



Merope-eDRUL-CityPorts Joint Workshop held in Florence

A Joint Workshop for the Merope-eDRUL-CityPorts projects about Innovative Urban Logistics Services was held in Florence on 15-16 November. The workshop was a success with more than 250 participants from across the EU. The organiser, Giorgio Ambrosino, believes this shows a growing interest in City logistics solutions amongst all actors in urban freight distribution. The workshop had 7 sessions, 35 presentations from 12 EC states and addressed city logistics as follows: the state of the art in urban logistics; inputs from EU projects; political and institutional requirements; city priorities; transport operators' priorities. This was then followed by the development of ICT based solutions from the three projects MEROPE, eDRUL and CITYPORTS. Three different EU Programmes involving 10 European Countries, 30 European regions, 31 cities and 40 partners were involved. The organisers hope this is another step in the direction of reaching a common European integrated approach to the urban freight distribution process and to the overall city sustainability. BESTUFS II and CITYFREIGHT were represented by Tom Zunder of NewRail. <http://www.edrul.net>

MEROPE project ends

The MEROPE project (Technological Instruments for Innovative Logistics and Mobility services in Urban and Metropolitan Areas), Interreg IIIB, MEDOCC, with Regione Toscana as project leader and including 14 Mediterranean partners, began in 2002 and ended in October of this year. The project carried out a number of feasibility studies and pilot projects aiming to identify mobility and logistical characteristics



WHAT IS BESTUFS II?

BESTUFS II is a co-ordination action funded by the European Commission under the the 6th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development. It is a follow-up initiative of the thematic network BESTUFS and aims to maintain and expand an open European network in order to identify, describe and disseminate best practices, success criteria and bottlenecks with respect to City Logistics. The BESTUFS II project started in 2004 with a duration of 4 years.



in the various local sites and to provide some solutions to the problems identified, particularly through the use of Information technology. The projects concentrated mainly on goods distribution, tourist bus and car park management, communication and user information and environmental impacts. One example is the demonstration in Dos Hermanas, a suburb of Sevilla, Spain, to test a new loading zone for goods distribution, reserved exclusively for freight delivery vehicles. The two week demonstration included a number of different carriers and used a system of on-line reservations. A different example is the work carried out in Siena where a system to control and monitor vehicle flows has been developed and patented. The system monitors the flow of tourist buses based on data provided by a data collection unit and uses variable messages to inform tourist bus operators on car park availability. <http://www.meropenet>

Pollutec 2004 held in Lyons



Pollutec 2004, the 20th international exhibition of environment equipment, technology and services was held from November 30 to December 3, 2004 at Lyon Eurexpo, France, in conjunction with ADEME Energies 2004 (the energy saving and renewable sources of energy show). A streamed workshop was held with the topic of Urban Logistics. The local region, the Greater Lyon Urban Community, is taking on board sustainable development objectives. This is seen through the Agenda 21 project, Lyon's position as a transport crossroads, the increase in logistics-related activities, the drawing up of a PDU (Urban Transport Strategy), the development of urban tourism and Lyon being declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, the reclassification of some urban areas whilst maintaining economic activity in the city centre. The day was organized around four round-table discussions which were introduced by examples from real life

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projects which highlight good practice around the main theme.
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Toyota Prius

The Toyota Prius has been voted 2005 Car of the Year by the 58 members of the European Car of the Year Jury. Prius, the world's first mass produced hybrid vehicle, is propelled by the combination of an electric motor and a petrol engine. This unique system, called Toyota Hybrid Synergy Drive®, will spearhead the development of new environmentally friendly powertrains and is part of Toyota's effort to create the ultimate eco car. Following its introduction in early 2004, Prius sales in Europe are expected to reach 8,500 units this year. Next year, the sales target has been set at 15,000 units for Europe, whilst an increase in production capacity will allow 180,000 cars to be sold worldwide. No details yet on a light van variant, but it's an encouraging medium term step. See the Economist article: <http://makeashorterlink.com/?A2333230A>

