

# The ARTiculation of autonomous vehicles – Experiences from 1,5 year Danish pilot

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# Automated Road Transport Forum for the North Sea Region

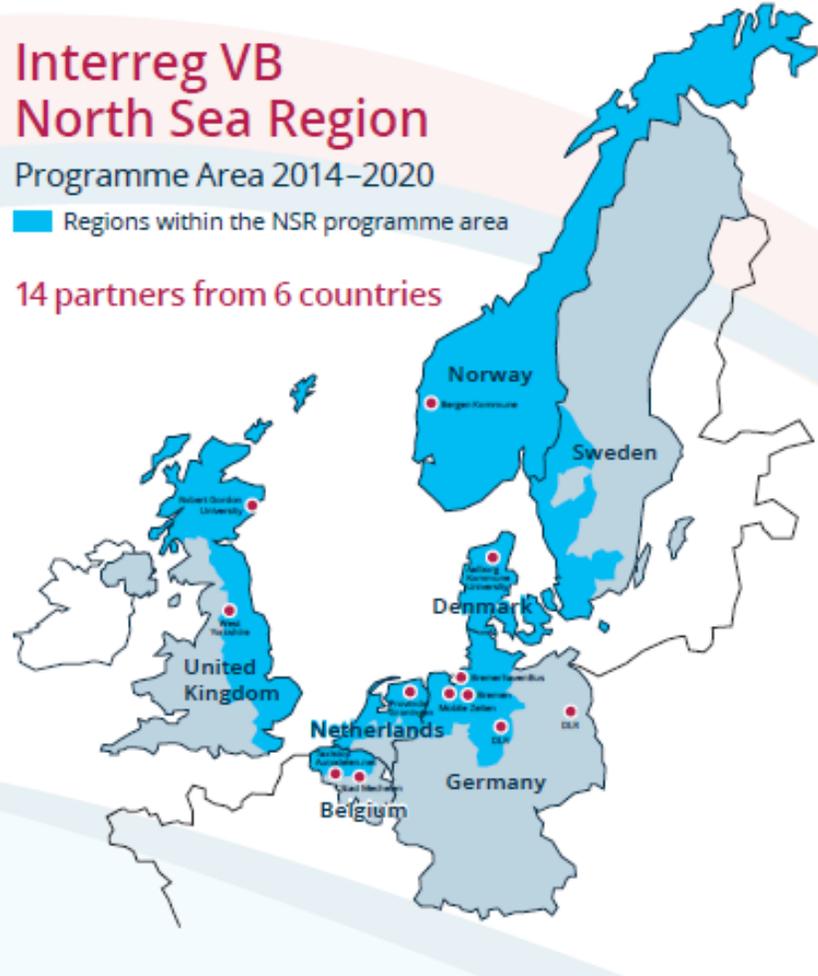
<b>INTERREG Region</b>	North Sea Region
<b>Programm Priority</b>	Green transport and mobility
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Free Hanseatic City of Bremen
<b>Project Partner</b>	14 partners (from 6 nations )
<b>Period</b>	3,5 years (01.03.19 – 31.08.22)
<b>Budget</b>	4,30 Mio. Euro

