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Polis Urban Freight Working Group members & ALICE members meeting

21 November 2018 Manchester, UK - 11:00-13:00
Old Trafford Stadium – Sir Matt Busby Way, Stretford, Manchester M16 0RA

This first meeting is organised back-to-back with the [Polis Conference](#) (22-23 November 2018, Manchester, UK) on 21 November from 11:00-13:00.

Agenda

- Introduction of participants (10 min).
- Introduction of [POLIS](#) and [ALICE](#) (10 min)
- Introduction of main specific discussion points to be addressed within the working group (60 min) – *Based on discussions prior to the meeting within and between both networks.*
Examples:
 - o FREVUE Declaration of Intent¹...
 - o Joint/Common Procurement actions...
- Prioritization of activities and next steps (30 min).
- Agreement on the creation of a permanent group and next meeting (10 min).

Background of the meeting

Environment, pollution and congestion are high on the agenda of both cities and private stakeholders. Cities need to ensure good quality of life which means securing healthy conditions in cities but also providing citizens with easy access to services and goods.

Dedicated Freight Transport and Logistics policies are gaining importance in cities, as the challenges related to this sector in the field of air pollution, congestion and safety require action.

In particular, the 2011 White Paper on Transport of the European Commission has established the target to reach CO₂-free city logistics in major urban environments by 2030².

Most cities are embracing this (*or similar*) objective and are actively moving forward. Some have established a local dialogue with the private stakeholders concerned. Coordination among cities and at national and European level may help the industry to reach the necessary economies of scale and speed up the process to meet cities requirements when implementing solutions towards cleaner urban freight transport. Cities and industry stakeholders could benefit from discussing and approaching these issues from a more strategic point of view through common groups.

¹ <https://frevue.eu/declaration-of-intent/>

² https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/themes/strategies/doc/2011_white_paper/white-paper-illustrated-brochure_en.pdf

Objectives of the meeting and the potential Joint Group

Discuss and hopefully agree to establish a permanent public-private strategic dialogue between POLIS cities and regions, and ALICE industry members (*Retail, Shippers, Truck/Vehicle Manufacturers, Infrastructure and Real Estate*) to pave the way and speed up the transition to CO2-free city logistics by 2030. Creating such a permanent dialogue between cities and industry would help to provide the European Commission with a credible, mutually understood vision on the actions needed to achieve CO2-free city logistics by 2030.

Potential areas for cooperation are:

- Identify collaborative governance models to overcome concrete local challenges (freight vision and planning, new forms of stakeholder cooperation, incentives and regulation, data sharing).
- Share good practices on innovations (space management, autonomous and clean vehicles, freight/passenger integration, etc.) among cities and discuss on transferability issues.
- Get more coordinated action at National and European Level under the leadership of cities.
- Establish a good link between the group, the representatives of Member States and the European Institutions and provide them with a consensus overview³.

Follow-up

- Define the key priorities for future permanent dialogue.
- Identify the key players who will join the joint working group, and their tasks for the next meeting.
- Provide input for the ALICE Zero Logistics Emissions Roadmap (currently under revision).

³ For example through the European Commission's Expert Group on Urban Mobility (E03165): <http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=3165&NewSearch=1&NewSearch=1>