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DEAR READER,

Welcome to the fifth issue of the RITS-Net Newsletter, which features news from the RITS-Net project activities and from Europe.

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Each issue contains information about the project activities and important news from the European institutions and the ITS community. We hope you will find the information interesting and useful for your work and you will keep up-to-date with the RITS-Net project!

The RITS-Net Project-team!



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NEWS FROM RITS-NET

WHATS NEW IN RITS-NET

The final and decisive phase of RITS-Net has started. Two years have passed of knowledge exchange and training on Intelligent Transport Systems, services and applications at regional level. All presentations made during the workshops and good practices identified are now available on the RITS-Net website. Particularly useful is the digital map, where good/best practices are geographically located in Europe, at the operators address or the location of the infrastructure, which is equipped with the mentioned ITS tool.

Partner regions are now doing their homework translating the lessons learnt from the knowledge exchange into regional ITS Action Plans. The Action Plans identify the ITS applications best suited to solve transport and mobility problems they face.

We will be happy to share with you the results of our work on 4 December at the RITS-Net final conference!

RITS NET FINAL CONFERENCE - 4 DECEMBER 2014, ROME

The RITS-Net final conference is organised by Marche Region in partnership with TTS-Italia, the National Association for Telematics for Transport and Safety. The conference titled 'The role of ITS in the new programming period 2014-2020' will showcase the operational programmes regions have drafted for the coming years and the ITS aspects they have included.

The RITS-Net partner from Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Slovenia and Spain will share their regional ITS Action plans resulting from the project with a number of Italian regions who will present their operational programmes.

Consolidating the experiences and lessons learnt from the project, the RITS-Net guidelines for the implementation of a regional ITS Action Plan will be illustrated for their transferability potential.

The audience will have the opportunity to share ideas, programmes and plans in view of possible future trans-regional cooperation under the new programming period 2014-2020.

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Discussions at
the 2nd
Interregional
Workshop in
San Sebastian



NEWS FROM THE EU INSTITUTIONS AND THE ITS COMMUNITY

THE NEW INTERREG EUROPE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

For the new programme period 2014-2020, the INTERREG IVC programme will continue under the name INTERREG EUROPE!

With a budget allocation of EUR 359m, financed by the European Regional Development Fund, the programme will welcome partners from public organisations in 30 countries - 28 member states of the European Union, Norway and Switzerland - to exchange their experience and work on improving their regional development policies.

The INTERREG EUROPE cooperation programme envisages four priority themes:

- Research & Innovation
- SME Competitiveness
- Low Carbon Economy
- Environment & Resource Efficiency

And two types of actions:

- Projects: partners will work together on a shared policy issue, with the aim of drafting an action plan, specific for each region, ensuring that the lessons learnt from the cooperation are put into action.
- Platforms: Organisations dealing with regional development policies in Europe will share a common space for continuous learning about the four priority themes for public policies.

The official launch of the new programme will take place on 2-3 December 2014.

For more information, please visit the [INTERREG IVC website](#).

EU ITS DIRECTIVE AND ACTION PLAN, REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE

On 21 October, the European Commission has released a [report](#) on the implementation of European legislation supporting the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems in the field of road transport, and for interfaces with other modes of transport. This report is accompanied by a working document on the progress and review of the [ITS Action Plan](#). These reports show the progress achieved in the implementation of the directive and action plan, with in particular [several pieces of European legislation](#) such as eCall, road safety-related traffic information, and information on truck parking already adopted in the areas of optimal use of transport data and road safety applications. They also underline the need for further action at EU level, in particular as regards transport data and connectivity.



To view the reports, please visit the [EC website](#).

EC'S RENEWED EFFORTS TOWARDS EU-WIDE MULTIMODAL TRAVEL PLANNING

On 13 June 2014, the European Commission released an analysis of the current situation of multimodal travel planners across Europe and its plans for the way forward. The Commission Staff Working Document "Towards a roadmap for delivering EU-wide multimodal travel information, planning and ticketing services", highlights the EU's renewed efforts to develop Europe-wide all-in-one journey planners, making it easier to plan and book cross-border

journeys that involve several means of transport.

More than a hundred multimodal journey planners already exist in Europe. However, only very rarely do they offer multimodal and cross-border information. The Commission's objective is not to deliver the services itself, but rather, the EC's efforts are devised to bring down barriers, make sure that appropriate tools are available across the EU, and to encourage their use.

