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Technical Meeting and 18 months Review of the METPEX Project, Valencia (Spain)



Photo: METPEX Technical Meeting. 31st March to 2nd April 2014. Valencia, Spain.

The technical meeting and the eighteen-months' period review of the METPEX project (MEasurement Tool to determine the quality of Passenger EXperience) was concluded on 2nd April 2014 in Valencia, Spain. The two-days Meeting and the one-day Review, was attended by approximately 20 Consortium Members from the research teams of the 15 European partner organizations of the METPEX project. The Meetings were organized and hosted by ITENE (*Instituto Tecnológico del Embalaje, Transporte y Logística*) in Valencia, Spain.

The two-day Consortium Meeting was led by the Project Coordinator from Coventry University, Professor Andree Woodcock. The participants discussed about the progress of its different work packages and the completion of WP2 and WP3, focussed to the milestones and outcomes achieved and to the development of METPEX measurement instruments respectively (Visit <http://www.metpex.eu/research-results/> for more information). Until



now the METPEX Project consolidated the existing information and will run a pilot study across METPEX partner countries with end users, which can be used to measure different aspects of the passenger journey. In the other hand, stakeholder groups will be consulted – passenger action groups, government organisations, local authorities, regional employers and transport operators – in order to determine how METPEX and its results can be more usable and impactful.

Furthermore, the participants of the METPEX Technical Meeting discussed the planned activities for the forthcoming period, the administrative and management procedures as well as the dissemination strategy. The development and use of the METPEX toolset in 8 sites (Bucharest (Romania), Coventry (UK), Dublin (Ireland), Rome (Italy), Stockholm (Sweden), Turin (Italy), Valencia (Spain) and Vilnius (Lithuania) will take place on September – October and this will also include the METPEX game and satnavigation.

The 18 months review, which took place the day after the meeting, confirmed that the project is on track and it counted with the attendance of Ms. Natascia Lai, Project Officer of the European Commission.

To follow the METPEX project development, please consult the project website (www.metpex.eu) for the latest news and join on Twitter (@METPEX) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Metpex>).

Notes to editors

METPEX is co-funded within the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) - SST.2012.3.1-1 call, that is research actions regarding the accessibility of transport systems. The sixteen consortium members are: 1) Coventry University, UK, 2) Interactions Ltd., Ireland, 3) Signosis, Belgium, 4) ITENE, Spain, 5) Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland, 6) Eurokleis s.r.l., Italy, 7) Politecnico di Torino, Italy, 8) Regional Development Agency of Grevena S.A., Greece, 9) KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden, 10) Integral Consulting R&D, Romania, 11) Fédération Internationale de l' Automobile (FIA), Belgium, 12) VTM Consultores, Portugal 13) Smart Continent LT, Lithuania, 14) SBOING, Greece, 15) Tero Ltd., Greece and 16) Agency "Roma Servizi per la Mobilità" (RSM), Italy.

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