## Interreg VB North Sea Region

Programme Area 2014–2020

Regions within the NSR programme area

14 partners from 6 countries



## Partners



# Objectives



Industry  
develops  
automated  
driving alone



Involving  
planners  
and society

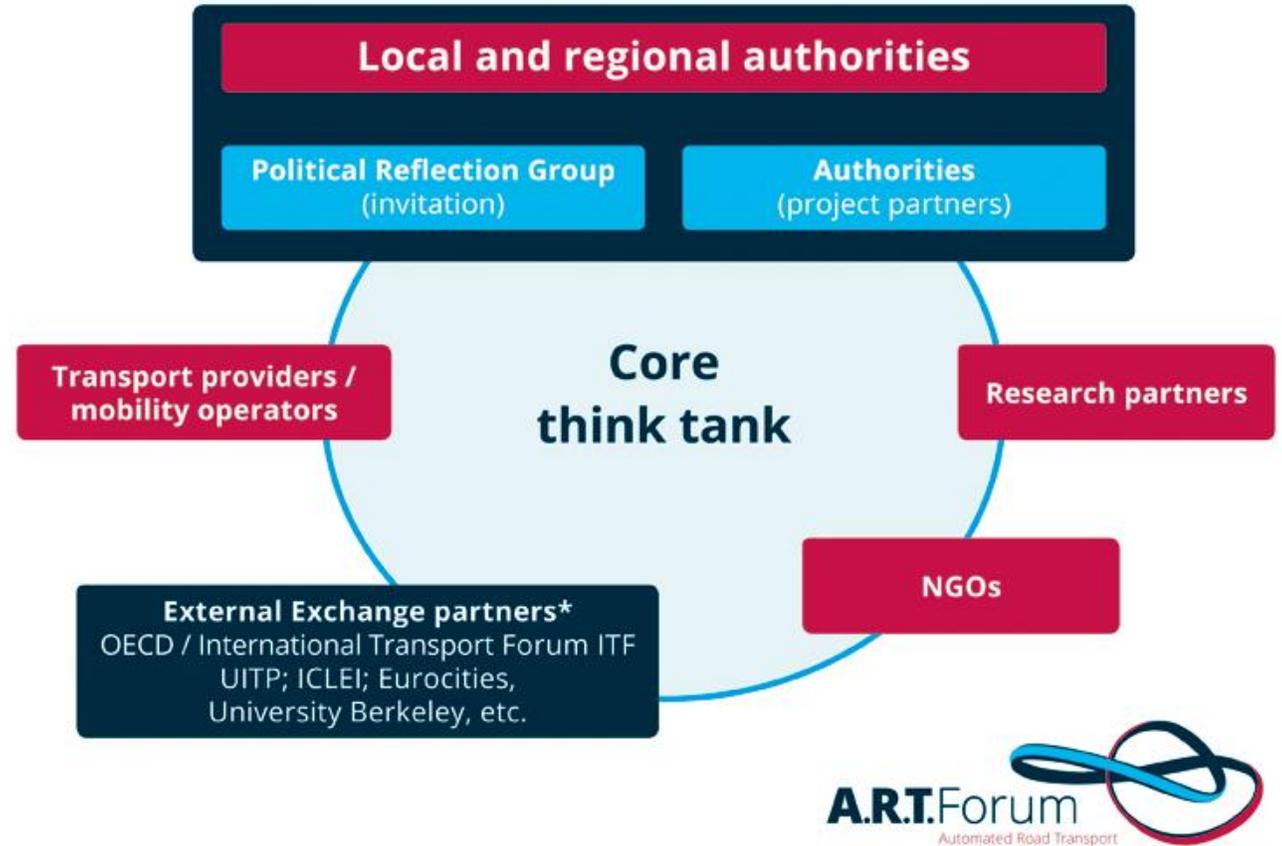


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## Overall Objectives

- **Raise awareness** among public stakeholders
- Develop **policy recommendations** that enable local and regional authorities to take advantage of the opportunities of automated road transport
- **Support sustainable transport** and territorial development goals as well as **improve quality of life** in communities

## Reflection and Capacity Building



# FACTS ABOUT A PILOT IN AALBORG (DENMARK)

- 2.1 km public pathway
- 10 stops
- Busses and cyclists share the pathway, pedestrians are separated
- Operation every day from 7.00-21.00 every 15 minutes from march 2020- December 2021
- Operating on SAE-level 3 (our intention was SAE-level 4)
- Free of charge
- Maximum speed 18 km/h
- 2 busses operating while the 3rd one is charging
- 11 passengers (due to covid-19 only 5 passengers)

