fotis Liotopoulos Founder & General Manager, SBOING

Mr. Csaba Mátraházi Product Owner and Cloud Engineer of the Big Data & Al, Huawei Technologies Hungary Ltd

Senior Consultant, Kalamaria Municipality

Moderator: Ms. Mireia Calvo Project Manager, ITENE

13:15 - 13:30 Wrap up of the SUITS conference

Associate Professor Marco Diana, Politecnico di Torino

Mr. Ioannis Krinos

End of Day 2





Mr. Petros Kokkalis

Member of the European Parliament

Petros Kokkalis has been actively involved in public service for the past 25 years, developing social innovation focused on human and sustainable development. He studied Modern History at the University of Hampshire, and earned his master's degree in public administration at Harvard Kennedy School of Government. As Vice President of Olympiacos, he reformed the club into one of Europe's leading professional teams (1996-2008) through the modernization of its physical and intangible infrastructure. He was also the founding president of the Super League of Greece.

He is co-founder and secretary of the non-governmental environmental organization Earth (2009 - present) whose work on environmental awareness and education for sustainable development has been awarded by the International Union for the Protection of the Environment (IUCN). He was elected and served as the Vice-Mayor responsible for economic development and climate change in the municipality of Piraeus (2014 - 2019), where he promoted sustainable entrepreneurship and support of start-ups in the maritime economy. The European Commission has acknowledged its work, awarding the Blue Growth Piraeus initiative at the European Entrepreneurship Promotion Competition 2018. During his term of office he led the humanitarian support during the Refugee Crisis in the period 2015-2016 and served as the President of the Municipal Council for Refugees.

In 2019 he was elected MEP, representing Kosmos, a political movement seeking to achieve the UN SDG's, with the Progressive Alliance - Syriza ticket.



Prof. Andree Woodcock Coventry University

Prof. Andree Woodcock, is a former Daphne Jackson Fellow and member of the Centre for Memory, Arts and Communities in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and affiliate of the Future Transport and Cities Research Centre at Coventry University (UK).

She is PI of H2020 CIVITAS SUITS and H2020 TInnGO projects and was PI of FP7 METPEX and RCUK funded Wemobile projects. All projects share a systems and transport focus and a need to address gender and diversity issues to make future transport inclusive and increase accessibility and opportunity.



Dr. Maya Ben Dror

Head of Sustainable Automotive and Mobility, World Economic Forum

Dr. Maya Ben Dror, has over a decade of global work experience in public, private and third sector settings focused on clean-tech and sustainable transportation. At the World Economic Forum, Maya leads Sustainable Automotive and Mobility workstreams, including the scaling automotive fleet and infrastructure finance, the Circular Cars Initiative, Moving India, and Last Mile Ecosystem. Maya initiated the Forum's Global New Mobility Coalition to advance a synced approached the shared, electric and automated mobility for maximizing sustainability of urban transport sys-

Maya also initiated the Forum's AV Policy Framework work in partnership with the Israel's Centre for the Forth Industrial Revolution, Innovation Authority and Ministry of Transport. Previously, Maya was a Director at the Innovation Center for Energy and Transportation (iCET), where she initiated and led successful projects such as China's adoption of the notorious ZEV-credits mandate. As a Global Corporate Strategy and Development Associate at Better Place, Maya formed multi-stakeholder partnerships for accelerating EV adoption. Maya served as Israel's Trade Officer to China, where she facilitated numerous bilateral exchanges and investments.

She holds a PhD in dynamic transportation policy and technology transition from Israel Institute of Technology (Technion), M.S. in Environmental Change and Management from the University of Oxford, and B.S. in Economics and East Asian Studies from the Hebrew University (cum laude).



Mr. Ivo Cré

Director Policy and Projects, POLIS

Ivo Cré, is Director Policy and Projects at Polis. He coordinated the CIVITAS SATELLITE project and the Polis ACCESS and Parking working groups. He is involved in several EU projects included SUNRISE, REFORM, ERTRAC UrbanMobility Working Group and PARK4SUMP.

