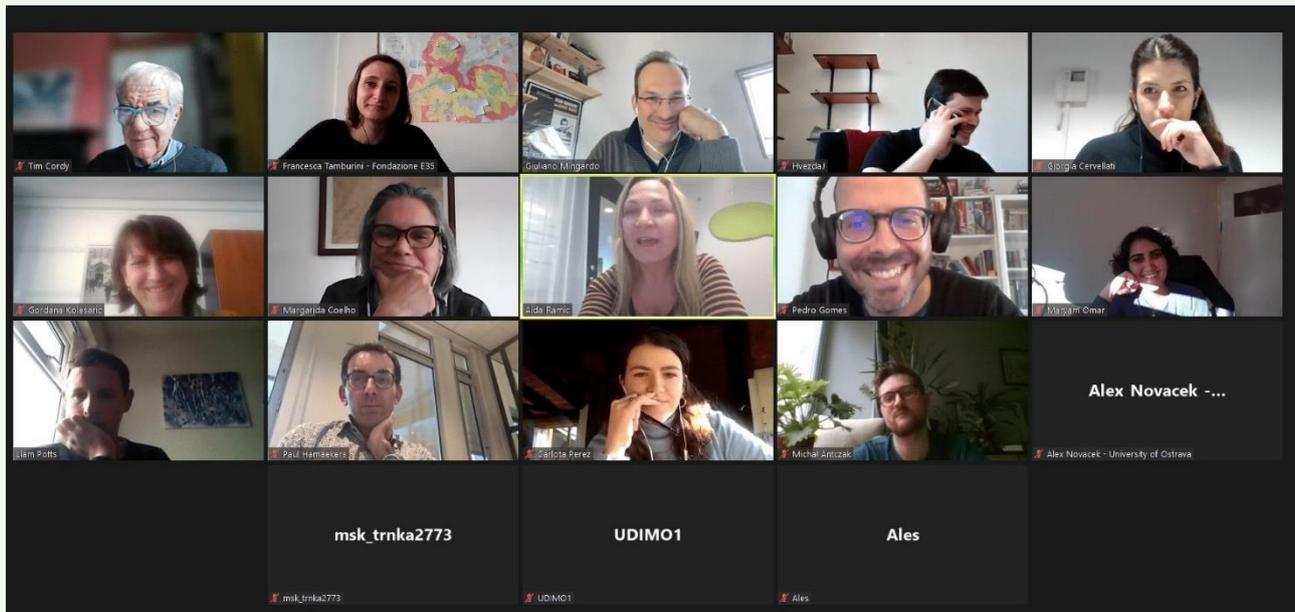


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RESOLVE one-year extension!

The main objective of RESOLVE project is to reduce carbon emissions created by retail-related traffic in city centres, while also supporting jobs and growth in the local retail economy. RESOLVE also focused on re-zooming city priorities on their attractiveness by making them a healthy place to be for citizens. Low-carbon mobility is a pre-requisite for healthier city centres that attract visitors and shoppers and investment.

The RESOLVE project got a one-year extension in the framework of the INTERREG call for proposals of additional activities linked to the COVID-19 recovery.

The extension represents a crucial opportunity for project partners to bring interregional learning one-step further, by exchanging solutions on how to keep reducing carbon emissions created by retail-related traffic in city centers even in the post-pandemic context. In many European countries, in fact, the COVID-19 emergency had detrimental effects on the results achieved by the cities:

- A dramatic increase in online shopping associated with an extraordinary growth in traffic related to deliveries
- A significant decrease in the number of visitors in urban centres, putting at risk the existence of many retail activities and other attractions.
- A shift from public transport use towards car use for visiting downtown retail areas, and creating a demand from some retailers for similar “accessibility” in city centres.

