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## See you soon in phase 2 of the project!

Dear reader,

the e-MOPOLI project, co-financed by the ERDF through the Interreg Europe Programme, started in 2018, is now rapidly coming to the end of phase 1: May 2021!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank e-MOPOLI partners for the great work done so far highlighting that, even in an ongoing context of restrictions and uncertainty, due to the COVID-19, the e-MOPOLI regional and interregional learning process went on, in order to assure that the project aims are reached. This is the case for the learning activities organized by Calabria Region, Attica Region, as well as the Province of Brescia from september 2020 to April 2021. This was made possible thanks to the use of online platforms, allowing organization of events with high number of participants, providing innovative features for interaction between participants and speakers, allowing to undertake virtual field visits, as well as to attend learning workshops and round table discussions in streaming.

In these last months all Partners were focused on the finalization of e-MOPOLI outputs, mainly the 9 Regional Action Plans, soon available in our Library. We are also very proud of the collection of more than 40 Good Practices, already available on our website.

As representative of e-MOPOLI consortium, I officially invite and hope to meet you, even if virtually, at the final e-MOPOLI event on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021!

All the best and see you soon!

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## What has recently happened in e-MOPOLI?

### 30 September - 02 October 2020 - Seventh Exchange of Learning learning in Calabria – Innovative Public Transports

In 5th semester Calabria Region organized the Inter-regional Learning Workshops, the Interregional Field Visit, and the Roundtable in Catanzaro, Italy, taking place on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The 4th round of Staff Exchange took place in Cosenza and Reggio Calabria, respectively on September 30<sup>th</sup> and on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. The events were held virtually, through online streaming, in addition to the possibility to attend physically. Field visit started with the presentation of funicular of Catanzaro city, a funicular railway, carrying about 580,000 passengers per year, owned by the city. In this context, the e-bike system, as well as the parking areas and the e-vehicle charging station were presented. The second trip was organized in the subway construction site of the city of Catanzaro. 5 km



underground link is part of an EU-funded project, that also includes the upgrade of existing rail lines to metro standards. The Interregional Workshop and Round Table have been dedicated to the illustration and discussion among experts and participants of Calabria Region initiatives on sustainable mobility: several prominent figures, representing the PAs (Calabria Region), the academic world (Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria), as well as the mobility sector (ANAS SpA and Trenitalia), intervened presenting valuable insights into the most innovative and successful initiatives and projects in place in the Region.

### 22-24 March 2021 - Eight Exchange of Learning in Region Attica

On 22-24 March 2021, Region of Attica organized successfully the 8<sup>th</sup> learning exchange in Attica, Greece, which was held virtually, through online streaming, due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The event (after the project partner meeting) started with the first staff exchange activity where the attendants had the chance to virtually visit two companies operating in the field of electromobility: TryEV and Engie Hellas SA. During the visits, different issues on the field of charging infrastructure were presented including the demonstration of a platform as well as different types of chargers. On 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the Interregional Learning Workshop and the Round Table took place, where representatives of various institutions (academia, industry, public



authorities, etc) presented various aspects of electromobility in Attica Region and in Greece, generally, such as the legal and regulatory framework, the future of electric taxis and the new plan for extending the charging station network. The last event of the day included the Field Visit in Automotive Solution, where different types of electric vehicles were live presented and Enervek Hellas where an online demonstration of chargers was carried out. The last day (24<sup>th</sup> March) included two additional staff exchange activities where representatives from the research field (I-SENSE) and the industry (Protasis SA, Ecosun, Blink Charging, Mimosa Dynamic) gave information about smart charging, vehicle2grid applications, research projects, the charging network in Greece and different types of chargers while the participants had the chance to hear about the Ecocar, a small electric car ideal for inner-city transportation needs.