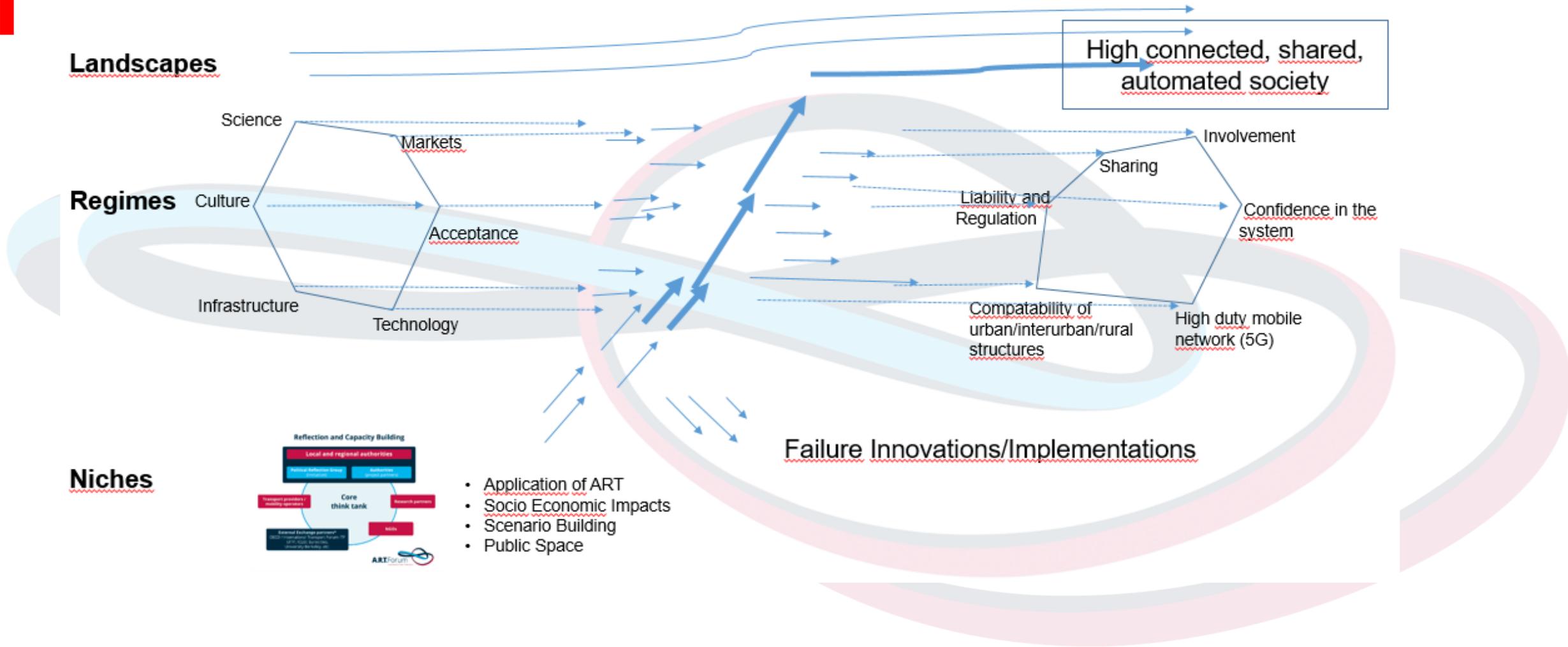




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# Socio-technical Approach



- Application of ART
- Socio Economic Impacts
- Scenario Building
- Public Space

# If Autonomous Vehicles are the solution, what is the problem?

*AVs should not be considered a "technofix" and that it will likely come with new (perhaps bigger) challenges that we cannot predict*



