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### Newsletter #6 – SPOTLOG

Welcome to the fifth SPOTLOG newsletter!

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



2,491,113 €  
budget



01 Mar 2023-  
31 May 2027



13 partners

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### Our partners





## Exchange of Experience in Aveiro



On January 13 and 14, 2026, the University of Aveiro hosted a high-level Exchange of Experience (EoE) event for the SPOTLOG project, co-organized with the Municipality of Fundão. The two-day focused on accelerating the transition to green and socially responsible urban logistics, bringing together a multidisciplinary group of stakeholders from across Europe of nearly 50 in-person participants.

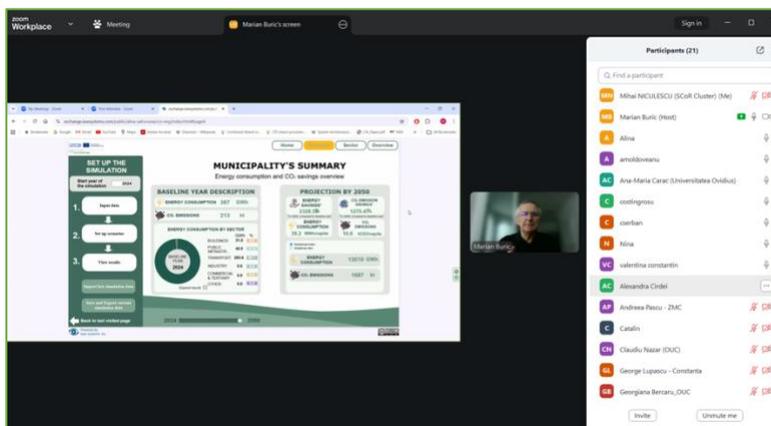
The event successfully bridged the gap between theory and practice, and also featured insights from industry leaders who shared their ambition to achieve Net Zero by 2040 through an extensive network of parcel shops and electric delivery fleets.

A central highlight was the session "Making an Impact & Driving Policy Change": all Project Partners delivered strategic pitches. Partners addressing specific Policy Instruments provided updates on their current status within the SPOTLOG Project. These presentations specifically tackled: Challenges, Opportunities, Impacts. Several Field Visits were organized focusing on real-world applications of sustainable. The EoE event concluded with a Steering Committee meeting to plan the project's next phase. [Read more](#)



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**SPOTLOG pilot action...in action!**



Between February 18-20, 2026, 3 days of presentations and training on the operational and technical aspects of the CommitClimate Simulator were organized by Association for Intercommunity Development of the Constanta Metropolitan Area and the Smart Cities Cluster of Romania, in Constanta, Romania. The Climatic Commit Simulator is a digital tool for improving the public policy instrument for sustainable logistics actions in the Constanta Metropolitan Area, tested and implemented thanks to SPOTLOG Pilot Action. The online event was a fruitful opportunity for stakeholders involved in the implementation of the SUMP in Constanta Metropolitan Area to understand the technical aspects of the CommitClimate Simulator and for practical training: participants were involved in a practical training on how to use the simulator to realistically estimate CO2 emissions and model future scenarios for the implementation of the SUMP. The meeting highlighted challenges to face as well as the importance of the active participation of transport and logistics operators. [Read more](#)

**Sixth round of Regional Stakeholder Group meetings**

**University of Aveiro/Fundao**



**Vidzeme Planning Region**



On November 24, 2025, the SPOTLOG Regional Stakeholder Group meeting in Centro Region was held in the University of Aveiro. The meeting focused on transforming urban delivery systems in the Centro Region of Portugal, also sharing selected good practices with the stakeholders and the achievements of the project. The agenda included an Interactive Laboratory: A Roadmap for the Centro Region, designed to identify potential measures for a more sustainable Last-Mile Logistics (LML) framework.

