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DISCO

Project Meeting in Barcelona

After the DISCO kick off meeting in Brussels on the 16th and 17th May 2023, the first Project Meeting took place on the 23rd October 2023 in Barcelona. In total 47 partners from all over Europe came together to discuss the current status of the project and the next steps. The intense project meeting was led by the DISCO Project Coordinator Paola Cossu and by Paola Astegiano, the Technical Project Manager.

In the first six months of the project, several aspects related to the various project topics were addressed. The main activities focused on defining an initial set of DISCO-X (DISCOCURB, DISCOPROXI, DISCOESTATE, DISCOBAY, DISCOLLECTION) requirements and in starting creating a cut view of the metamodel suite. The multiple interactions between the DISCO-X, the Living Labs and the Work Package Leaders led to define the DISCO-X requirements (in terms of data, infrastructure, systems, tools, etc.) and in the preliminary set-up of the Living Labs' use cases and their implementation paths. All this information will be included in a dedicated deliverable due at the end of the year.

The information collected will be then used as an input to define the architecture of the Urban Freight Data Space (UFDS): information such as data format, data sources, accessibility, etc. are fundamental to start the planning and the development of the UFDS.

The first six months of the project marked also an important effort in terms of communication and dissemination activities: DISCO has been presented in several events which help both in promoting DISCO's progress but also in creating synergies with ongoing projects.

The project's official website will also be launched in the coming weeks.

In conclusion, this was a successful and informative meeting, highlighting the relevance of personal exchange and discussions. The next project meeting will take place in Thessaloniki on the 22nd and 23rd April 2024. ■



The DISCO Project Meeting took place in the Vértex Building in Barcelona.



EPA Participants: Laurence A. Bannerman, President Emeritus, and Melina Keinemann, Communications Coordinator

About the DISCO Project

DISCO stands for 'Data-driven, Integrated, Syncromodal, Collaborative and Optimised urban freight meta-model for a new generation of urban logistics and planning with data sharing in the European Living Labs'.

The overall goal of the EU funded DISCO project is to contribute to the achievement of the following: significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions resulting from transportation and reduction of climate emissions by 55%, both by 2030. More precisely, DISCO aims to support cities in undertaking the digital transformation of urban logistics and sustainable planning and to optimally and strategically manage urban space, in order to accelerate the achievement of the EU mission cities goals by 2030.

Living labs throughout Europe

In the implementation phase, the project will demonstrate 23 flagship solutions on optimal and flexible use of urban space for logistics in 8 European Living Labs, including Copenhagen, Ghent, Thessaloniki, Helsinki, Padova and a Spanish Cluster of Barcelona, Valencia and Zaragoza. Furthermore, four follower Cities and Regions joined the projects: Prague, Piacenza, Aarhus, North Hesse.

The European Parking Association, in supporting the advancement of sustainable mobility solutions, is a partner in this important project contributing with its vast experience in the field of the management of parking for vehicles in general, both on and off street. In particular EPA will contribute with indications related to appropriate technologies, management solutions, payment and regulatory processes and the introduction of new mobility services such as electric vehicle charging and data standards.