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Publishable summary

P4ITS stands for “*Public procurement of innovation FOR cooperative ITS*”. P4ITS brings 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.

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.

Overall performance of the project in the first reporting period

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 defined together the specific points they wish to be addressed. Following this agreement, a planning was revised 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 constitute the basis for the first analysis, which has led to some primary conclusions.

Overall performance of the project in the second reporting period

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

WP4 - External consultation and feedback (M13-M18)

The conclusions of the first analysis phase, summarised in a discussion paper (D3.2), have been taken outside the network to be discussed with other external organisations via a web survey and a workshop held in Vienna on the 20 May 2015.

WP5 - 2nd Analysis phase (M19-M24)

Based on the results of this external consultation, a second round of analysis has been conducted in view to provide a preliminary feedback to the EC and draft first recommendations/guidelines on PPI.

In addition, during both reporting periods 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.

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