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**Newsletter #3 – SPOTLOG**




Welcome to the third newsletter of the SPOTLOG project!

SPOTLOG (Green and Socially resPOnsible ciTy Logistics InnovaTions) aims to involve local communities in creating socially responsible logistics systems, based wherever possible on zero-carbon modes, through the intelligent use of all available resources and taking advantage of the digitalisation of goods and passenger transport services.

By focusing on low-density communities and medium-sized cities, SPOTLOG partners aim to improve regional policy instruments toward the European goals of inclusive and carbon-neutral mobility.

In this newsletter, you will find the latest updates!

### A few numbers

 <b>2,491,113 € budget</b>	 <b>01 Mar 2023- 31 May 2027</b>	 <b>13 partners</b>
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**Our partners**





### SPOTLOG welcomes two new Discovery Partners!

SPOTLOG is happy to welcome on board two new Discovery Partners from Ukraine and Republic of Moldova.

Municipal institution City Institute Lviv, Ukraine, is the centre of strategic planning and management, part of the Lviv City Council and is responsible for strategic development.

Ialoveni City Hall, Republic of Moldova, is responsible for the efficient urban mobility and logistics within the city, including the provision of quality transport services.

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### Exchange of Experience

#### SPOTLOG 3<sup>rd</sup> Exchange of Experience Event in Warsaw, Poland!



On 16 and 17th April 2024, Mazovia Energy Agency hosted the third Exchange of Experience event. The event gathered project partners and regional key stakeholders and discussions centred on sustainable last-mile deliveries, touching key points such as the crucial importance of incentive mechanisms in promoting sustainable last-mile deliveries, and of enhancing infrastructure to advance zero-emission logistics.

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#### SPOTLOG 4<sup>th</sup> Exchange of Experience Event in Constanta, Romania!

The SPOTLOG 4th Main Interregional Exchange of Experience event was held in Constanta, Romania, between May 28th and 29th, involving more than 50 participants. The first day was a major contribution to the learning process, stimulating the interconnectedness and potential synergies among various stakeholders in the urban logistics ecosystem. The second day of the event featured a study visit to the Port of Constanta, where participants got a firsthand look at the port's operations and infrastructure, emphasizing the importance of efficient logistics hubs in the supply chain. A guided walking tour in the afternoon provided additional exploration and networking opportunities.

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## SPOTLOG Staff Exchange

### Mechelen – Rimini



On the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2024, the Municipality of Rimini visited the city of Mechelen.

Within SPOTLOG, Rimini is implementing a pilot action aimed at the creation of a city logistics hub. As Mechelen already has an operational city hub, the Staff Exchange aimed at gathering information and sharing experience on how this type of initiative can be effectively implemented.

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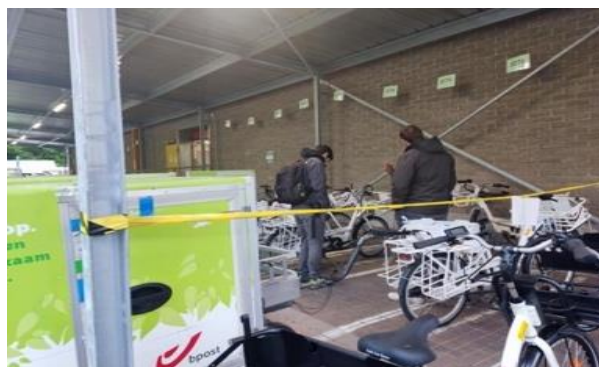
### Rimini – Ialoveni



On 17 July, the Municipality of Rimini hosted a Staff Exchange meeting with the recently approved Discovery Partner, Ialoveni City Hall, from Moldova. The meeting especially focused on Rimini experience on SUMP and Sulp, an opportunity for Ialoveni City Hall learn the challenges and potential measures and solutions behind this type of strategic plans to improve regions conditions.

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### Mechelen – Lille



On June 10<sup>th</sup>, the City of Lille visited the city of Mechelen in Belgium for a new SPOTLOG Staff Exchange. The exchange included several visits, discovering innovative solutions for a greener logistics.

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## New round of Regional Stakeholders meetings

### Lille



On the 31st of May 2024, the City of Lille hosted the third Regional stakeholder meeting, an opportunity to describe how logistics fit into the different municipal and metropolitan policies, and discuss the next steps to the roadmap for sustainable urban logistics.

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### Vidzeme



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, this new stakeholder meeting aimed to broaden perspectives on the development of shared services in Latvia, discussing issues and proposing possible approaches.

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### Mechelen



Within its zero-emission working group, the city of Mechelen, on the 25 of May, organized a new Stakeholder meeting. Several stakeholders were involved in the meeting, and the discussion mainly focused on key issues such as the electrification of the fleet; sustainability strategies; and innovative logistics tools.