The conference “EnergDialogs 2025” took place on 17 October 2025 in Līgatne, Latvia, bringing together more than 70 participants — municipal specialists, policy-makers, entrepreneurs, sector experts and regional mobility stakeholders. The conference was organised by the Vidzeme Interactive Planning Region, and as part of the event, a new SPOTLOG Regional Stakeholder Group Meeting was held within the panel discussion “Alternative fuels in Vidzeme: electrification, hydrogen and





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Participants explored four strategic pillars to reduce emissions and improve urban livability. The interactive session was a relevant way of understanding the stakeholders' perspectives and the strategic outputs of the session ended-up to a 'simple' pillar: Tailored Solutions for Local Cities. Based on the expertise of the participants, the session generated targeted action paths for the represented Portuguese cities. [Read more](#)

biomethane in transport", involving partners and regional actors involved in last-mile logistics and sustainable mobility. This session placed particular focus on sustainable transport, regional mobility and alternative fuel infrastructure, analysing the prerequisites for developing logistics and mobility solutions. [Read more](#)

### Constanta Metropolitan Area



Constanta Metropolitan Area Intercommunity Development Association organized its sixth SPOTLOG RSGM with the main objectives to present to the local, regional and national stakeholders the first draft of the reviewed Constanta Growth Pole Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan, to establish a joint vision for improving the document and to identify a modus operandi for the stakeholder's involvement process in order to fill in the data gaps and to define the final form of the SUMP. Many key points were discussed such as the importance of the metropolitan public transport improvement; of imposing a new regulation related to goods distribution; to implement a Low Emission Zone in Constanta city center. [Read more](#)

### City of Mechelen



The City of Mechelen hosted a new SPOTLOG Regional Stakeholder group meeting focused on making urban logistics safer, cleaner and more efficient. Two complementary presentations outlined concrete policy pathways to reduce the impact of heavy traffic in the city centre and to prepare for the introduction of a Zero-Emission Zone for urban logistics (ZES). Together, the presentations made clear that reducing heavy traffic and moving towards zero-emission logistics are closely linked challenges. By aligning permit policy, enforcement and long-term sustainability goals, Mechelen can significantly improve safety, livability and air quality while supporting a future-proof urban logistics system. [Read more](#)

### Municipality of Rimini/ TTS Italia



How to make urban logistics sustainable in Italy? The 6th SPOTLOG Regional Stakeholder Group Meeting,

### Lille



The City of Lille focused its new SPOTLOG RSGM on regulation and design of the public space in



organised by TTS Italia and the Municipality of Rimini was held in focusing on “How to make urban logistics sustainable: use cases in Italy”, sharing and discussing some of the main Italian initiatives in the field of sustainable urban logistics both at private and public level. Thanks to concrete use cases from Rimini, Municipality of Reggio Emilia, Roma Servizi per la Mobilità and Teltonika, the meeting brought to light issues and challenges that remain common to many realities in Italy. However, the discussion well highlighted many scalable good practices that, in order to be effective, require clear and strong policies; public/private partnerships; proper funds; the active participation of transport and logistics operators; the co-design process and consultation with all the relevant parties. [Read more](#)

relation with logistics activities. The state of play of urban logistics in Lille and in the metropolitan area was presented and discussed, highlighting sometimes a difference between objective elements and the experience of logistics companies and their drivers when working in the city. After this presentation, groups were formed to work on different mode of intervention: Design (Aménager), Enforcement (Contrôler), Regulation (Réglementer). Participants were invited to list problems they could identify and solution to solve them based on the modes of interventions, focusing on actions to do in priority: a stricter control of delivery areas; a more homogenous regulation; the extension of access duration in restricted areas for electric delivery vehicles. [Read more](#)

### Mazovia Energy Agency



Mazovia Energy Agency organised a new SPOTLOG RSGM in Warsaw as part of the Clean Air Forum. Beyond project's core objectives and overview of current trends and challenges, an interactive workshop was organised, dedicated to mapping the needs of different stakeholder groups involved in the last-mile supply chain. Among the topics discussed were access regulations, consolidation centres, micro-hubs, zero-emission vehicles, data sharing mechanisms and incentives for greener delivery solutions. The workshop format encouraged open exchange and practical reflection, sharing real-life experience, discussing barriers to implementation. The RSGM demonstrated once again that sustainable last-mile logistics is a shared responsibility requiring active engagement from public authorities, private sector actors and local communities. [Read more](#)



### SPOTLOG Steering Group meeting

During the EoE organised in Aveiro, Portugal, a new Steering Group meeting was held. This meeting restricted to project partners only is always a crucial moment for fostering communication and coordination among partners, ensuring alignment on project goals, financial and administrative matters, and plans for upcoming project activities.