Ivo manages Polis' members services related to project development, as well as the networks advocacy work. Before joining POLIS in 2006, Ivo was Policy Officer for mobility at EUROCITIES. Prior to that, he worked as assistant to a Member of the European Parliament, advisor and private secretary to the Belgian Minister of Environment, and as project leader at Langzaam Verkeer (now Mobiel21).



Dr. Susanne Boehler-Baedeker

Head of Integrated Planning team, RUPPRECHT CONSULT

Dr Susanne Böhler-Baedeker, graduated from the University of Dortmund with a diploma in planning sciences in 1996. She joined the Wuppertal Institute for Climate Environment and Energy in 1996, where she was involved in several national and international projects about sustainable and low carbon transportation on different political levels and gained a wide range of experience in analyses and evaluation of transport policies and measures.

At Rupprecht Consult, she leads the team on Integrated Planning, working on projects such as SUMPs-Up, Urban Nodes or Urban Nodes in Transnational Transport.



Mr. Dimitris Micharikopoulos

Managing Partner, SIGNOSIS Research & Consultancy

Dimitris Micharikopoulos, is Managing Partner at Signosis research & Consultancy. He has over 20 years research and consulting experience, working in the fields of employment, social protection, sustainability, corporate responsibility and regional development and has directed and participated in a large number of projects in related fields.

In the past he held research and managerial positions in consultancies and in leading Greek scientific institutions on social and employment issues and was a senior advisor for ministries, government agencies and local authorities. He has also led corporate responsibility consulting projects for big corporations and demonstrates a proven record of experience in the fields of social policy and sustainability, in both the private and the public sector.

Dimitris holds a degree in Law from the University of Athens. He also completed postgraduate studies in International Economic Law at the University of Warwick and in European Studies at Cambridge University.



Dipl-Ing. Anastasia Founta

Transport Engineer, Lever S.A.

Anastasia Founta, is a Transport engineer with over 10 years of experience. Her expertise focuses on sustainable urban mobility planning and on transport systems development and implementation. As scientific assistant, she contributed to research projects on intelligent transport systems in Switzerland and France.

As consultant, she worked with Local and Regional Transport Authorities in the framework of European and national projects on sustainable urban mobility planning and implementation. Since September 2020, she is part of ITxPT team, contributing to the association's projects management such as DATA4PT EU Project.



Mrs. Olympia Papadopoulou

Environmentalist, Lever S.A.

Olympia Papadopoulou, holds a BSc degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of Brighton, UK. She has worked for five years in the administration and management department of the Austrian company INTERGEO Environmental Technology Ltd.

Since March 2006, she is collaborating with Tero P.C., Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Lever S.A in the scientific/financial management of environmental EU-funded projects and the dissemination of their results.

She has been involved in more than 15 European projects for Horizon 2020, FP7, FP6, Leonardo da Vinci, Interreg IIIB Archimed, Interreg IVC, Interreg Europe, LIFE, MED, MED-ENPI, South-East Europe, Intelligent Energy Europe and in Bilateral Cooperation Programmes. Fields of interest include biodiversity conservation, water management, urban mobility, plastic pollution, networking, and public engagement.



Ing. Fabio Maria Nussio

Head of the Public & International Cooperation Unit, Rome Mobility Agency

Fabio Nussio, has a technical background and more than 30 years of experience gained in Rome Municipality Group, private Companies and in Finmeccanica Group, working also in projects across the world, mainly in Eastern Countries, Russia and China.

He is the Head of the Public and International Cooperation Unit of the Rome Mobility Agency and, according to a specific Service Level Agreement between the Mobility Agency and the City, he is taking care of fund raising activies and international cooperation for mobility projects of Rome Municipality, representing also the city in many international associations like POLIS, C40 Group and IMPACTS.

Fabio Nussio is also supporting the City of Rome in the financial implementation of projects funded by Sustainable Mobility Program of the Ministry of Environment and from the Infrastructure Program for Urban Mobility of the Ministry of Transport as well as by EU ERDF programs for mobility (PON Metro and POR Lazio programs).

He had also the technical responsible for the design of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) - City of Rome, adopted by Rome Municipal Assembly in August 2019. The Plan includes complex financial schemes to guarantee its implementation towards a sustainable and climate neutral approach of the city.