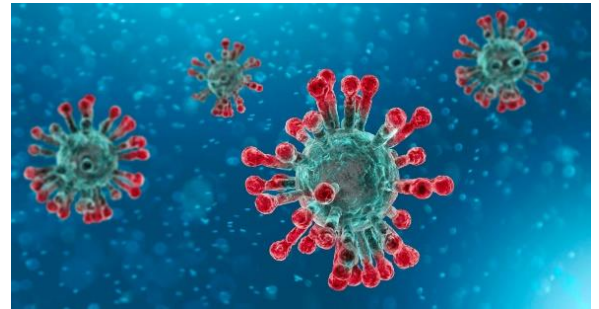
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## Tips and lesson learned from e-MOPOLI project to face pandemic

Within the context of the ongoing pandemic (COVID-19), affecting negatively the organization of physical meetings, aimed at fostering the learning process, that in turn represents the backbone for the achievement of the e-MOPOLI objectives, learning activities went on, despite travel restrictions in place all over Europe and worldwide. This was made possible thanks to the use of online platforms, allowing organization of events with high number of participants, providing innovative features for interaction between participants and speakers, such as different thematic “chatrooms” and live surveys. The first events making intense use of online platforms, in order to allow participants to undertake virtual field visits, as well as to attend learning workshops and round table discussions in streaming, were the events organized by Calabria Region in autumn 2020. These events were streamed online, with the additional possibility for those partners who were entitled to travel abroad, to attend the events physically. They give the chance to partners to understand how to improve the on-line meetings, a sort of learning-by-doing, and to be capitalized the lessons learned in Attica and Brescia events in 2021.



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## Discover e-MOPOLI Outputs!



**e-MOPOLI (Electro MObility as driver to support POLicy Instruments for sustainable mobility)** project aims at the diffusion of electromobility, and at implementation of strategies for reducing the carbon footprint of economic activities, in urban and extra-urban areas. One of the key outputs of the e-MOPOLI project is the development of **REGIONAL ACTION PLANS** which will contribute in promoting electromobility and alternative fuels in the region of each project partners. In order to achieve this output, nine regions from eight different European countries will exchange ideas, knowledge and policies already implemented that should be adopted, altered or avoided. The e-MOPOLI consortium worked strictly also to produce **e-MOPOLI RECOMMENDATIONS** for regional and local Authorities on business, governance and RIS3 level for Regional and Local Authorities, to promote the diffusion of alternative fuels options and overcome local disparities. Partners also elaborated the **e-MOPOLI REGIONAL ANALYSIS and SOURCEBOOK OF GOOD PRACTICES**, the bases for the finalization of 9 Regional Action Plans. Good Practices were selected from exchange of experience and transferred as a lesson learnt by e-MOPOLI partners.

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## e-MOPOLI REGIONAL ACTION PLANS IN PILLS

### Province of Brescia (IT)

The objective of the Action Plan is to promote the development of alternative fuel options with an integrated approach: mobility, energy, environment, and sustainable tourism. It will support the diffusion of alternative fuel infrastructures, vehicles and mobility services for citizens and tourists of the Province at all territorial levels: Local Public transports, inland water navigations, private vehicles and soft mobility options, in accordance with international, national and regional regulations. Province of Brescia will update its own policy instruments, capitalizing experiences from exchange of learning, implementing EU AFID, National regulation and Lombardy Region initiatives.

### Calabria Region (IT)

Calabria Region aims to modernize the regional transport efficiently and with an integrated approach, promoting sustainable and innovative mobility. The Action Plan will improve the ROP 2014-2021 through the implementation of new projects in Local Public Transports, financed by ROP axis IV, VI and VII such as the purchase of hybrid trains, of electric minibuses for tourist itineraries in the Calabrian municipalities and connection between Lamezia airport and the railway central station with an electrometric powered public transport

### Attica Region (EL)

Region of Attica will implement concrete and targeted actions aiming to effectively promote electromobility in the region, based on its needs and characteristics. The Action Plan consists of 5 actions, including the renewal of part of the regional fleet with electric vehicles, the installation of charging stations in key locations as well as the organization of events for raising public awareness and favor the shift to electric vehicles in the region.

