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e-MOPOLI: What has recently happened in e-MOPOLI?

2-6th December 2019 - Partner meeting in Jelgava: an opportunity to learn about the electromobility in Latvia

Partners of Interreg Europe programme project “Electro mobility as driver to support policy instruments for sustainable mobility” (e-MOPOLI) from 2nd to 6th December (2019) visited Jelgava and nearby towns to get acquainted with the electromobility infrastructure in Latvia.



During these days, partners had a chance to visit Jekabpils to learn about the use of alternative fuel - including a visit to the first compressed natural gas filling station in Latvia, opened 2019 by the fuel trader Virši-A, and a visit to Jekabpils bus park, which invests in the purchase of new compressed natural gas buses.

There were visits to national level fund implementation institutions in the field of electromobility located in Riga - Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development and Ministry of Transport. Road Traffic Safety Directorate presented a network of 139 rapid charging stations to be created with the EU funds and held a discussion on the use of EU funds for promoting electromobility and reducing CO2 emissions. In addition, project partners had an opportunity to meet representatives from NGOs such as “Zero emissions Mobility Support Society” and “uzladets.lv” (charged). The presentations and discussions altogether provided a lot of useful and up-to-date information for Latvian industry professionals, as well as foreign guests.

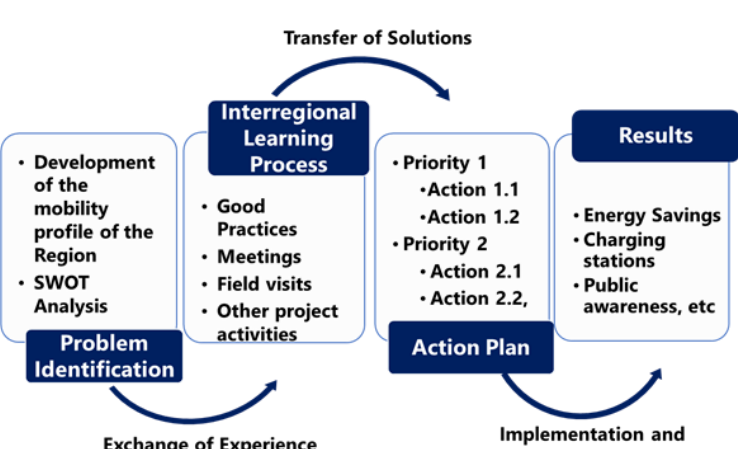
Project partners from Latvia had prepared a visit to Jelgava Municipality operative information centre, where they demonstrated electrical cars used by municipal police and municipal institution “Pilsētsaimniecība” and various solutions for modern urban environment. Deputy to Chairman Management of Economic Programmes (Jelgava) presented concept of Jelgava as smart city with solutions in different fields. After, accompanied by the head of the “Zero emissions Mobility Support Society”, the operation of various electric car charging solutions was demonstrated in a guest house near Jelgava, Eleja gas station, as well as the Tervete Nature park, where representative of “Latvia’s State Forests” presented the activities of the organization and the use of electric cars in everyday life. The closing day was dedicated to familiarizing with the day-to-day work of the Zemgale Planning Region Administration. Presentations here focused on the place of planning regions in public administration, the specifics of Zemgale, economic and demographic trends, planning system, projects, and support tools for implementing programmes and plans. Project Manager of the e-MOPOLI project presented energy sector planning as an example of integrating energy, environment, transport, climate change and urban planning.



