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Viajeo Plus newsletter gives you an update of the project activities. To learn about the project please visit our website www.viajeoplus.eu. For more information please contact: y.li@mail.ertico.com.

Viajeo PLUS launched on 1st May 2013

Viajeo PLUS kicked off its activities on the 1st May 2013. It is an *FP7* international cooperation project, EC funded by the DG Research and Innovation. The project aims to benchmark outstanding solutions for innovative and green urban mobility in Europe, Latin America, China and Singapore and subsequently facilitate the uptake of these solutions across different cities in these regions, and in Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPCs). Viajeo Plus organises interactive showcases, meetings and workshops to allow stakeholders to gain first-hand experience of innovative solutions, exchange knowledge and information. It also develops recommendations to the EC for future collaboration among cities and for cooperative research initiatives.

The project is fully cooperating with its sister project, SOLUTIONS. You can visit their website at: <http://www.iclei-europe.org/topics/mobility/solutions>

Viajeo PLUS consortium contributed to EU-China workshop in Foshan, China, 30 – 31 May 2013

EU-China workshop TOWARDS INNOVATIVE JOINT SOLUTIONS FOR COMMON URBANISATION CHALLENGES was held in Foshan, in China 30-31. Co-organised by the EC and National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), China, the workshop aims at developing recommendations for future EU-China cooperation. The recommendations cover topics, mechanism, key actors to be involved and framework conditions. Green Urban Mobility and Transport is one the three domains of the workshop. Viajeo PLUS Consortium Members University of Newcastle, VOLVO, T-System, Renault and Michelin participated in the workshop and delivered presentations. Presentations are available at the project website.

Viajeo PLUS Kick off Meeting held on 17 & 18th June 2013

The project Kick off Meeting was held on 17th June in Senigallia, Italy. Coordinated by ERTICO – ITS Europe, the project brings together various stakeholders from Europe, Latin America and China, aiming at sharing good practices and demonstration of innovative solutions. During the Kick off Meeting, intensive discussion on how to collect best practices and how to disseminate the best practices have been carried out. The discussion will form a foundation of the best solution selection methodology.

Viajeo PLUS project website launched on 1st July 2013

The project website is launched on 1st July 2013. Hosted by ERTICO, the website gives the opportunity of quick, efficient and extensive dissemination of project results and outcomes. The website is a primary tool of communication for all those directly involved in the project as well as other stakeholders. Project partners and stakeholders can use the website to share news and information.

Best Solution Selection Methodology published on 30th August 2013

One important objective of the project is to publish a Virtual Solution Book which is an online knowledge centre to facilitate wider uptake of solutions across more cities and regions and provide a catalogue of cities' experiences on their past, current and future update of innovative and efficient solutions. The deliverable explains the selection of best solutions for various topics as well as serving as a guideline for WP3 – WP7 to carry out case studies.

Upcoming Events

The 16th EU-China Urbanisation Forum, Beijing, China, 18 – 22 Nov 2013

Beijing will host of the 16th EU- China summit from the 18 till the 22 November 2013. The EU and the Chinese counterpart represented by the highest political representatives will meet in China focusing on discussions for potential cooperation and therefore paving the way for launching new initiatives to take the relationship forward in the next decade. A strategic agenda on security, prosperity and sustainable development has been set up and negotiations are expected to be launched on an EU – China bilateral investment agreement. During the summit, EU-China Urbanisation Forum and Exhibition will be held in Beijing. Viajeo PLUS consortium members have been invited to join the event.