### Stakeholders interview



For this semester, SPOTLOG is happy to present a new interview carried out by our Lead Partner, the University of Aveiro to João Palmeira, Operations Director at Garland Portugal, focusing on key topics such as sustainability, efficiency, innovation, digitalisation and operational efficiency. [Read the interview](#)



### SPOTLOG at events: participation in the III All-Ukrainian Urban Mobility Forum

The III All-Ukrainian Urban Mobility Forum took place from September 3 - 5 2025, and brought together over 200 participants to shape a new vision for transport and mobility in Ukrainian cities. Among them were representatives of local governments, businesses, and European organizations working in the mobility sector. This annual event has become a key platform for dialogue, bringing together leading experts' representatives of central and local authorities, businesses, civil society organisations and all those dedicated to the development of urban mobility in Ukraine. This year's edition focused on innovations in urban mobility and transport systems in the context of wartime challenges, energy risks and financial uncertainty. Yurii Polianskyi, Lviv City Institute, a SPOTLOG Discovery Partner, joined the forum, contributing to two panel discussions on introducing innovations and modern technologies into the transport system. He shared Lviv's experience in implementing SPOTLOG, and highlighting opportunities for Ukrainian cities to access funding through European Commission programs for sustainable urban mobility and transport connectivity.

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### SPOTLOG Good Practices

Recently new Good Practices were approved, showing concrete solutions and initiatives for a green and sustainable urban logistics, especially focusing on the **last mile deliveries**:

- ▶ **Italy's first refrigerated micro-hub:** the initiative is a partnership between a public entity (RIMINI) and a Private operator, developed with local partners and private cycle operators, the initiative introduces Italy's first refrigerated micro-hub with multi-operator capability, supported by advanced orchestration software. The system combines smart cold lockers, a real-time coordination platform, and zero-emission cargo bikes. This integrated approach ensures cold-chain compliance while streamlining food deliveries and reducing the environmental footprint. The city of Rimini follows Bologna's URBANE project by becoming a testing ground for smart, sustainable urban logistics. [Read more](#)
- ▶ **Harmonising Urban Logistics through National SUMP Guidelines:** Across Portugal, municipalities faced inconsistencies in the development and implementation of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs). There was a specific lack of harmonised guidance for integrating urban logistics and freight transport into these plans, leading to inefficient last-mile delivery, increased congestion, and higher emissions in urban centres. The Institute for Mobility and Transport established the National Support SUMP Programme to provide municipalities with a coherent framework and technical support. A key output of this programme was the creation of updated Portuguese SUMP Guidelines. [Read more](#)
- ▶ **Creation of a Multimodal Distribution Centre in the Ports of Lille:** the CMDU (Centre Multimodal de Distribution Urbaine, Multimodal Urban Distribution Centre) was created in 2015 in the Ports of Lille, a strategic location at the interface between waterways, railways and roadways while very close to the city's centre and the economic activities. The aims of this structure were multiple such as to improve air quality, reduce congestion and free up public space by optimising and mutualising deliveries while prioritising the use of low emission vehicles (electric vans or cargo bikes). [Read more](#)
- ▶ **Drone Utilisation in Medical Emergency Deliveries: The TAMK Case:** the challenge of delivering medical emergency supplies quickly is addressed, especially where traditional methods face delays due to geographical barriers. In a case study by Tampere University of Applied Sciences (TAMK), an emergency required rapid delivery of a defibrillator across Lake Näsijärvi, from Tampere to Ylöjärvi. Traditional methods would have taken 45 minutes due to the lake. However, using a drone, TAMK delivered the defibrillator in just seven minutes, showcasing the efficiency and reliability of drone logistics in critical medical emergencies. [Read more](#)

Find out all the **SPOTLOG** Good Practices! [Read more](#)

### SPOTLOG Policy Highlights

Each EoE organised as part of SPOTLOG bring to light challenges and opportunities related to last-mile logistics management. The Policy Highlights analyze in detail these key aspects. The latest SPOTLOG Policy Highlights especially focus on:

- accelerating the Green Transition
- integration of sustainable logistics into Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMP) and regional development programs across Europe
- Policy Focus and Proposed Measures from SPOTLOG partners
- Key takeaways such as the importance of integration, readiness over preparation, Private-Public symbiosis, and Data-Driven Planning. [Read more](#)





### SPOTLOG in the press

Thanks to the support of its partners, SPOTLOG's objectives and results reach the local press.  
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