

# NEWSLETTER #04



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# Project News & Events: study visits



### Manchester

The one-day event took place on 7th February in Manchester City Centre and was made up of a delegation of 9 colleagues from the Ostrava Region of Czech Rep. The visitors were interested in a range of measures, initiatives and policies. The visit was opened with an overview of our 2040 Transport Strategy which gave the visitors an idea of the Greater Manchester context and the direction which we wish to take.

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### Almada

On the 26th September 2017, 20 people from four delegations of RESOLVE partner cities (Reggio Emilia, Manchester, Maribor and Warsaw) visited the city of Almada for a Study Visit. This event started at 9:30 in the Municipal House of Environment, where Mrs. Catarina Freitas, Head of Department for Environment, Climate, Energy and Mobility provided some welcome words and introduced the works.

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### Reggio Emilia

From 7th to 9th of November the City of Reggio Emilia hosted the Project Management Group Meeting and a Study Visit. RESOLVE partners coming from Netherlands, UK, Sweden, Slovenia, Poland and Czech Republic met in the City Hall and were welcomed by Mrs. Serena Foracchia, Deputy Mayor for International Affairs.

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### Roermond

In September 2017 a delegation from Roermond visited the Scandinavian cities of Malmö, Copenhagen and Växjö. Purpose of the visit was to learn how these cities promote the use of sustainable mobility, especially in relation to the retail sector. The bike sharing program Bicyklen in Copenhagen was identified as a possible Good Practice to implement in Roermond and the whole region.

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## Project video



On Resolve's YouTube channel, you can now find our latest video! Subtitled in all the native languages of the project partners, the video tells in a few minutes the birth of Resolve, the objectives to be achieved both at European level and at local level, and more information about the project.

[Video here!](#)

## Let's meet RESOLVE partners

Almada City Council and Maribor Municipality explain how they evaluate RESOLVE first two years activities, what results they expect to achieve at local level and how they imagine mobility policies will evolve by 2021. Here you find a preview of the interviews published on RESOLVE website.

### Almada City Council



**How do you evaluate RESOLVE's first 2 years? What have you learnt so far?**

We evaluate very positively the first 2 years of the RESOLVE project. In particular, the Exchange of Experience activities have been very interesting and useful for Almada, because it allowed us to identify and learn more about several good practices that might be replicated in our Municipality. The Peer Review in Almada that was organized in the framework of the project was also a great opportunity to provide the Local Authorities and Stakeholders with an "outside" perspective, which allowed us to see some aspects of our mobility strategy in a different way. The Peer Review will be important to deepen the work of the City Council the development of its SUMP.

[Read complete interview here](#)

### Maribor Municipality



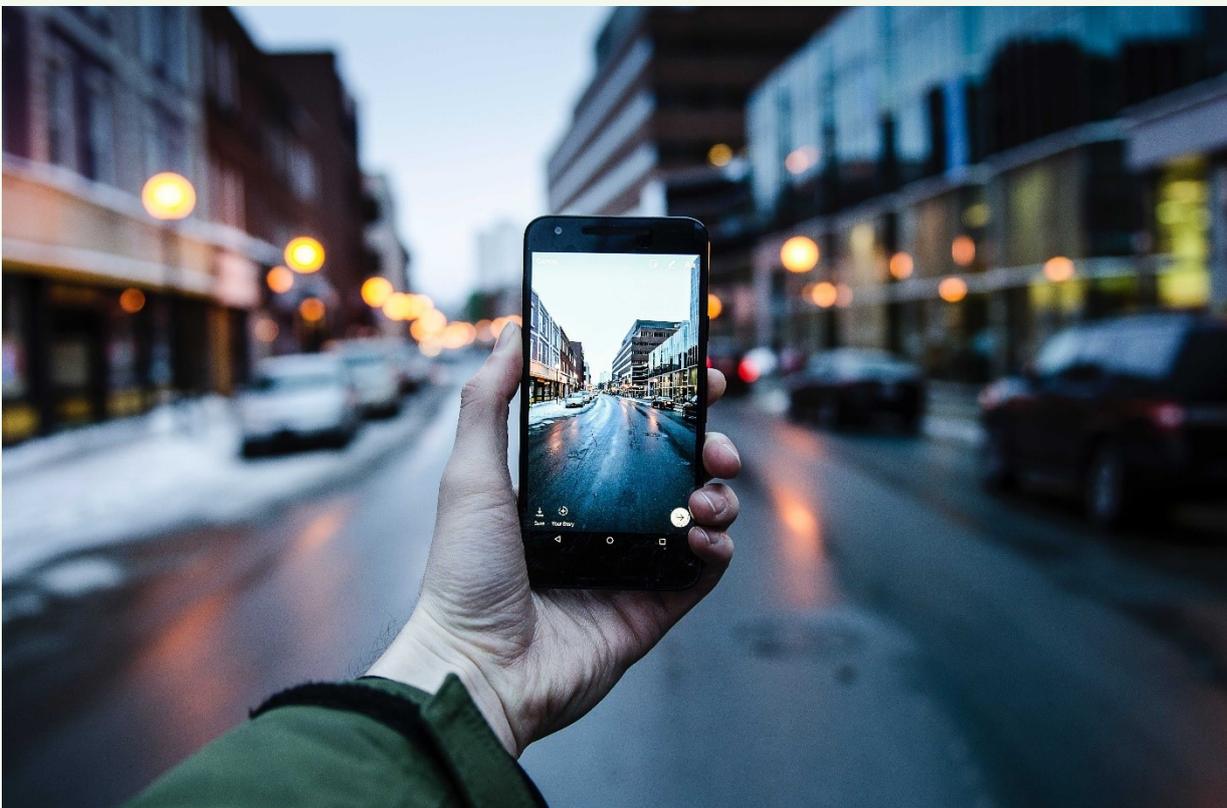
**How do you evaluate RESOLVE's first 2 years? What have you learnt so far?**

