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1 Preface

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2 Description

This task consisted in the coordination of all the activities that had to be carried on prior to the selection of the sites that were to host the showcases. Once this task was accomplished, the task consisted in the coordination activities that had to be carried on prior to the execution of each of the showcases [1][2][3][4].

The site selection was carried on based on the questionnaires filled by all the candidate cities, members of the Reference Group, as described by the respective deliverable [5].

Concerning the sites selection, two events that affected the initially planned process are worth mentioning:

- The cancellation of the Hyvinkää (Finland) cybercars showcase due to the execution of public works in the selected area, and the consecutive replacement by the city of Vantaa (Finland) [3].
- The cancellation of the Genoa (Italy) Advanced City Cars showcase due to the loss of political commitment due to the arrival of a new Mayor, and the consecutive replacement by the city of Orta San Giulio (Italy).

Once the cities were definitively selected, the involved partners (INRIA or CRF, and IKA, TNO, GEA partners and the University of Rome-La Sapienza) carried on site visits to select, in coordination with the host cities, a suitable site to carry on the showcase, and to define the showcase execution calendar. Once this step was accomplished, a technical visit was made by the partner responsible of the showcase execution (INRIA or CRF) in order to define the best technologies to be demonstrated and to carry on a showcase safety analysis (TNO).

Based on this technical visit, a list of technical requirements was agreed with the city. It is also worth mentioning that, since the technical requirements were very unconventional to the cities, and that they were managed at distance (to limit travel costs), these requirements weren't exactly met, especially in the initial showcases. For instance, during the Vantaa showcase, the city decided unilaterally to modify the vehicles trajectory and the infrastructure's arrangement agreed previously [3]. This issue caused disruptions to the showcases setup planning during the preparation period (around 5 days before the opening to the public), and had to be managed during this short delay. However, the issues could be solved with the concurrence of the cities, but a closer follow up was implemented in the latest showcases that were executed. This was also implemented in the CityNetMobil showcases.

Another task was the preparation of Communication material, directed to the public, to be displayed during the execution of the showcase. This included videos, made specifically for each type of showcase (cybercars and Advanced City Cars), brochures and posters. All the material was translated to the local language by the local partners or by host cities.

Finally, the coordination task also consisted in providing assistance to the project and the work package 1 coordinators, in order to make arrangements for the different meetings that were organized in parallel to the showcases.

3 References

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