### Regional Council of Kainuu (FI)

The Action Plan addresses issues regarding demand, regional supply issues related to regional potential for alternative fuels, infrastructure needs, and links to the demand-led approach through research integration projects, and they ensure the planned Type 1 (new projects) and Type 2 (governance improvement) impacts. The aim is to improve, as much as possible, the alternative mobility context & practices in the region as a whole.

### Bucharest – Ilfov RDA (RO)

The Action Plan focuses on raising public awareness and increase users' confidence towards eco – friendly transportation means. Bucharest -Ilfov intends to develop a guide for encouraging the promotion of electromobility and alternative fuels in the region. The guide will include technical characteristics, costs of ownership as well as the benefits of using electric and alternative fuels vehicles on the environment along with information on the financing sources.

### BSC RDA Ltd. Kranj (SI)

With the Action Plan, BSC Kranj proposes to upgrade the existing measures in Priority Axis 4 of the Operational Program 2014-2020, to promote mobility to alternative fuel sources for the Operational Program for the Implementation of European Cohesion Policy in the period 2021-2027. At the same time, the secondary objective of the Action Plan in question is to influence the Investments for Growth and Jobs Program, the European Territorial Cooperation Program and other regional development policy instruments.

### Flemish Government (BE)

The Flemish Government wants to realize a shift from traditional combustion vehicles towards alternative fuels, being battery-electric, plug-in hybrids, CNG and hydrogen. The Action Plan focuses on four wheelers and the associated charging infrastructure. The main actions stimulate market uptake for Clean Power vehicles for a fast expansion of the required infrastructure.

### Rogaland County Council (NO)

Rogaland County Council, by means of the Action Plan, intends to fulfil the need for a strategy for the implementation of environmentally friendly fuels in the region, especially in the public transport sector. In particular, the strategy will be used as a guideline for public transport procurements in Rogaland for updating the policy instrument addressed in the e-MOPOLI project, the Regional Public Transport Strategy.

### Zemgale Planning Region (LV)

Zemgale Planning Region aims to expand the charging infrastructure in the area by installing charging stations in key locations as well as include electromobility in the mobility plan and the new development program. Additionally, it is planned to raise public awareness and therefore increase acceptance towards electromobility through the organization of various dissemination activities.

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## SAVE THE DATE IN YOUR AGENDA!



### e-MOPOLI Final Interregional Conference 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - 09.00-13.00 CEST

e-MOPOLI partners, guided by Province of Brescia, organized the Final Interregional Conference, an international event for the promotion of alternative fuel mobility, which will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> May on-line. The event will be focused on the presentation and dissemination of e-MOPOLI results and Outputs, mainly the 9 regional Action Plans, and thanks to the contribution of Joint Secretariat of the Programme Interreg Europe it will give some outlook on future programming Period and the results achieved so far. On 19<sup>th</sup> May, e-MOPOLI consortium will also participate to “e-mobility cluster meeting”, organized by Interreg Policy Learning Platform, a cross fertilization opportunity with all e-mobility projects of the Programme. *(Events in English)*

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CALENDAR	3rd Workshop with Regional Stakeholder Group	Regional Dissemination Event & Press conference
Province of Brescia (IT)	Iseo, 17 February 2021	Iseo, 17 Feb. 2021 - May 2021
Calabria Region (IT)	Online, 14 May 2021	Online, 14 May 2021
BSC, Ltd, Kranj – RDA of Gorenjska (SI)	Kranj, 08 September 2020	Online, 26/27 of May 2021
Attica Region (EL)	Online, 31 March 2021	Online, 23 March 2021
Regional Council of Kainuu (FI)	Online, 18 May 2021	Online, 18 May 2021
Rogaland County Council (NO)	Stavanger, 21 May 2021	Stavanger, 21 May 2021
Bucharest – Ilfov RDA (RO)	June 2021	June 2021
Zemgale Planning Region (LV)	Jelgava, 28 September 2020	MS Team, 18 May 2021

### Project partners



### Privacy update - General protection Regulation (GDPR)

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