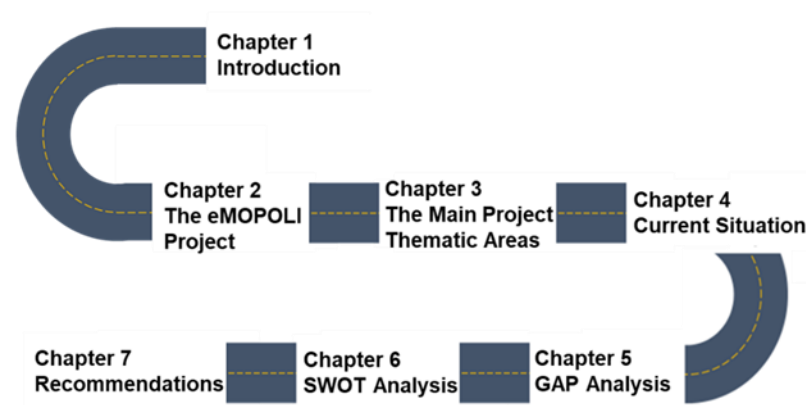
“The visit of the project partners was successful. Representatives from several countries enjoyed a visit to the Jelgava Municipality Operative Information Center, where they were introduced to its equipment and surveillance systems and the smart city solutions in Jelgava. Project partners also enjoyed meetings held at Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Ministry of Transport and Road Traffic Safety Directorate, which are high-level organizations and provided valuable information,” says e-MOPOLI project manager Raitis Madžulis.

Technical contents: Regional action plan

After the formulation of the Preliminary Regional Action Plans, each project partner region will develop and submit its own Regional Action Plan during the last semester of Phase 1 of the project. The Regional Action Plan includes a detailed description of the actions implemented for encouraging the diffusion of electromobility and alternative fuels use, in each region. The Action Plan gives an overview of the current situation, the results of the Gap and SWOT Analysis (presented in the Recommendations output) in terms of electromobility and alternative fuels diffusion in each region. The recommendations formulated within the project for promoting these technologies are also presented as they consist the basis for the chosen actions. Furthermore, good practices, field visits and other project activities are used as inspiration and motivation for the development of the final actions. The core content of the Action Plan is the detailed description of the actions categorized in various priority axes: government, infrastructure, incentives, management, alternative fuels diffusion, public transport and niche market. Among all partners, most actions formulated in the aforementioned context belong to the first two priority axes. The last part of the Action Plan consists of the timeplan and the presentation of the monitoring phase which will take place in Phase 2, where the actions will be realized and the targets set should be fulfilled of one is reinforced by the other.



Recommendations overview



Recommendations Output

given to the public and private sector for encouraging the promotion of these technologies, while lack of synergies is also an important issue. Charging infrastructure and actions taken and implemented by the public sector are a strong asset for some regions, while much progress should be achieved by others. Based on the results of the current situation, the Gap and SWOT analysis, recommendations were formulated towards the promotion of electromobility in the three project thematic areas. Interoperability in charging systems, platform creation showing the location of such infrastructure, regulations and legislation formulation, incentives for electric car owners, as well as collaboration between all relevant stakeholders and update of local RIS3 strategy were among the proposed measures. The exchange of recommendations in combination with the good practices will be the basis for the formulation of actions included in the Regional Action Plan.

The Recommendations output has been finalized and will be submitted during the last semester of Phase 1 of the project. All project regions, along with their stakeholders discussed and exchanged ideas concerning the current situation in terms of electromobility and alternative fuels promotion, they identified the gaps in the three main project thematic areas (business, governance and RIS3) and detected the strengths and weaknesses of each region, along with the opportunities and the threats deriving from the adoption of these two technologies respectively. The Gap Analysis revealed deficiencies for most regions in terms of campaigns organisation, incentives

Interview with Region of Attica

Can you briefly describe the institution?

Region of Attica is a public body belonging to the second level of local government organization. It is divided in eight individual regional sections and has 66 municipalities. Region of Attica has actively participated in various European projects, programs and initiatives, mostly relating to innovation, tourism, protection of the environment, social policy and urban development.

What is the role in the e-MOPOLI project of Region of Attica?

Within the e-MOPOLI project, Region of Attica will identify good practices (planned, ongoing, finished) related to the promotion of electromobility and alternative fuels. A group of regional stakeholders will be formulated, including experts from the industry, public authorities, infrastructure and research/academia for exchanging knowledge about the current situation concerning the diffusion of these technologies in the region, identifying the progress achieved and the deficiencies in predefined indicators of the three thematic project areas (business, governance and RIS3), conducting SWOT analysis and formulating recommendations that can lead to specific and targeted actions included in the Regional Action Plan. Finally, Region of Attica is the task leader responsible for creating the Recommendations and Action Plan template, as well as the corresponding project deliverables.