Mr. Angel Navarro

Expert Las Naves, Valencia Research & Consultancy

Mr. Ángel Navarro. (M). Project Manager and Mobility specialist. BSC in Physics at Universitat of València. Broad experience in private companies as IT expert in Data Warehouse and SAP BW (MicrosStrategy, and Nike) in Spain, UK and Netherlands.

Since 2004, he has worked in EU projects and different programs (FP6, H2020 and INTER-REG-MED) in different fields: eGovernment, Biotech and Sustainable Mobility, and in several organisations, such as; Valencia City Council and Las Naves. Currently, he is part of the technical team of Las Naves foundation as Mobility officer.



Dr. Andrius Jarmemskis

Consultant Smart Continent

Dr. Andrius Jaržemskis, (male) hold doctor degree in Transportation (2005) and master degree in Transport Management and Economics (2001). Currently Andrius is managing director in Smart Continent (since 2005) and also is in position of associated professor in Vilnius University (www. vu.lt), leading National university in county.

Andrius has worked as key researcher in large number of EU funded FP7/H2020 collaborative research projects and/or coordination actions: TINNGO (2019-2023), PORTIS (2016-2020), SUITS (2016-2021), METPEX (2013-2015), AP2050+(2012-2014), BESTFACT (2012-2016), CLOSER (2011-2014), COFRET (2011-2014), TRANSNEW (2010-2011), BESTUFS II (2005-2008), MOTOS (2006). Andrius took project manager role in more than 30 research projects in Lithuania funded by Ministries and Local authorities including large list of climate change, renewables and sustainable development research.

During 2007-2013 Andrius was National representative to ERTRAC and National expert to FP7 Committee Transport (incl Aeronautics). In 2009 Andrius held position as Public Advisor to the Minister of Transport and Communication of Lithuania.



Dipl-Ing. Sebastian Spundflasch

Researcher, Institute for Media Technology, Ilmenau University of Technology

Sebastian Spundflasch, is a researcher at the Institute for Media Technology at Ilmenau University of Technology in Germany. Since 2011, he puts his focus on the user-centered design of transport services and questions relating to traffic management.

He is in charge of various research and development projects on a national and international level. Particularly noteworthy is the European Union project SUITS, which aims to support small to medium-sized cities in their activities in the context of sustainable mobility planning. In cooperation with 14 partners from 11 countries of the European Union and 9 European cities, guidelines, tools and training materials are developed to increase the capacity of cities to plan and implement mobility measures with a focus on sustainability.

Another European Union project named TlnnGO aims to better understand the requirements of different user groups in the field of innovative smart mobility to take them into account in the design of future mobility services and thus improve aspects of accessibility and attractiveness.



Dr. Iana Dulskaia

Senior Project and Innovation Manager, Eurokleis s.r.l

Dr. Iana Dulskaia, is a senior project and innovation manager at Eurokleis s.r.l https://www.eurokleis.com. She is also a research assistant of the Department of Management at Sapienza University of Rome where she completed her PhD in Management, Banking and Commodity Science.

She has extensive experience in socio-economic impact evaluation and maximization as well as business modelling and technology transfer. She also has extensive experience in managing European projects operating in different sectors, such as ICT, Future Emerging Technologies, Creative Industries, Smart Mobility etc.



Dr. Olga Feldman

Senior Director, Arcadis

Dr. Olga Feldman, is a Senior Director at Arcadis with more than 25 years of experience in a wide range of studies bridging in-depth academic research with industry projects. A mathematician and an economist by background, she provides analytics, economics, business cases, transportation, financial modelling and advisory due diligence services to various clients and helps clients on complex infrastructure deals to minimise their exposure and maximise returns.

Olga has been called 'a true inspiration to all women' by her team members. She is the Council Chair of the Association for European Transport, and a member of the European Transport Conference's Data Committee.

Olga is an expert and a rapporteur to the European Commission, and she has served on advisory boards of the European Commission and other projects. Olga has also been on an UN-Habitat mission to Laos. She is a reviewer of the American Mathematical Society, as well as of various journals and conference papers.



