

PRESS RELEASE 16 October 2013

For Immediate Release

Second General Assembly of the METPEX Project



Photo: METPEX General Assembly. 3-4th October 2013. Thessaloniki, Greece.

After 11 months of activities in the frame of METPEX (MEasurement Tool to determine the quality of Passenger EXperience) project, the second General Assembly was held on 3-4 October 2013 in Thessaloniki. The meeting was organized by Tero Consulting and SBOING and took place at the Mediterranean hotel premises. The two-day consortium meeting was led by the coordinator from Coventry University and was attended by the research teams of the 15 European partner organizations of the METPEX project. The General Assembly meeting marked the completion of the first year of the project and its main objective was to review progress against project objectives and the planning of the second year activities.

The discussions focused on how the methodological approach followed since now, addressed effectively the key research questions of METPEX. In particular, the participants discussed in detail the tasks of the different work packages performed, the planned activities for the forthcoming period, the administrative and management procedures as well as the dissemination strategy. During the meeting a reminder of the project objectives has been







given and the specific objectives that were partially reached by the implemented activities of the first year have been highlighted. Also, the participants discussed extensively the set of factors that need to be included in the instruments measuring passenger experience and the demonstration of the METPEX tool in the eight cities across Europe.

To follow the METPEX project development, please consult the project website (http://www.metpex.eu) for the latest news and joint 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) JARZEMSKIS IR EKSPERTAI, Lithuania, 14) SBOING, Greece, 15) Tero Ltd., Greece and 16) Agency "Roma Servizi per la Mobilità" (RSM), Italy.

Coventry University is a forward-looking University recognised as a provider of high quality education and multidisciplinary research which has an established presence regionally, nationally and internationally with over 15,000 Students and 1,800 staff. Strategically, Coventry University is focussed on its applied research agenda and to this end has organised its research objectives around 6 Grand Challenge Initiatives (GCI); Integrated Transport and Logistics (IT&L), Low Carbon Vehicles, Digital Media, Low Impact Building, Ageing Society and Sustainable Agriculture. These GCIs are underpinned by the 2 cross cutting themes of Environmental Technology and the science of Metrology. This strategy enables Coventry University to integrate the wide range of expertise housed across the University Faculties and Schools (Engineering and Computing; Business, Environment and Society; Health and Life Sciences; Coventry School of Art and Design) in a true multi-disciplinary fashion. Additional support to the GCIs is available through CUE's research institutes and in particular, SURGE, whose mandate is the socio-economic issues of sustainable urban regeneration.

http://wwwm.coventry.ac.uk/Pages/index.aspx

Signosis is a Brussels based consultancy specializing on managing research activities and on providing innovative advisory services. Signosis possesses a diverse and in-depth knowhow in management consulting and its advisory areas range from Information and Communication Technologies to social policy and sustainability, as well as to additional disciplines focusing on promoting and implementing innovation in private and public organisations. Signosis positions itself in the international market, aiming to contribute on the transition from a traditional economy to an economy based on knowledge and innovation.

http://www.signosis.eu/

Press contacts

University of Coventry:

Project Coordinator: Professor Andree Woodcock: +44 (0)2476 158349
a.woodcock@coventry.ac.uk

SIGNOSIS:

- Assumpta Badia Anglas: +32 (0) 2.672.72.40 <u>assumpta@signosis.eu</u>
- Elena Tavlaki +32 (0) 2.672.72.40 <u>elena@signosis.eu</u>