With what policy instrument does Region of Attica manage its ambitions for alternative fuel mobility?

The policy instrument addressed is the Priority Axis 6: Improving Quality of Life in Urban Environment, one of the main national priorities of the Regional Operational Program (Attica ROP 2014-2020). This priority seeks to solve major problems related to the integration of environmental infrastructure and the improvement of urban environment in order to advance the quality of life of the residents. Measures to achieve this is urban revitalization and promotion of environmentally friendly mobility.



What is the role in the e-MOPOLI project of Calabria Region?

As e-MOPOLI communication leader Calabria Region outlined a communication plan detailing all communication activities and information instruments. All project deliverable layouts such as poster, this newsletter and the output documents for dissemination purpose have been designed by our staff and published on e-MOPOLI website ([section library](#)). We are also in charge of coordinating the partners for the updates on our [project website](#) and for the production of e-MOPOLI video: a storytelling interview about our achievements featuring all the actors of this project.

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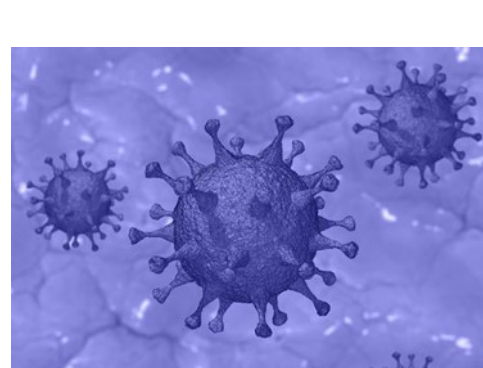
Calabria Region is the governing body of the Region and it is coordinated by the President of the Region. Thanks to the project, the Infrastructure Department together with the ROP Managing Authority will improve the Regional Operational Programme policy instrument related to energy efficiency and sustainable mobility with a special focus on e-mobility. Sustainable mobility and in particular e-mobility need the cooperation of different departments of the Region, such as Environment and Energy, in order to guarantee an integrated approach to the project.

With what policy instrument does Calabria Region manage its ambitions for alternative fuel mobility?

Calabria Region will focus on Regional Operational Programme policy instrument - Axis IV - Energy efficiency and sustainable mobility, with the aim to increase sustainable mobility in urban areas with a special focus on e-mobility. Following an integrated approach for both topics (Mobility, Energy and Environment) and planning instruments (i.e. in line with Transports Regional Plan and other Regional instruments), the Region will plan new measures, projects and initiatives in the field of sustainable and alternative fuel mobility for public transport, logistic and infrastructures.

7th - 8th Interregional policy learning activities

The current COVID-19 pandemic situation is closely monitored by e-MOPOLI partnership as the 7th e-MOPOLI Project Learning Partner Meeting scheduled in Calabria (IT) from 31st March to 3rd April 2020 had to be partially postponed. While the consortium was gathered via web conference on April 2nd to attend the Project Partner Meeting and reunite the Steering Group as planned, it was expressed a common concern about the concrete possibility to hold the rescheduled Staff Exchange in Calabria at the end of this month.



For the same reason the e-MOPOLI partnership will get updated on the 8th Project Learning Partner Meeting planned for June in Attica, considering the safety of participants and EU travelling limitations. Further decisions about next events and project progress updates will be published on our website so stay tuned and visit our [news](#) and [events](#) sections!

Project partners



Privacy update - General protection Regulation (GDPR)

We are updating our mailing list in accordance with the new data protection regulations which come into force on 25 May 2018 in compliance with the e-MOPOLI website legal notice ([LINK LEGAL NOTICE E-MOPOLI](#)). Please note that we have never given our list to anyone, marketing operator or other, and that the data in our possession may contain only name, organization, e-mail address and sometimes also phone number, used only to address updates to you regarding information and news and / or events and invitations. If you want to stay in touch with us and be updated on various initiatives, you do not need to do anything, but if you do not want to receive our information, you can send an e-mail reply simply indicating "NO thanks" in the subject, and your e-mail address will be deleted from our mailing list. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation and we cordially greet you. This publication only reflects the author's views and that the programme authorities are not liable for any use that may be made of the information contained therein.

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