In the additional year of activities, RESOLVE partners will focus on supporting key decision-makers to understand the implications and opportunities of the “new reality” in the field of local retail economy, sustainable urban mobility and promotion of city centers’ attractiveness. In particular, partner cities will exchange experiences on the following topics:

- Urban mobility and carbon reduction (lower ridership on buses, more direct deliveries, parcel machines)
- Carbon reduction and city centers’ attractiveness (‘a place to be’ as well as ‘a place to buy’)
- COVID and the public domain: providing safe and attractive environments (open spaces, public transport, logistics, waste)

Project Events



First peer Review – Green Urban Logistics
 On 29th November 2021, the first Peer Review of the RESOLVE Project took place online. The meeting was about Green Urban logistics and the impact that such solutions can have on air and noise pollution, traffic congestion and road safety. A very hot topic in the framework of the COVID-19 pandemics, which has made it even more urgent for cities to face new trends in commercial dynamics, such as the rapid increase in the use of e-commerce.

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Second peer Review – Sustainable Mobility
 On 16th December 2021, the second Peer Review of the RESOLVE Project took place online. The meeting was about sustainable mobility and city center attractiveness, with a specific focus on the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on such topics. During the meeting, three different speakers gave partners some more details and external inspirations about the topics.

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Capacity Building Event
 On 3rd March 2022, the Capacity Building Event of the Resolve project took place online. The event was the occasion for the project partners to share their Learning Plans and find interesting connections with the good practices presented by the other partners, which might be further explored in the framework of the upcoming interregional learning activities.

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RESOLVE Partners' Good practices

During the Capacity Building Event the project partners explained the good practices inserted in their learning plans, giving others the possibility to learn in a “marketplace” way, where the learning needs (“demand”) of each partner match with the learning “supply” (good practices) of the others. A summary of the Good Practices presented during the event can be found below.

Manchester

- **“Active Neighbourhoods”** : consist of filtered streets to encourage walking and cycling and prevent ‘rat-runs’ by restricting access to traffic; and the “Street For All Design Guide”, a practical illustration of how they achieve standards in the design of interventions that are aligned to their Street for All Strategy.
- **“E-Hubs”**: a pilot project organized in three locations in Manchester, offering e-cargo bikes, and e-car clubs

Reggio Emilia

- **“Tactical Urbanism approach of public spaces”**, a participatory approach to improve the usability of public spaces (mainly for pedestrians and cyclists), transforming former parking lots into a temporary space for meeting and playing
- **Project “Bike to Work”**, where working people that bike to work get an economic contribution thanks to regional funding

Almada

- **“Cycling Workshop”**, a free and non-profit initiative promoted by volunteers. Any resident can use the Cycling Workshop to learn how to carry out the main repairs and maintenance operations on their bicycle, such as adjusting brakes and gears or repairing punctures.

Kronoberg

- **Consolidation center in Växjö**: multiple suppliers and multiple deliveries use a single point of delivery, in a common purchase system.
- **“Green infrastructure”** of the city, which consists of charging stations for e-cars, bike lanes, and bus lanes.

Roermond

- **Roermond Bereikbaar:** public cooperation between local, regional and national level and private stakeholders in order to stimulate sustainable mobility and behaviour change in a practical and concrete way (pilots, pop-ups) to boost the policy assumptions and topics as mentioned in the SUMP.
- **“City Hub”** for sustainable city logistics

Maribor

- **Delivery in the Pedestrian Zone in Ljubljana:** delivery, after 10 am, is not allowed for vehicles, just cargo bike delivery is allowed to enter the pedestrian zones. The city of Maribor limited motorized delivery in the pedestrian zone - after 10. am it is reduced to environmentally friendly vehicles – electric vans.

Warsaw

- **Dedicated spot for deliveries**, which had an impact on road safety, but they did not solve entirely the existing delivery problems.
- **Public Bike System**, one of the largest in Europe, and the docking stations with the initiative of renting bikes to increase sustainable means of transport (including the renting of cargo bikes)

Moravian-Silesian Region

- **Partnership for Shared Scooters and Bikes**, which consists of a partnership between the public and private sector for building a network of shared e-kick scooters and bikes.

What's next?

The following step of the Resolve project will be the organization of interregional learning activities among partners, both online and hopefully in-person.

- **Technical Workshop 1:** *“New solutions to tackle retailing carbon emissions in post-COVID”* – Reggio Emilia (Italy)
- **Technical Workshop 2:** *“New solutions for urban sustainable mobility in post COVID”* – Maribor (Slovenia)
- **Local stakeholder Group meetings** in partner countries
- Development of **policy improvements plans** in collaboration with local stakeholders

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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