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DEAR READER,

Welcome to the third 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 that 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

WHAT'S NEW IN RITS-NET

RITS-Net is now halfway of its project duration and activities over the last months become quite hectic. A number of interesting workshops on specific ITS fields of application have been organised and partner regions have been highly involved in the exchange of experiences and practices exercise.

In parallel, the analysis of the state of art in the use of ITS in the individual regions has been accomplished. In depth knowledge on the starting point in terms of transport challenges and potential of ITS to solve mobility bottlenecks is essential to build up the studies on specific ITS solutions that RITS-Net is carrying out in each region according to their needs.

At the same time the collection of good practices from each region has kicked off. A complete overview of such a collection will be soon offered via the website in the form of digital map.

More details on all activities are given in the present issue of the newsletter.

THE RITS-NET CALENDAR:

- ❑ 5-6 December 2012, 1st Thematic WS: Emergency management and Incidents, Pleven, Bulgaria **DONE**
- ❑ 27-28 February 2013, 2nd Thematic WS: Traffic Management & Mobility, Vidzeme, Latvia **DONE**
- ❑ 23-24 May 2013, 3rd Thematic WS: Parking & Automatic Payment, Pecs **DONE**
- ❑ 15-16 July 2013, 4th Thematic WS: User information, Marche Region **DONE**
- ❑ 18-19 September 2013, 5th Thematic WS: Management of Public Transport, Thessaloniki **DONE**
- ❑ 20-21 November 2013, 6th thematic WS: Advanced control of vehicles and incidents, South Dublin
- ❑ March 2014, 7th thematic WS: Fleet management and Freight, Litija

WORKSHOP ON “PARKING AND AUTOMATIC PAYMENT” SUCCESSFULLY ORGANIZED IN PECS

The 3rd RITS-Net Workshop on the theme Parking and automatic payment systems took place on 22-23 May 2013 in Pecs, Hungary. The event was organised by BOKOM Pécs City Management and Environmental Management Ltd. The two-day event was around the theme of smart ticketing, parking regional exercises, automatic payment, and other performances.

Keynote speaker for the workshop was Matthew Hudson, Customer Experience from Transport for London. He made a presentation on the future of fare collection in London. Local stakeholders from the municipality and the region were confronted with the European partners who presented in Pecs their good practices on the subject. At the end, a full session was devoted to a Plenary Reflection on using ITS in the future transport of Pecs.

All presentations are available **to download from the [RITS-Net website](#)**.

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RITS-NET DEVOTED A SPECIAL SESSION AT ITS CONGRESS IN DUBLIN



During the European ITS Congress 2013, which was held in Dublin on 4-7 June 2013, a Special Interest Session was arranged on the RITS-Net topic. The session titled Regional Policies for ITS provided presentations on actions undertaken on regional ITS policies, like knowledge sharing, standardisation, guidelines and technical specifications for their implementation. It included presentations from project partners such as South Dublin County Council (SDCC), Austriatech and Marche Region, who were confronted with Mrs Raffaillac Julie, responsible for ITS at DG MOVE, European Commission, and Suzanne Hoadley from the POLIS network.

Proceedings are available from the [conference website](#).

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SENIGALLIA HOSTED THE THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON USER INFORMATION AT LA ROTONDA DEL MARE

The 4th RITS-Net workshop on User information was organized in Senigallia, Marche Region, Italy, on 15-16 July 2013. The location was Rotonda a Mare, a conference center surrounded by the sea, famous for the summer social life in the sixties and the internationally known song from Fred Bongusto. The workshop featured presentations from 3 keynote speakers: Fernando Zubillaga Elorza, MLC Clúster de Movilidad y Logística who presented the smartCEM, multimodal travel planner; Caroline Treacy, Data Manager at the National Transport Authority (NTA) of Ireland and Nils Schmidt, Head of the Siemens Business Unit.

The workshop presented the state of the art on the adoption and deployment of the ITS action plan relating to multimodal traveller information. It also explored available ITS applications for users information in different use cases. The event was organised around two days and confronted local

practices with the experiences brought by the project partners. A study visit was also organised at AMI, public transport fleet operator in Urbino.

All presentations are available **to download from the [RITS-Net website](#)**.

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WORKSHOP ON MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THESSALONIKI

The 5th Workshop on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) for **Public Transport Management** was successfully organized in Thessaloniki on 18 and 19 September 2013. The aim of the Workshop was to present the state of the art on public transport management through the use of ITS in several EU regions in accordance with the European directive (2010/40/EU) on the implementation of ITS and support the exchange of experiences between the

local and European stakeholders. The workshop was organised by the development agency ANATOLIKI Sa/Regional Energy Agency of Central Macedonia (REACM), in cooperation with the CERTH/Hellenic Institute for Sustainable Mobility and Transport Networks (HIT) and the Organisation of Urban Transport of Thessaloniki (OASTH).

