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Publishable summary

P4ITS stands for “*Public procurement of innovation FOR cooperative ITS*”. P4ITS bring together organisations experienced in procurement of cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems and Services (C-ITS) or planning to shortly embark on deploying C-ITS, and willing to improve the market roll-out of ITS through public procurement, and concerned by the legal and operational challenges linked to the commercial procurement of complex innovations. These organisations are therefore willing to create a network where they can explore common issues and themes with their counterparts from other entities and countries, with a view to developing a more concerted approach in Europe, and to a certain extent, identify how to overcome the related barriers to deployment.

The objectives of P4ITS

The overall objective of P4ITS is to prepare the ground for Public Procurement of Innovative solutions (PPI) on Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS). In more detail the objectives of the P4ITS Thematic Network are the following:

- Obj. 1: Creating a European network dedicated to public procurement of innovation for C-ITS
- Obj. 2: Providing the conditions for mutual learning and training for the network members
- Obj. 3: Setting up an external consultation process (to reach beyond the P4ITS consortium)
- Obj. 4: Raising awareness about the topic and the network
- Obj. 5: Proposing key recommendations (guidelines) for PPI in C-ITS
- Obj. 6: Consolidating the project into a sustainable longer-term network.

The expected outcomes and impact

Below are listed the main outcomes expected from the network. They all support the market uptake of cooperative ITS, by helping the purchasers to use new tools adapted to the purchase of innovations. The main added value of a pan-European network will also be to decrease the barriers to collaboration between different European countries in public procurement of innovation. In line with the above objectives, the main expected outcomes of the P4ITS network are:

1. Mutual learning
2. A common approach for PPI amongst ITS purchasers
3. Within the ITS community, a better knowledge of what PPI is
4. Creation of a PPI partnership for C-ITS
5. More successful PPIs.

Overall performance of the project in the first reporting period

The approach used for this Thematic Network is to bring together the individuals and organisations who have experience in public procurement of ITS technology, and who are willing to understand from other participants how a PPI for cooperative ITS can be conducted. The main activities of the network will happen during the working meetings. It was therefore decided to follow a linear work plan, with successive Work Packages (WPs) covering a 6-month period each.

During the first year, the following activities have been carried out:

WP2 - Network inception (M1-M6)

During the first phase of the network, the participants will define together the specific points they wish to be addressed. Following this agreement, a planning will be defined for the participants to present their national/local strategy and experience and expose the success stories or short comings.

WP3 - 1st Analysis phase (M7-M12)

The presentations of these cases and the related discussions shall constitute the basis for the first analysis, and should lead to some primary conclusions.

In addition, the Network management (**WP1**) and the Communication and dissemination activities (**WP7**) have been carried out by the Project Coordinator with the participation of the whole consortium.

The address of the project public website is www.p4its.eu

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