

CoMobility - Newsletter 1

September - October 2021

- The highlight of September 2021 for the CoMobility project was the launch of activities in schools. CityLabs, or City Labs, have started in three selected primary schools. Experts from the project, together with teachers, led two workshops with the students related to, among other things, green travel, air quality research, and safety in the city. An audit of the space around the schools was carried out with the children, and models of the school environment were created. The children also participated in the installation of air quality, noise and traffic sensors at their schools and then observed and tabulated the measurement results from these sensors. A meeting with the parents of workshop participants was also held at each school. The activities with the children will continue in the following months and the measurements, for now only of air quality, can be checked by everyone on our website www.comobility.edu.pl.
- A project meeting was held in Warsaw on 14-17 September. It was an opportunity not only to fine-tune the planned activities but also to get to know each other better, as for many of us, it was the first meeting outside of the pandemic network meetings. In addition to most consortium members from Poland and Norway, the meeting was also attended by representatives of the City of Warsaw and the companies Svantek, Airly and PTV. During the meeting, the people in charge of each part of the project presented their activities to date and their plans for the future, which allowed all project participants to understand the links between these parts better and to get to the heart of the challenges we face.
- A video advertising the project was made available to the public on 29 September: "[The Fairy Tale of Princess Tosia](#)". It has garnered very positive reviews, and we are moved every time we see it.
- on 30 September, Dr Anna Nicińska spoke at the "[Network Effect](#)" - a podcast on the digital revolution hosted by Dr Justyna Pokojaska. The talk was titled "What if we all chose sustainable transport?" and covered the project's objectives and the innovative activities facing the research team.
- An 1 October, [a video](#) appeared on our website in which the UW team talks to the principals of the schools taking part in CoMobility about the hopes and challenges of the project and Safe Routes to School.
- At the beginning of October, we completed a series of qualitative interviews with transport and mobility experts from Warsaw and Lublin. The talks focused on the changes that have taken place in recent years and what else can be done to make transport not only more convenient for residents but also sustainable and climate-friendly. Experts agree that despite significant advances in these fields, many challenges are still ahead of us, and the car remains the fastest and most convenient means of transport for many city dwellers. The pandemic has significantly hampered the cities' efforts to change this. The project team has now embarked on an in-depth analysis of the material collected.

- Work is underway to analyse data samples provided by the Warsaw Public Transport Authority. That will allow us to determine exactly what data we need to construct a traffic model, an environmental model and a machine learning model. All this will allow us to model the transport choices of Warsaw residents.
- Work has begun on an analysis of the factors influencing the choice of transport mode when commuting to primary schools in Warsaw. This study will then help us to model the transport choices of Warsaw's residents and, in particular, to simulate the decisions of transport participants when their environment or transport conditions change.
- On 27 October, Dr Anna Nicińska and Magdalena Kubecka presented the CoMobility project at a meeting of the UW Innovation Club for representatives of local authorities, municipal companies and business.

Further plans

November 2021:

- Observation of transport behaviour in the school environment
- Educational activities in schools and workshops with measurements conducted by children under the supervision of educators in school settings

December 2021:

- Educational workshops in schools
- Configuration and activation of traffic volume meters in schools
- Preparation for the selection of experts from the Office of the Capital City of Warsaw. Warsaw to co-creation workshops

CoMobility benefits from EUR 2.05 million received from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway under the EEA funds. The project aims to provide a package of tools and methods to co-create sustainable mobility in urban areas.