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Project's State of the art

LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

Each partner identified a list of local stakeholders who were involved within the Project development through different activities. Some of them had the chance to participate to the study visits organised, especially those with a background or peculiar interests in accordance with the specific study tour main topic. At the end of each study tour, regional stakeholder groups meetings were organised by each PP, in order to provide the acquired know-how transfer to the remaining local stakeholders.

COMMON METHODOLOGY FOR DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

The advisory partner provided to the other PPs the necessary tools for the development of a common methodology for collection and analysis of regional practices and standards for cycling and walking projects within the functional urban areas of reference. All the PPs collected information for planning and implementing cycling and walking measures and filled some related reports in English, covering the following topics: existing infrastructures for walking and cycling; travel statistics; bicycle tourism; everyday trips by walking and cycling; policy framework, design guidance and staffing.

STUDY VISITS

Until June 2018 (end of semester 3), four study visits were held in different Project Partner's regions, with the aim to illustrate the territorial peculiarities of each host region in connection with related sustainable mobility challenges.

Amsterdam, 6-7 April 2017

The project's kick-off meeting was held in Amsterdam in April 2017. The project partners and their stakeholders had the opportunity to share their diverse approaches on the sustainable mobility plan.

A group of experts showed best practices for walking and cycling in urban environments and quality criteria for designing and implementing cycling and walking infrastructure. In particular, different aspects of the city were examined and new ways of understanding the urban environment were introduced (for example the concept of the “city at eye level”) focusing on how the details of the built environment matter a great deal in the successful union between the people and the place.

Burgenland, 14-15 September 2017

The second study visit took place in Eisenstadt (Burgenland, AU), organized by the PP 4. The overall topic was “From cycling tourism to everyday cycling”, focused, substantially, on how to do get beyond tourism. Within this theme, two more sub-topics were developed, in consideration of their crucial importance for the surrounding territory: the connection between bike and train within the regional mobility and how making more suitable the daily bicycle trips for the common users. Furthermore, the project partners and their stakeholders, experienced different standards for touristic cycle routes and everyday cycling routes, examined in depth the different topics and discussed how the existing infrastructures have to be improved in order to make people cycling and walking more often in their daily life.

Gorizia-Nova Gorica, 21-23 March 2018

The third study visit was organized by the PP 3 in Gorizia and Nova Gorica (ITA-SLO). The participants took part in various activities focusing on the role of the cross-border governance connected to the sustainable mobility. The EGTC GO representatives described the implementation of the integrated walking and cycling paths network which is going to be realised all along the cross-border area surroundings the Isonzo River. During the second day, the participants were divided into two groups to examine the different aspects of the cross-border area. Both groups had to fill out a survey with questions related to the topic of their own session. They were asked to think how to improve the area from a touristic point of view, considering its strengths and weaknesses, and how to improve the relationship between the Isonzo river and the city. This session aimed at strengthening the exchange of experiences and ideas among all the PPs, triggering new visions and collecting advices.

Vilnius, 23-25 May 2018

The fourth training tour, organized by PP6, took place in Vilnius. The study visit was essentially technical and focused on intersection design and network planning (see section “Technical Training” below). Beyond the technical activities, the participants were divided in

groups and were asked to observe the everyday life problems for cyclists and pedestrian commuters in reaching their workplaces/schools/etc through some organized walking and cycling tours across the city centre. Special attention was put also on everyday life commuting challenges for people with special needs Finally, the new “Vilnius sustainable mobility plan” was presented and depicted together with the Municipality of Vilnius aims for the future.

TECHNICAL TRAINING ON EXISTING BEST PRACTICE METHODOLOGIES AND STANDARD, AND ANALYSIS OF CASE STUDIES

Vilnius, 23 May 2018

During the fourth study visit, held by the PP6 “Connection Services” in Vilnius, the participants had the chance to attend a training session dedicated to the intersection design and network planning in urban contexts. The attendants dived deep into design details of protected intersections and discovered more about next generation intersection designs like e.g., bicycle roundabouts, turbo roundabouts, and roundabout-intersection hybrids. They were also asked to design their own protected intersection or roundabout project on the basis of those previously shown. Furthermore, thanks to a very simple and interactive technique, the participants had the opportunity to learn how to quickly identify the principles influencing bicycle network planning. The most important aspects of network planning were covered and a strategy for effective prioritization of each partner territory cycle network programme was provided.

AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGN

The Awareness raising campaign, included among the activities of semester 3, was launched at the beginning of June during the “World bicycle day” established by the United Nations. Currently, the first of three phases included within the campaign is in place and it aims at spreading a positive message about the use of the bicycle for the everyday life activities. The campaign is implemented not only at a project level, but also by each partner in its own territory. The campaign motto “BIKE IS MY CHOICE”, whose aim is to describe cycling as a lifestyle, is better explained by the following expressions: “bike respects the environment, bike helps me discover new places, bike makes me feel free, bike makes me feel good”.