

Improving Rural Mobility in The Cairngorms National Park: the INCLUSION pilot in Scotland (U.K.)

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Transport accessibility

- Public Transport is still a primary asset for people needs
 - e.g. in most deprived urban neighbourhoods, remote rural areas, specific users' communities, ...



Objectives of the project

Bring organisational, social, technological innovation to ensure accessible, inclusive and equitable transport and mobility conditions for all, especially for vulnerable user categories

- Understand and evaluate the accessibility and inclusiveness of transport solutions in European prioritised areas, identify gaps and unmet needs
- Propose and experiment a range of innovative and transferable solutions, including ICT-enabled elements
- Assess how novel transport solutions can help raise the level of accessibility, inclusiveness and equity of mobility → new service and business models



Transport innovation

Innovating the way transport is designed, organised, operated for the targeted user groups

Two main investigation strands

- Enabling technologies (ICT, ITS)
 - dynamic planning, optimisation, operation; mobile Apps; IoT, wearables; social media; etc.
- New organisational and service provision forms
 - vehicle sharing, co-ownership, lift-sharing, flexible transport (DRT), combined mobility, MaaS, Social Innovation, etc.



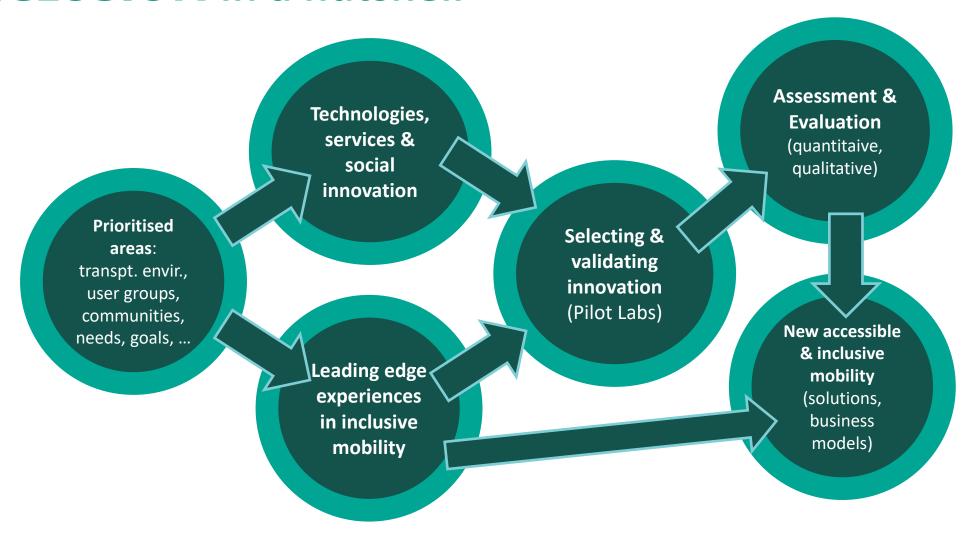
Case Studies and Pilot Labs

- Investigation based on a large set of case studies
 - different forms of geographical areas and transport contexts, demographic categories, population groups and mobility solutions.

- Innovative solutions tried out and validated through real-life experiments (Innovation Pilot Labs).
 - Pilot Sites in Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Spain and the UK



INCLUSION in a nutshell







The INCLUSION Pilets

Cairngorm National Park, Scotland, UK

<u>Area type</u>: Geographically isolated area with a seasonal economy and declining population <u>Target Users</u>: Residents and tourists and several vulnerable groups

Objectives: Integration of lift sharing scheme, car club and/or e-bike scheme with public transport & improvement of multimodal travel information

Barcelona conurbation, Spain

<u>Area Type</u>: peri-urban areas with a stable population and mixed economy

<u>Target Users:</u> Students, younger, family with children.

<u>Objectives</u>: investigation of the target groups transport demand through info mining from Social Networks and organization of dedicated transport services.

Flanders, Belgium

Area type: Variable, ranging from rural to urban areas

<u>Target Users</u>: elderly and disable people with a low income and immigrants who are seldom jobseekers.

Objectives: Modify current application through user feedback and training target group as jobseekers to MaaS services

Rhein Sieg Region, Germany

<u>Area type</u>: Traditionally deprived area in economic growth, with an increasing population (new housing estate)

<u>Target Users</u>: Families with young children <u>Objectives</u>: improvement of mobility opportunities for target users; improvement of the integration of different means of mobility with public transport

Florence Metropolitan Area, Italy

<u>Area type</u>: Urban area located in hilly area with stable employment and population

<u>Target Users</u>: Immigrants, Commuters <u>Objectives</u>: Improve mobility to access jobs and services for target users (young, low income, migrants) in suburban and peripheral areas.

Budapest, Hungary

<u>Area type</u>: Urban area with complex geography, stable population and employment

Target Users: Elderly, mobility impaired people, immigrants, occasional users Objectives: Training staff to improve knowledge about mobility needs of people with reduced mobility and launching campaign for public transport users to create a stimulus environment for social inclusion.



Cairngorms National Park (UK)





Site description

- Area type: Geographically isolated area with a seasonal economy and declining population
- Area covered: > 2000 Km²
- **Population density**: < 10 inhabitants/Km²
- **Target Users**: Residents and tourists and several vulnerable groups (elderlies, persons of reduced mobility, residents suffering from fuel poverty, young people).

Curent supply of mobility services

- PT (fixed bus routes and rails) service not sufficient
- Rails connetcting Aviemore to biggest Scottish cities
- Community car scheme run by volunteer drivers
- Carsharing schemes run by HiTrans

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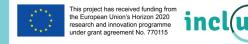




Rails connecting Aviemore to biggest Scottish cities







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Main objectives of the pilot

- Integration of e-bike scheme and car clubs with public transport & improvement of multimodal travel information
 - The two services complement each other to replace private car use for first/last mile in dispersed settlements
- Experimentation of Mobility as a Service (specially for tourists, last mile)
 - Joint effort with MaaS Scotland and local stakeholders
- Investigate and address governance issues related to mobility management
 - To conduct user-centred research with rurural users



Improving of mobility services

- New mobility services to enhance social inclusion
- Provision of new customers oriented services
 - New modalities to book, register for services, marketings it as a new service
- Integration of sustainable modes (active travel) with public transport
- Integration of ride sharing services with public transport



Thank you for listening!

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