1910 Problem Solving

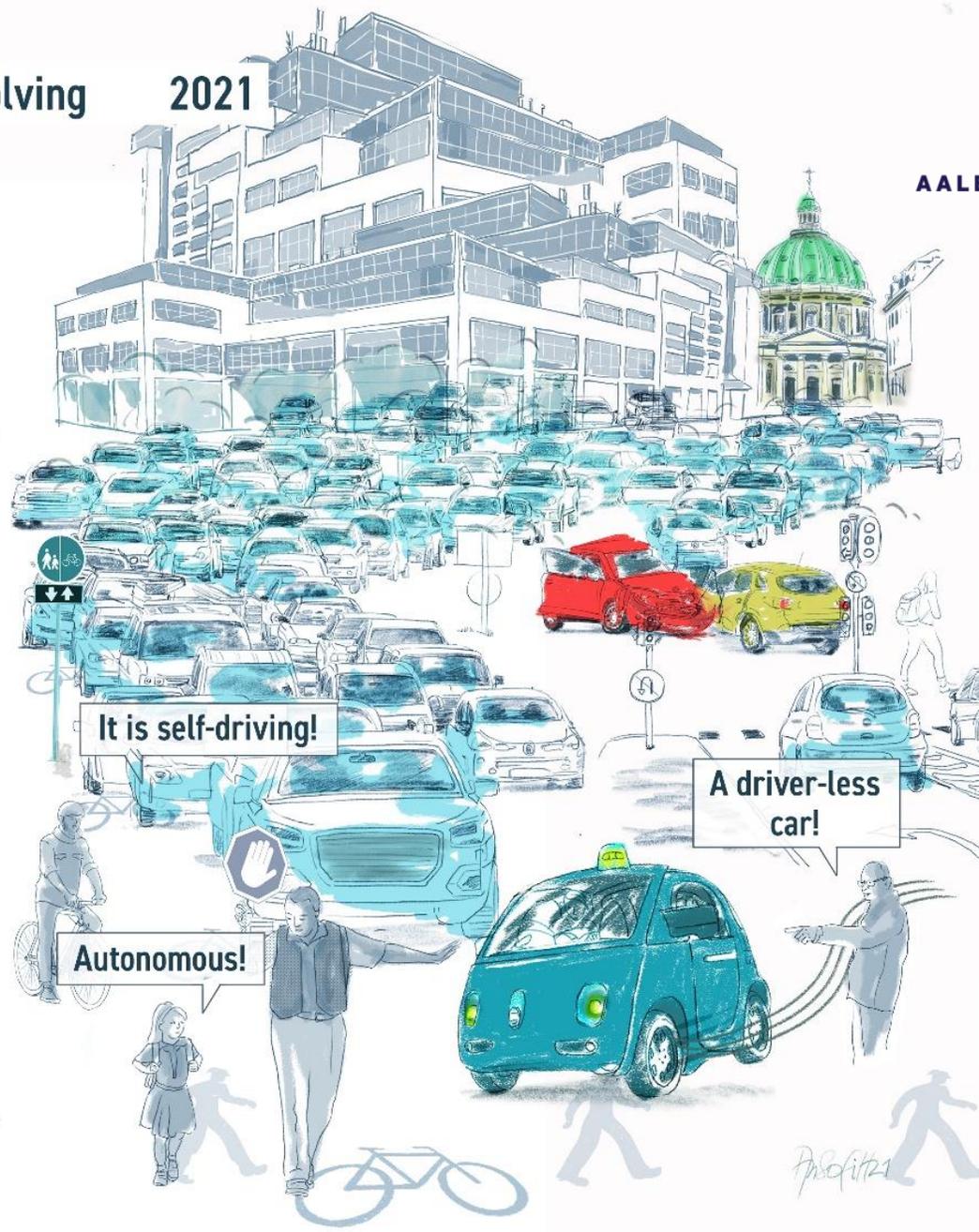
2021



A horse-less carriage!

It is self-moving!

Automobile!



It is self-driving!

A driver-less car!

Autonomous!