The Secretary General of the International Association of Public Transport (UITP), Mr Alain Flausch, was the invited key note speaker. He presented in detail several ITS applications and the advantages they offer for the successful management of public transport. In particular he highlighted the use of ITS for services such as statistics on travel demand and usage, efficiency of rolling stock, users information, ticketing, security and customer services.

The workshop featured presentations from both local stakeholders and European partners during the two-day event, which welcomed about 60 participants. After the end of the workshop, the participants were invited to join the “Bike Ride Event” of the Municipality of Kalamaria and meet the Kalamaria Mobility Centre.

All presentations are available **to download from the [RITS-Net website](#)**.

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STATE OF THE ART ANALYSIS FINALISED AND SELECTION OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES

The project has just finished compiling a report presenting the state of the art analysis of the individual partner regions involved in RITS-Net. The analysis regards their local situation in terms of mobility challenges and the ICT platforms already installed, together with the local ITS applications existing at regional level.

As a result of the local analyses, each partner region has been able to identify the specific ITS application they want to introduce in their territory, for which RITS-Net offers support in the definition of a feasibility study.

The topics selected by the regions are: ‘e-Ticketing’, which will be considered by Marche Region, Evroregion Olt and Donostia-San Sebastian; ‘Users information’ in central Macedonia; ‘Sustainable mobility on highway network’ will be the topic for the Heart of Slovenia; ‘Parking management, automatic payment solutions and regulation of limited traffic areas’ will be considered in the city of Pécs; while Vidzeme region will consider a generic overview and will cover all ITSs aspects.

The document can be requested to the Marche Region. **Please contact Silvia Magnalardo (silvia.magnalardo@regione.marche.it)**

NEXT WORKSHOP IN DUBLIN - ANNOUNCEMENT

The 6th thematic RITS-Net Workshop on **Advanced Control of Vehicle and Incident** will take place in Dublin (Ireland) on 20-21 November 2013.

The workshop is focused on C-ITS and is hosted by the South Dublin County Council. It is being held in conjunction with the ITS Ireland Annual Meeting. Leaders in the ITS field from both Ireland and Europe are invited to participate in addition to RITS-Net project partners.

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NEWS FROM THE EU INSTITUTIONS AND THE ITS COMMUNITY



NEXT SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT CAPITALISATION WORKSHOP (28 NOV. 2013)

The second thematic Capitalisation Workshop on Sustainable Mobility will be held in Brussels on 28. November 2013 at the Committee of the Regions (CoR) premises. The aim of this workshop is to discuss the interesting practices and policies available within the involved regions in INTERREG IVC projects that could be relevant also to other regions in Europe and to stimulate further the mutual learning among projects dealing with similar issues. Furthermore, the Experts working on the Capitalisation initiative will present their findings and policy recommendations from the first year of the thematic analysis and validate them with the INTERREG IVC projects, other interested stakeholders and programme/ EU representatives.

In particular, the workshop will select the most significant Good Practices (GP) or policies in terms of capitalization potential, among all the 10 ongoing projects in the field of sustainable transport.

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FOURTH EC ITS CONFERENCE "TRIGGERING ITS DEPLOYMENT" (2 DEC. 2013)

The European Commission is organising the 4th Conference on Intelligent Transport Systems in Europe in Brussels on 2 December 2013. The objective of the Conference is to provide an overview of the state-of-play with regard to a number of key actions and major initiatives in the context of the **ITS Action Plan** and the **ITS Directive 2010/40/EU**. Topics such as major ITS developments, seamless travel, multimodal travel information and planning services (including access

to transport data) and the deployment of co-operative systems will be discussed. The event will be opened by Vice-President Kallas, together with representatives of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU, the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee.

For further information, **please contact:** **MOVE-ITS-CONFERENCE@ec.europa.eu** or visit the **Conference webpage**.



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ISEP 2014 - CALL FOR PAPERS

The 22nd International Symposium on Electronics in Transport - ITS for Seamless and Energy Smart Transport – will be held on 24 -25 March 2014 at the Ljubljana Exhibition and Convention Centre, Ljubljana, Slovenia. The Slovenian ITS Association, under the umbrella of the Electrotechnical Association of Slovenia is organising the 22nd International Symposium on Electronics in Transport – ISEP which promotes a strategic objective of integrating and strengthening the European Research Area in Slovenia as well as in the other member States, Accession States and in some nearby countries in South Eastern Europe.

The theme of the 2014 Symposium is "ITS for Seamless Transport". This theme brings focus to the importance of seamless connections between different means of transport (vehicles, trains, ship, planes, etc.), personal devices and infrastructure, independently from different participant in transport chains and independently from demographic organisation of EU.

To contribute, please forward an abstract of your paper in an electronic format to the Programme Committee using the application system via **http://www.isep.si** before 13 January 2014. All articles will be reviewed and accepted articles will be published in the Symposium's Proceedings with ISBN.

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