Mr. Tudor Drambarean

Project Manager, Alba Iulia Municipality, Romania

Tudor Drambarean, Project Manager, having a consistent experience of more than eight years in projects funded through URBACT II and III, Interreg Europe, Europe for Citizens, Horizon 2020, Norway Grants and the European Social Fund.

Previously active in the European Parliament for four years as an advisor to various Romanian and British MEPs.



Ms. Anja Katalin De Cunto

Project coordinator & policy advisor, EUROCITIES

Anja Katalin De Cunto, is responsible for coordinating the Eurocities activities related to funding, finance and procurement, from the EU budget communication and monitoring to joint cities activities and capacity building on investments in cities.

Since October 2013, she has been working in the project team of Eurocities for the management and content development of projects and initiatives related to sustainable mobility, climate change and adaptation and smart cities.

She is currently responsible for the work on capacity building on funding and finance under the Covenant of Mayors initiative, both in the EU secretariat and the world secretariat. She leads the Eurocities work on the Big Buyers Initiative, supporting the strategic use of procurement in cities and the Eurocities working groups on Public Services and Public Procurements and Long-term investments in cities.

She also supports Eurocities members in finding the right opportunity for their project ideas and organises training, brokerage events and online webinars for project proposal writing, in cooperation with executive agencies and European Commission officials



Mr. Stefan Roseanu

Consultant Smart Continent

Stefan Roseanu, is an experienced Consultant for Urban Mobility and Railway Transport with a demonstrated history of working in the transportation business industry. Strong urban and intercity transportation competence with more than 15 years working in transport sector, both operational and consultancy jobs, and being a M.Sc.Eng. in Transport Civil Engineering. During his transport-centric professional career, Stefan Roseanu has worked with central and local public authorities to create a proper business environment for sustainable public transport development. In different past and current projects, he was involved in, Stefan Roseanu proved to be a supporter of liberalization of railway transport sector, of building a competitive regulated public services business environment and of mixing in a sustainable way urban development with mobility activities.

For the last four years Stefan Roseanu has led the research and development team of the Romanian research SME Integral Consulting R&D, playing an active role in Civitas projects SUITS (Supporting Urban Integrated Transport Systems: Transferable tools for authorities) and TlnnGO (Transport Innovation Gender Observatory). In SUITS project, Stefan Roseanu has been actively involved in researching for innovative procurement processes and procedures, developing an integrated decision tool (to include innovative financing mechanisms, new bankable project preparation and innovative procurement) and coordinating the pilot project run by Alba Iulia Municipality. In TlnnGO project, Stefan Roseanu is part of an EU-wide research team looking in gender and diversity challenges in smart mobility sector; he is coordinating the Romanian Hub and is part of the research team on employment trends in Smart Mobility ecosystem with regard to opportunities and barriers for women.



Prof. Ann-Marie Nienaber

Human Resource Management and Organisational Behaviour, Coventry University

Prof. Ann-Marie Nienaber, is a Professor in Human Resource Management and Organisational Behavior and head of the multi-disciplinary Research Group 'Communities, Politics and Identities' at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations (CTPSR) at Coventry University, UK and affiliated to the Centre of Management at Muenster University, Germany. Prof Ann-Marie Nienaber is a very experienced specialist on trust challenges in and between organisations with emphasis on safety critical context, e.g organisational capacity building during crises and changes, mainly in the fields of public management, health, and transport. Her work has been published in journals such as Human Resource Management, Group and Organization Management, or Journal of Business Ethics. Further is she co-editor of the most recent and relevant Companion on Trust in the academic field with contributions from the key trust researchers in the field. Her recent policy briefs highlight the learnings for local authorities to cope with challenges regarding cultural change and behavioural impact at the workplace and the recent challenges along the pandemic when it comes to people.

She was invited keynote at projects such as Capital and is recently leading the SUITS - workpackage on implementation of organisational change for enhancing organisational capacity.



Mr. Sunil Budhdeo

Transport Innovation Manager, Coventry City Council

Sunil Budhdeo, is an experienced and respected expert in transport, traffic and highways. Longterm experience working in local government from urban traffic management control to intelligent transport systems, urban redesign, public realm regeneration, air quality initiatives, smart cities and innovation across the UK and European Union.