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### Rimini



On 13 March 2024, the Municipality of Rimini held its 3rd Regional Stakeholder Group meeting, a platform to brainstorm and propose transformative ideas aimed at enhancing the sustainability of logistics operations. An all-round discussion on the logistics sector, from exploring current inefficiencies to associated environmental impacts, to optimization of delivery routes, and to integrating renewable energy sources, e-vehicles, and cargo-bikes.

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### Fundão



The 3rd Regional Stakeholder Group Meeting at Centro Region, Portugal, organized by the University of Aveiro and Fundão Municipality on the 25 of July, discussed the need to transition towards sustainable logistics, and minimise the impacts of logistics operations mainly in the urban centre.

A key takeaway from the meeting was the need for a balanced approach to online and traditional commerce, which has both economic and social effects.

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### Mazovia

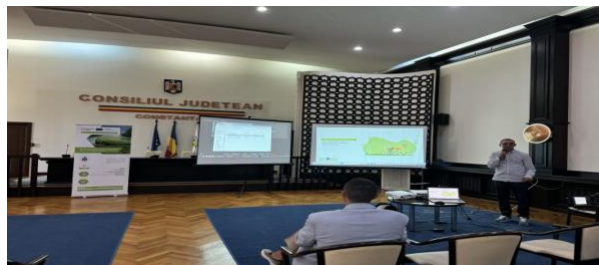


The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mazovia RSGM took place on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024 in Marshal's Office of the Mazovia Voivodeship in Warsaw.

The meeting focused on innovative approaches to urban development, exploring practical solutions for the sustainable growth of cities in the context of frugality and the growing importance of last mile logistics.

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### Constanta



On the 12 of August 2024 Constanța Metropolitan Area Intercommunity Development Association organized the third stakeholders meeting in Constanța. A special focus was on SUMP implementation in Romania and related best practices.

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## SPOTLOG pilot

### Micro consolidation hubs for sustainable last mile deliveries



Within the project, the Municipality of Rimini is building a micro-consolidation hub for the storage of goods and their last-mile delivery by cargo bikes and lightweight e-vehicles, inspired by an established practice in the city of Mechelen, Belgium. We are testing the hub's viability in an easily accessible area of the city. The aim is to identify the optimum location for the micro-consolidation hub and re-design the whole supply chain and logistics network to accommodate deliveries by sustainable modes.

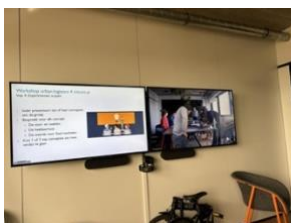


### Project meetings and other activities

#### SPOTLOG Steering Group meeting

The third and fourth SPOTLOG Steering Group meeting were held respectively during the Exchange of Experience event held in Warsaw, in April, and in Constanta, in May. These meetings were crucial for fostering communication and coordination among partners, ensuring alignment on project goals, deliverables, financial matters, and plans for upcoming Exchange of Experience activities.

### SPOTLOG and citcom.ai connections!



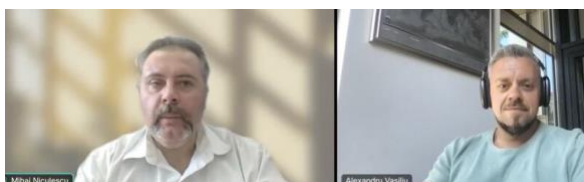
On the 12 of April, the city of Mechelen organised a workshop, focusing on urban logistics, within the European project citcom.ai, of which is a partner. The main scope of the workshop was discussing possible topics for use cases around urban logistics, creating a possible connection and link with SPOTLOG.

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### Stakeholders' interviews



This semester, SPOTLOG is happy to present two new interviews that delve into the heart of smart logistics, featuring insights directly from industry leaders and experts. Enjoy our interviews to **SPOTLOG** stakeholders!



Smart Cities of Romania Cluster and Constanta Metropolitan Area Intercommunity Development Association interviewed Alex Vasiliu – Emobility Rentals - discussing logistics solutions and smart mobility in Romania.

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Mazovia Energy Agency interviewed Mirek Gral - consultant in Last Mile Experts, focusing on the changing delivery

services in Poland.  
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**SPOTLOG at events!**

On 19 September, SPOTLOG will be among the main speakers of the webinar “**Reducing the emissions of urban logistics**” organized by the Interreg Europe Policy Platform, discussing indicators on the readiness of cities for sustainable last mile delivery, and present proven good practices from Interreg Europe projects.

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**SPOTLOG Good Practices**

Several Good Practices were delivered and approved within SPOTLOG:

- ▶ TAMK Campus Digital Twin contributes to experimentation of sustainable mobility solutions
- ▶ Multi-stakeholder collaboration within logistics innovation ecosystem facilitates carbon-neutrality
- ▶ Partnership between the municipality of Lille and La Poste about sustainable last mile delivery
- ▶ The Mobile Depot: a logistic facilitation in the Turin City Centre
- ▶ Last-mile delivery to Automated Parcel Machines – Poland

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**What’s next?**

A new Exchange of Experience Event will be held 10 to 13 December 2024 respectively in Mechelen and Lille. Stay tuned!





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