

# ACUTE - Accessibility and Connectivity Knowledge Hub for Urban Transformation in Europe

## WP3 – Practitioner Interaction

### D3.4.3 Report on national workshop RIGA, Latvia

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# 1. Workshop goals & set-up

## 1.1. Goals

- Within the framework of the ACUTE (Accessibility and Connectivity knowledge hub for Urban Transformation in Europe) and UERA TWG Urban Accessibility and Connectivity, a particular interest is given to the issues of accessibility and connectivity, especially in the context of 15-minute-city urban model, for both goods and people.
- With regard to the Task 3.4, five National pilot workshops in the countries involved in the KNH are required. The goal is to enhance national collaboration and knowledge exchange among academics and practitioners. To foster cooperation at the national level, using the local language is encouraged for the workshop.

## 1.2. Structure / workshop guideline

The Latvian National ACUTE workshop, was in-person event to the in Riga (on 26<sup>th</sup> of September, 2024). The event took place on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 14:00 to 16:00.

The workshop “ACUTE Knowledge Hub Collaboration with Stakeholders: Dissemination of Climate, Environment and Mobility Research Results and Data-Driven Decision Making” was planned for 2 hrs and was structured as follows:

### 1) PART A – Welcome & Introduction (15 min)

*Method: general introduction for all*

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| 10 min | Introduction to the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Short intro to the ACUTE project</li> <li>- Idea of a knowledge hub</li> <li>- Introduction to current ERA-NET projects</li> <li>- Setup of the workshop</li> </ul> |
| 5 min  | Introduction of all participants  |

### 2) PART B – Presentation of MyFairShare findings and outcomes (45 min)

*Method: presentation and demonstration of mobility budget tool*

*Duration: 2 x 15 min discussion + 10 min summary/résumé = 45 minutes*

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| 45 min | Covering MyFairShare project results and accessibility of the results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Short intro to the MyFairShare</li> <li>- Available surveys and data from Jelgava living lab</li> <li>- Mobility budget tool, use-cases</li> </ul> |
| 10 min | Debrief, Q&A, Discussions   |

### 3) PART C – Importance of the project results for different stakeholders (50 min)

*Method: open discussion*

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| 45 min | Accessibility of the research results by stakeholders group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information for municipalities</li> <li>- Information for central government</li> <li>- Information of other institutions (Statistical Berau, NGO)</li> </ul> |
| 10 min | Debrief and workshop closing  |

### 1.3. Participants

The following list names the workshop participants. The recruiting was underdone with the aim of generating a balanced group of people between stakeholder groups (municipalities, central government, transport companies, statistical bureau).

<b>Participant name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
<b>Sandra Bērziņa</b>	Academics
<b>Gints Burks</b>	Jelgava bus, practitioner
<b>Gatis Dūmiņš</b>	Jelgava bus, practitioner
<b>Aldis Ērglis</b>	Academics
<b>Aiga Grasmāne</b>	Ministry of Climate and Energy, policymaker
<b>Eva Jaskovska</b>	EU Commission representative, policymaker
<b>Inese Pommere-Bramane</b>	Ministry of Climate and Energy, policymaker
<b>Sigita Purona-Sida</b>	Latvia Central Statistical Bureau, practitioner, public sector
<b>Māris Pūķis</b>	Latvia Municipality Association, practitioner
<b>Rita Vectirāne</b>	Jelgava Municipality, policymaker
<b>Emīls Cilinskis</b>	Riga Municipality, city planner, policy maker
<b>Vladimirs Šalajevs</b>	Academics
<b>Līga Paura</b>	Academics
<b>Agnese Šaltene</b>	Latvia Central Statistical Bureau, practitioner, public sector
<b>Olita Zemīte</b>	Practitioner

## 2. Discussions on Importance of the project results for different stakeholders (Topic C)

### 2.1. Transfer of results from research into practice

#### Relevance of themes & project partners

- Presented research results of the MyFairShare project and concept and plans of Knowledge hub approaches were very relevant for the following stakeholders:
  - o Municipalities for investment planning and communication with central government and inhabitants
  - o Regional development and Energy ministry for planning of CO2 planning and implementation of national CO2 reduction plans
  - o Transportation companies for understanding reusable approaches and tools for implementation of transport optimisation plans related to reaching CO2 goals
  - o Central statistical bureau for the adoption of research results for providing better statistical products and services

#### Resources – impact on results

- Participants agreed on increasing value from cooperation by involving stakeholders closer in research projects by allocating budgets for stakeholders outside research organisations
- As well participants see high value in digital platforms for knowledge sharing of the research results

## 3. Learnings/take-away messages from the Latvia workshop

#### Methodological take-aways

- Group setting generally worked well
- The chosen time frame of 2 hrs was sufficient
- Participants were familiar with the discussion language and topics

#### Content-related take-away messages – knowledge transfer

- Participants highly appreciated the use of assets demonstrated during the workshop and Riga municipality and Central Statistical Bureau wanted to proceed with future discussions with MyFairShare researchers group
- All participants appreciated shared content and suggested that there must be a structured way for actual knowledge and research results to be regularly available and communicated not just in separate workshops but as part of some digital platform

#### Content-related take-away messages – knowledge hub

- The knowledge hub idea was perceived very positively – especially the idea of a searchable project database was seen as a potential asset
- Participants emphasise the availability of reusable assets from research projects, such as surveys, data and tools
- Participants were interested in case of any of the above-mentioned assets are available also provided a licence if any, applied to the shared assets