The Commission will lead the cooperation between the various actors involved and will provide funding opportunities under the Connecting Europe Facility and Horizon2020 funding programmes.

The Commission Staff Working Document "[Towards a roadmap for delivering EU-wide multimodal travel information, planning and ticketing services](#)", is available for download.

2015 WORLD CONGRESS ON INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

The 22nd editions of the World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems, will take place in Bordeaux, France, from 5 to 9 October 2015. The event is organized in partnership with ITS America and ITS Asia-Pacific.



With the main theme being "Towards Intelligent Mobility - Better Use of Space", the congress will focus on the achievements of intelligent mobility and what changes this entails in our lives. Also, the conference will showcase the benefits that space can bring to ITS applications, such as the new satellite constellations for geo-localisation, earth observation and communication.

Since 1994, the ITS Congress has grown phenomenally with more than 3,500 Congress delegates, 300 exhibitors and 10,000 visitors coming from more than 100 countries, expected for the next edition in 2015.

The call for papers is now open, for the following main themes:

1. Space technologies and services for ITS
2. Cooperative ITS deployment challenges
3. Multimodal transport for people and goods
4. Urban trends driving ITS changes
5. Solutions for sustainable mobility
6. Automated roads, automated management, automated driving
7. Are Big data and open data transport's "Silver Bullets"?

The deadline to submit technical, scientific or commercial papers is 19 January 2015.

For more information, please visit the [World ITS Conference website](#).

JOINT CALL ERA-NET SMART CITIES & COMMUNITIES (ENSCC) OPEN SOON

The [third transnational Joint Call of the ERA-NET Smart Cities and Communities \(ENSCC\)](#) will be opened next December 2014.

The call covers four topics:

1. smart integrated urban energy and transport systems,
2. smart tools and services for integrated urban energy and transport systems,
3. smart big data,
4. smart governance and smart citizens.

A total amount of joint public funding of approximately €20-28 million will be provided by national and regional funding agencies [from twelve European countries \(Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey\)](#). Partners from third countries not officially participating in the call are also welcome in a consortium but they need to fund their activities from other sources.

For more information please visit the [Smart Cities Platform website](#).

POSSE FINAL CONFERENCE – INTEGRATED ITS & SMART CITIES



On 14 November 2014, POSSE will present the results of the three-year activities at the final conference in Brussels.

The conference will provide insights on the main national initiatives supporting urban ITS interoperability, such as Germany's OCIT/OCA and the UK's UTMC, and the benefits they can bring especially for implementing open specifications and standards, and enabling improved strategic management of the network. Various experiences will be showcased, such as a plan for opening up urban transport data in Spain and La Spezia (Italy), on-street parking in the Czech Republic, cooperative traffic signals in Norway and integration of urban ITS in Pisa (Italy) and Klaipeda (Lithuania).

At the end, a panel discussion will enhance a debate on how to transfer the lessons learnt from POSSE to other cities.

For more information, please visit the [POSSE website](#).

FINAL HEERO CONFERENCE, MADRID 27-28 NOVEMBER 2014

HeERO – Harmonised eCall European pilot, addresses the pan-European in-vehicle emergency call service "eCall" based on 112, the common European Emergency number. Since January 2011, nine European countries plus additional six from January 2013, are carrying out the start-up of an interoperable and harmonised in-vehicle emergency call system. The HeERO consortium is currently testing and validating in real conditions pilots for the



common European eCall standards defined and approved by the European Standardisation Bodies.

The Conference will highlight the final outcomes, impact and results of the HeERO project. Each pilot site will share its experiences and participants will have the opportunity to see eCall demonstrations.

Attendees will get an exclusive insight on:

- the status of eCall deployment in pilot sites including eCall for trucks; powered 2 wheeled eCall and filtering instance for PSAP;
- the outcome of interoperability testing;
- update on standards and certification for eCall;
- the recommendations for the large scale implementation of the eCall service in Europe.

The event will be hosted at the Hotel Puerta America Madrid on 27 November. On Friday 28 November, participants will have the opportunity to attend live eCall demonstrations organised throughout the day at the Dirección General de Tráfico, Madrid.

For further information on the project, and to register to the conference, please visit the [HeERO website](#)

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