The first 2 years of Maribor Municipality cooperation in RESOLVE project brought several stakeholders together to discuss and search for solutions regarding the reduction of carbon emissions in the city centre with commercial area and pedestrian zone. We learned about good practices during the study visits in partner cities such as Almada and Reggio Emilia in particular in the field of public transport in the city centre, pedestrianization and cycle path network. In April 2017 Maribor organized the Peer Review where a team of experts from Netherlands, Czech Republic and Sweden discussed retail related traffic and revival of old city centre with participants from municipal departments.

[Read complete interview here](#)

## Resolve enters the next stage

We are approaching a pivotal moment in the life of the project. More specifically, we are moving from the learning phase to the planning phase! In the first 18 months project partners have mostly focused on acquiring new knowledge. Firstly, they assembled the Register of Good Practices to get to know which projects and/or policy measures might be interesting for them. Secondly, they hosted the Peer Reviews to assess their strengths and weaknesses of their actual policies. Next, they performed local surveys to set the baseline measurement for the policy measures they are going to implement later on. Finally, they started a series of Study Visits to allow the Local Stakeholders Group to get more familiar with specific measures.



In 2018 the project is moving to the next stage: planning! Besides finishing the remaining Study Visits, project partners will perform two main activities in the next period: organize the Import Workshop and produce the Regional Action Plan (RAP). They will start with reviewing the progress, plans and problems so far to, next, prepare an outline for their RAP. After that, they will hold the Import Workshop, where local stakeholders and relevant experts (some might be the same experts had during the Peer Review) will discuss the draft RAP. The RESOLVE project aims at finalising the RAPs by the end of the year.

Giuliano Mingardo, Erasmus University Rotterdam

## Upcoming Project and European Events

- 13-14 March 2018 - Brussels: FLOW and TRACE final conference: Decongesting Europe - New approaches to freeing our cities
- 10- 11 April 2018: Resolve PMG in Almada
- 14 April 2018 - 15 April 2018 - Berlin: International Cargo Bike Festival
- 23-24 April 2018 - Brussels: CIVITAS Urban Freight Conference
- 14-15 May 2018 - Cyprus: 5th European Conference on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans
- 30 May - 01 June 2018 - Uppsala: European Conference on Mobility Management



## Partners & Contacts

### Project partners

- City of Roermond (NL) – *Lead partner*
- Department of Regional, Port and Transport Economics (RHV BV) (NL)
- Municipality of Reggio Emilia (IT)
- Transport for Greater Manchester (UK)
- Maribor Municipality (SI)
- Kronoberg County Administration Board (SE)
- Almada City Council (PT)
- City of Warsaw (PL)
- Moravian-Silesian Region (CZ)



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