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Cooperation Day on Standard Repeatable Models of Urban Road Axis redesigning and the Promotion of their Implementation in Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans

Significant conclusions have been drawn from the seminar that was held yesterday in the Manolis Anagnostakis Hall of the Thessaloniki Mayoral Hall, METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AGENCY THESSALONIKI – S.A.,(MDAT S.A.) entitled "Standardized repeatable models of urban road axis re-development and the promotion of their application in SUMPs".

This is an action implemented within the framework of the INTERREG - MED Program 2014-2020 and included in the project "IMPLEMENTATION OF INNOVATIVE IMPROVEMENT OF INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS IN MEDITERRANEAN CITIES", "REgenerating mixed-use MED urban communities congested by traffic through Innovative Low Carbon Mobility Solutions ", (REMEDIO).

One of the solutions and proposals that emerged through the participatory planning phase, was that of "redesigning the eastern horizontal axis of Thessaloniki", having even formulated the "Modulo" proposal for the construction of the second generation bus lane at V. Olga, along with a multitude of interventions that will decongest one of the most crowded roads in Thessaloniki with high emissions.

Katerina Chrysostomou, Associate and Researcher of the Institute for Sustainable Mobility and Transport Networks described the proposal, which includes a set of major interventions that will lead the city's specific road to disengagement from chronic problems such as illegal parking, road accidents, non-operational bus stops, lack of bicycle paths and unsafe transit of pedestrians and people with disabilities due to shortcomings on existing sidewalks.

In fact, the Modulo proposal seems to revolutionize the second-generation bus, protecting bus traffic, promoting electric mobility, electric charging, and a system of truly "smart" stops.

As the Aristotle University's Atmospheric Physics Department pointed out, the completion of the Remedio project contributed significantly to computational models such as traffic simulation, meteorological data, fuel gaseous emissions and even traffic noise emissions on the axis of Vasilisis. Olgas street.

The Remod Urban Axis methodological guide, used in the upcoming proposals, aims to support repeatable solutions such as that of Vasilisis Olgas' Street, as demonstrated by international best practices.

The contribution of the Municipal Television to the project of REMEDIO for the city of Thessaloniki is important, promoting specialized reports and documentaries, which highlight how important changes the project brings, as the General Director of DEPTHE noted during the conference, Mr. Filios Stangos.

The presence of CIVINET Greece and Cyprus was special, the Local Authorities' network for sustainable mobility in two countries, promoting environmental and efficient modes of transportation, is an official meeting of the CIVITAS European network. As the CIVINET CY-EL responsible secretary, Alexia Spyridonidou pointed out, the role of the network is a strategy in the next steps in concluding to a cooperation agreement between public bodies by finding the necessary resources.

The rest of the projects and the SUMPs

REMEDIO, of course, is not the only European programs for implementing Sustainable Urban Mobility solutions. Another example is the Innova Sump project implemented by Municipality of Kordelio Evosmos (as project partner), with a representative of the project describing the preparatory actions for the implementation of sustainable solutions in the western Thessaloniki area.

An even more important project in which a remarkable effort is being made to transfer the know-how acquired in REMEDIO project is that of "Provincial Road n.2". The civil engineer and Head of the Department of Technical Services at MDAT S.A., Ioakim Kandilyaris presented the data on the road axis which begins at Democracy Square, continues on Langadas Street and rises to G. Papandreou Street and ends up on Papanikolaou Boulevard in Chortiatis. It is a highway with significant deficiencies as it has characteristics of a provincial road though it passes much of it through urban areas, with pavement deficiencies, minimal green and obsolete bus design by the many who pass through it.

The above points were highlighted by both the Head of the Technical Services Directorate of the Municipality of Pavlos Mela, Mina Papadiamanti and the Deputy Head of the Planning Department of the Municipality of Neapolis-Sykies, Giannis Polychroniadis.

For his part, Mayor Neapolis Sykeon and vice-president of MDAT S.A., Simos Daniilidis, pointed out the need and importance of such a project, which not only promotes the region, but also in terms of quality of life and ecological level.

Finally, a discussion was held by a representative of the MDAT S.A., a representative of CERTH / HIT, a representative of the Municipality of Thessaloniki, and the representative of CIVINET CY-EL, as to whether the experience and the principles of planning the horizontal eastern axis (REMEDIO pilot area in Thessaloniki) can be used in the development of the Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans, it became clear that there are prerequisites for the development of SUMPs based on the methodology followed in REMEDIO project.

Finally, the official collaboration between MDAT S.A. and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki was announced through the City Innovation and City Applications Laboratory, as City Lab's interconnection with educational and research centers.

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