Alongside key strategic partners such as Coventry University, Warwick University, MIRA, Jaguar Landover, WMG and Siemens, he is at the forefront of various Innovation Projects, designing and delivering Coventry's 'Future Cities' concept and a contributor to delivering Coventry City of Culture 2021 program.



Mr. Keelan Fadden-Hopper

Senior Future Mobility Developer, Transport for West Midlands

Keelan Fadden-Hopper, is a Senior Future Mobility Developer at Transport for West Midlands, the transport authority covering a region of 2.9 million people. Working as part of the Transport Innovation team, he currently leads TfWM's work on Mobility as a Service, incorporating work on strategy, data sharing and collaboration with partners.

Since joining TfWM in 2018, he has worked on a range of projects including the region's Future Transport Zone, Midlands Future Mobility CAV Lab and Horizon 2020 SUITS projects, as well as contributing to the transport innovation strategy for the West Midlands. Keelan was awarded the Sampson Young ITS Professional of the Year award in November 2019 by ITS(UK) in recognition of his work.



Mr. Juan Caballero

EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK
Project Coordinator, EUROCITIES

Juan Caballero, is a communication expert working on mobility projects at Eurocities since 2015. He has been coordinating the EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK Secretariat for the last five years.

He moved to Brussels in 2012 to follow an Executive Master in European Journalism. He worked for a state regional television and local radio stations. Over the last five years, he has gained experience behavioural change and awareness-raising. He's a passionate about human communication, public debates and co-creating processes.



Dr. Frederic Rudolph

Senior researcher, Wuppertal Institute

Dr. Frederic Rudolph works as a senior researcher at the Wuppertal Institute. He obtained a diploma in Urban Planning (University of Dortmund, Germany) and a PhD in Civil Engineering (University of Wuppertal).

His research focus is on decarbonisation pathways for transport and mobility and the transition towards sustainable transport and mobility in Europe. He works with transportation forecasting procedures and with project appraisal methods such as cost-benefit analysis. He has more than 10 years of working experience. He has several lead work packages of large European research and innovation actions.

Frederic currently leads work packages in SUITS and SPROUT, which both support cities to achieve relevant policy targets and enable them to successfully plan and implement innovative sustainable mobility measures, technologies and policies. He is an active member of the European Commission's urban mobility community as a moderator, speaker, author and reviewer.



Prof. Miriam Pirra

Researcher & Assistant Professor, Department of Environment, Land and Infrastructure Engineerin, Politecnico di Torino

Dr. Miriam Pirra is a researcher and assistant professor at the Department of Environment, Land and Infrastructure Engineering of Politecnico di Torino.

She has been actively involved in many H2020 EU projects investigating the travellers' mobility (METPEX, ecoFEV, SUITS, INCIT-EV) since 2013. She is the author of more than 20 publications and a book chapter, mainly dealing with the application of data mining and machine learning techniques in mode choice and mobility issues.



Dr. Fotis Liotopoulos

Founder & General Manager, SBOING

Dr. Fotis K. Liotopoulos, received his diploma in Computer & Informatics Engineering from the Univ. of Patras, Greece and his MSc & PhD from the CompSci & ECE departments of the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison, USA. He worked with the Research Academic Computer Technology Institute as senior research engineer, research-unit manager & consultant for several public and private sector projects. He has also taught graduate and undergraduate courses in Computer Networks & Computer Architecture in public and private universities. Since 1988, Dr. Liotopoulos has managed or participated in several dozens of ICT RTD projects in his areas of expertise, which include computer & network architectures, digital communications, broadband switching and routing, parallel & distributed systems, parallel processing, and performance analysis & optimization. Between 2007-2010 he served as an elected General Secretary of the Executive Board of the Hellenic Informatics Union (EPE).

Dr. Liotopoulos is the (co-)author of more than 60 research publications and has served as a reviewer and/or committee member for several international journals, conferences, and books. He was awarded a "best-paper award", Vilas and Bodosakis fellowships and a number of distinctions and awards for research and academic performance. Dr. Liotopoulos is a Senior Member of IEEE and has been IEEE Industrial Ambassador for Northern Greece. Currently, Dr. Liotopoulos is the founder, main shareholder and CEO/CTO of SBOING.net, an innovative startup SME, in the field of ICT and Transport, focusing on GNSS navigation applications and systems.