# Why?

**If Autonomous Vehicles are the solution, what is the problem?**

# How?

**Mobilizing is more than running a pilot...and ART should always be a solution to a problem!**

**While we wait for driverless cars, we should learn how to share them!**

# Who?

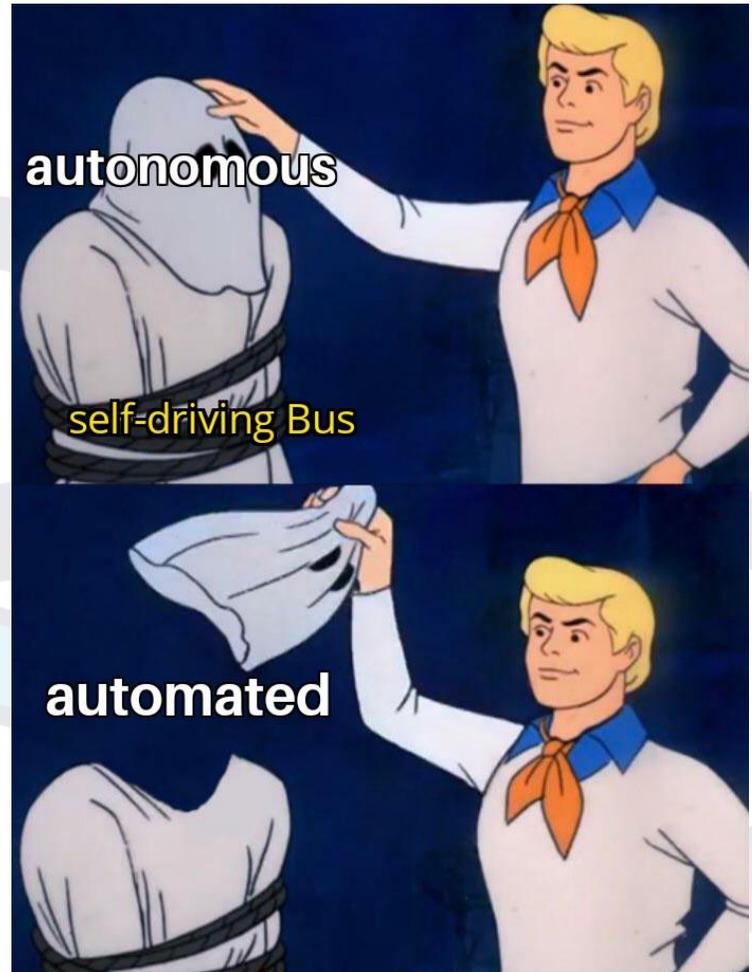
**The beginning of a sustainable roll-out of autonomous transport starts with the education of our youth**

**Sustainable urban autonomous mobility needs a societal dialogue and the definition of societal goals and corresponding regulatory measures**