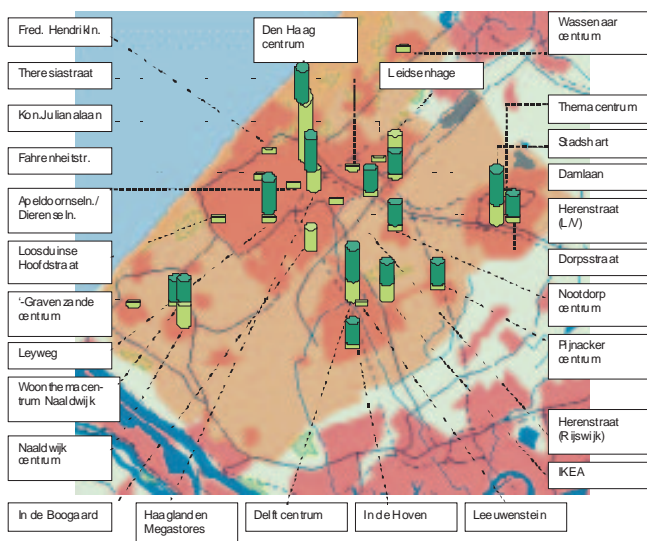


Bristol Consolidation Centre

As part of the EC supported VIVALDI project (www.vivaldiproject.org) Bristol City Council has engaged supply chain experts Exel to develop a freight consolidation centre for Bristol's main retail area, Broadmead. The scheme, which began in May 2004, is a free service to participating retailers and due to a successful six month trial period has been extended until July 2005. So far 15 retailers have joined the scheme, with more expected to join in the near future, and for these retailers a reduction in delivery vehicles movements of 66% has been achieved. This has helped to realise the aims of the scheme to reduce the number of delivery vehicles traveling into Broadmead and helping to cut congestion and pollution in the city centre. The scheme also aims to provide an improved delivery service to the retailers, which it is hoped will contribute to a reduction in supply chain costs. The consolidation centre is believed to be the first in the UK to focus on an urban retail environment. The scheme will be looking to recruit 40 retailers by July and to move towards a

StediNet Complete

The StediNet (Sustainable Urban freight distribution Network for the Haaglanden region) been finalised. The main result of the project is a methodology to forecast future urban freight vehicles movements in a region. In summary the following steps are the parts of the methodology: The future development (size) of retail, office, industrial, distribution and residential locations is the starting point for forecasting the future demanded volume of goods at the locations and thus vehicle movements. These data are the starting point to discuss if and where bottlenecks are likely to occur and how public and private organisations should contribute to organise urban freight distribution in an efficient way. The methodology also forecasts the effect of introducing more efficient distribution models. This project was initiated by GOVERA, a regional cooperating organisation between public and private organisations (Provinces, Municipalities, Ministerial departments of waterways, Inland shipping organisation (Bureau Binnenvaart), Dutch Shippers organisation (EVO), a branch organisation for transport providers (Transport en Logistiek Nederland) and Chambers of commerce. The project was carried out by Buck



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sustainable business model. For more information on the scheme please contact Tim Hapgood of Bristol City Council on +44 117 903 6553 or e-mail tim_hapgood@bristol-city.gov.uk

CITY FREIGHT Concludes

As you read this the CITY FREIGHT project will be concluding. CITY FREIGHT was a European research project on inter- and intra-urban freight distribution networks. It carried out analyses of supply chains and freight transport systems across seven countries and twenty one cities, developed a common assessment methodology, developed and evaluated scenarios and published a Best Practice

Guide. The final conference was held in Prague 16-17th December 2004 and all project deliverables can be found at <http://www.cityfreight.org> CITY FREIGHT participates to the LUTR (Land use and transportation research) cluster, which links several projects in the area of sustainable urban mobility, including land use, transportation, and the environment. LUTR info can be found at <http://www.lutr.net>

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