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Mr. Csaba Mátraházi

Product Owner and Cloud Engineer of the Big Data & Al, Huawei Technologies Hungary Ltd

Csaba Mátraházi is the Product Owner and Cloud Engineer of the Big Data & Al and Anything-as-a-Service squads of the Open Telekom Cloud in Huawei Technologies Hungary Ltd. He has a long and successful record in the ICT sector as a software engineer focused on Big Data & Al solutions, and in the Emergency Medicine sector as a paramedic.

Csaba is also a contractor for Lyme Diagnostics Ltd. as a software development manager for a state-of-the-art medical Al solution. He also worked for Big Data Ltd., Kürt Co. in various positions in the main business units after transferring from Logdrill Ltd. where he worked as a software developer on the PetaPylon for Traffic Management project. Before switching to the ICT sector, Csaba was a lead emergency medical technician/paramedic at the National Ambulance Service in Hungary. Csaba is also the chair of the board of a foundation supporting ambulance services in Hungary.



Mr. Ioannis Krinos

Senior Consultant, Kalamaria Municipality

loannis Krinos, is the freelance consultant of Kalamaria's Municipality responsible for the organization's scientific support in execution and completion of the European project SUITS. SUITS is a four-year research and innovation action focusing on sustainable urban mobility field. He also worked as an assistant supervisor engineer in two construction projects of Egnatia Motorway, for eleven years. The projects were located in Central Macedonia (external ring road of Thessaloniki) and Western Greece (Siatista and Kastoria, near Albania's border). Egnatia Motorway is the Greek part of European route E90. It is a motorway in Greece that extends from the western port of Igoumenitsa to the eastern Greek–Turkish border at Kipoi. It runs a total of 670 km.

Furthermore, he worked as an assistant site engineer and quantity surveyor of a private construction company at a railway construction project. The project of the railway main line Athens – Thessaloniki was located in Platamonas at Pieria region. John obtained a Degree in Engineering from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (A.U.TH) and three Master of Science (Msc). The first M.Sc. is in "Design, Organization and Management of Transportation Systems" at Department of Civil Engineering of A.U.TH, the second M.Sc. in "Project Management" at Department of Civil Engineering of A.U.TH. Finally the third is in "Environmental Planning Infrastructure" at Hellenic Open University (E.A.P.).



Ms. Mireia Calvo

Project Manager, ITENE

Mireia Calvo, is MSC Civil Engineering. Her professional career began in the Regional Ministry of Territorial Policy, Public Works and Mobility, learning from the road and rail planning technicians, collaborating in studies related to the Mediterranean Corridor, railway studies and logistics platforms. As well as, supporting in the preparation of urban planning and road access reports. Since 2016, she has been working at ITENE, Packaging, Trasnport and Logistics Research Centre, as Project Manager of national and European projects related to sustainable mobility, transport, logistics and circular economy. Mireia has experience in managing both national and European R&D&I projects. Some of the projects she is currently involved in are focused on providing support tools to institutions in small and medium-sized cities for the implementation of new sustainable mobility and urban logistics measures. Other projects aim to improve and optimise urban waste logistics collection by applying the circular economy. Finally, she also works on projects that seek to promote gender participation and equality in all areas of the transport sector, as users of transport, as workers in the sector and taking into account the accessibility needs of vehicles and infrastructures from the point of view of different population groups.



Ass. Professor Marco Diana

Politecnico di Torino

Prof. Marco Diana, is associate professor of transport engineering and planning at Politecnico di Torino (Italy), specialising in the analysis of transport-related behaviours and in multimodality issues. He holds a Ph.D in Automatics and Computer Science for Transport systems and has 20 years of international research experience in this field, carried out in different research institutions both in Europe and overseas. He is focusing on the impacts of information and communication technologies on the transport systems, the analysis of innovative transport systems and services and their behavioural impacts. He coordinated the H2020 project STARS, dealing with the study of car sharing services, and he is actively involved in many others dealing with transport and mobility issues. He is author of about 60 publications on these topics, many of which published in outstanding scholarly journals.



Mr. Pedro Alfonso Pérez Losa

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