# Integration

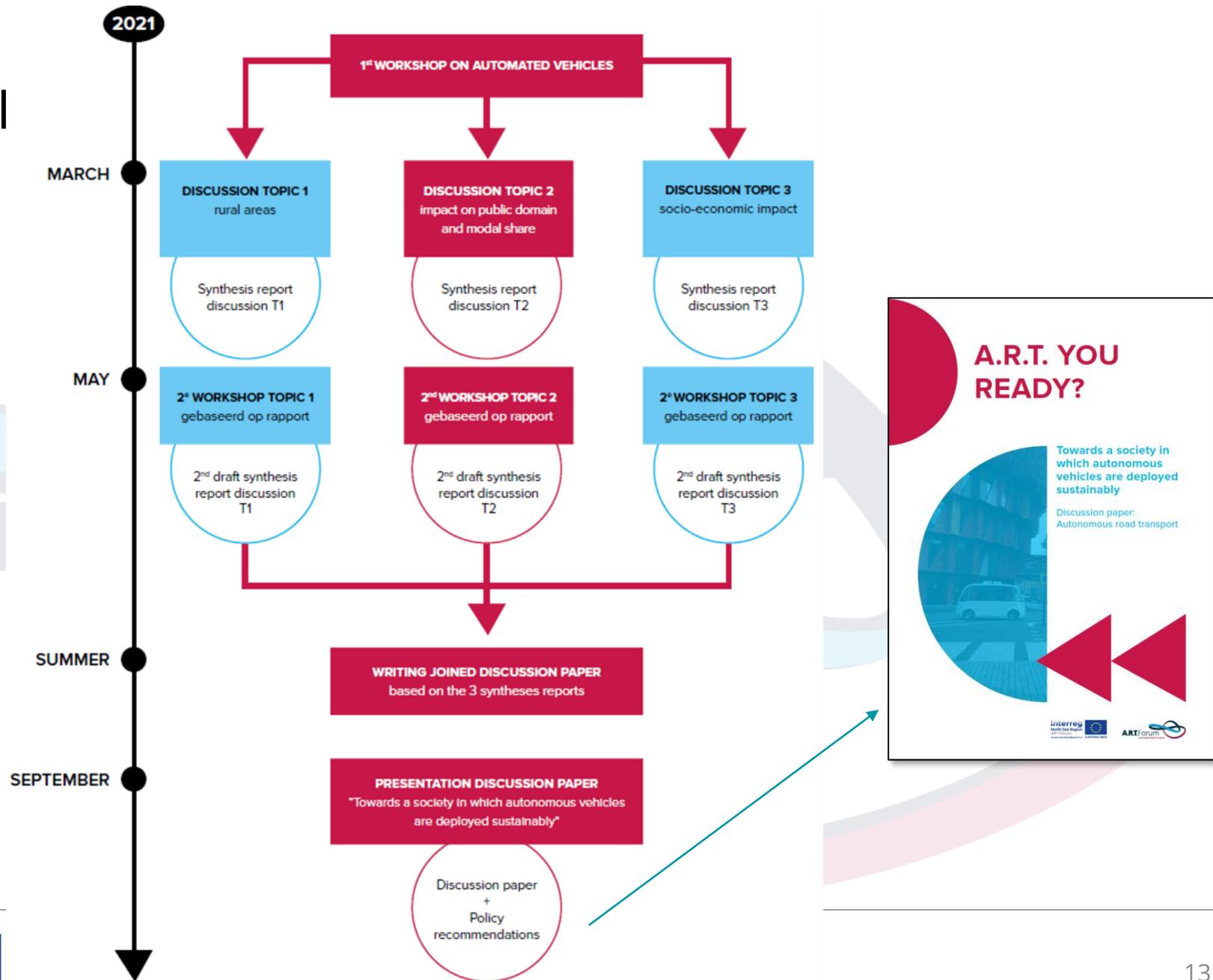


# Being Realistic



# Discussion Paper

- 6 workshops
- 25 experts from academia, business, regional and local governments, user groups, ...
- Experts from Belgium and The Netherlands
- Partners: Autodelen.net, Mpact and City of Mechelen



Implement full  
Intelligent Speed  
Assistance as soon  
as possible in all  
cars

Stimulate and  
facilitate car sharing  
and shared mobility

Provide financial  
incentives to lower  
car use, e.g. smart  
kilometer charge

Smart mobility  
technologies should  
not focus primarily  
on the car

# Awareness & Talk value: Lost Lectures

## University of Hasselt: The impact of AV's on different transport modes

**Experts**

- Dr. ir. Rob van der Bijl**  
Gastprofessor UGent
  - Robot-freak
  - Japan-freak (maakt eigen manga/stripboek)
- Prof. dr. Tom Brijs**  
Hoogleraar UHasselt
  - Bijdrage boek over verkeersveiligheid van autonome voertuigen
  - Gepassioneerde fietser (heeft al eens Mont Ventoux bekomen)

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Taxistop

## University of Ghent: The impact of AV's on vulnerable groups



## College of HoWest: The role of AV's in the city of the future

**Statement 3:**

*Autonomous vehicles will be the main driver towards a more data-driven economy since a huge amount of data will be generated by these vehicles.*

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# Key steps to our study

 (1) Definition of a sustainable transport system

 (2) Identification of relevant societal actors

 (3) Identification of design potentials

Efficiency  
& Effectiveness

Accessibility,  
Inclusion and  
Integration

Quality of  
Life &  
Sustainability

**Administrations, politicians, mobility providers, logistics, local initiatives, research, NGO**



literature study & stakeholder workshop