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Dear reader,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the European 'HoPE' project! Our aim is to make it easier for people to plan journeys in the city, by making all the information - from timetables to booking - available in one simple and easy to use app on your mobile phone. Our project is backed by a consortium of 14 partners from 7 European countries, and runs from mid-2014 until early 2017.

You are also cordially invited to attend our international workshop on Thursday 26 November in Karlsruhe, Germany. Register freely to attend.

So relax, and enjoy your read!  
Sven Maerivoet

### What is HoPE?

HoPE's main purpose is to advance the role of public transportation systems through an open platform that is capable of combining Interoperable Fare Management (IFM) and Traveller Information Systems (TIS). The platform is user-oriented and user-centric, in a way that will foster and promote user awareness about public transports and eco-mobility. It will also provide the following mix of services: info-mobility, trip planning, ticket reservation, fare calculation, and mobile payments.

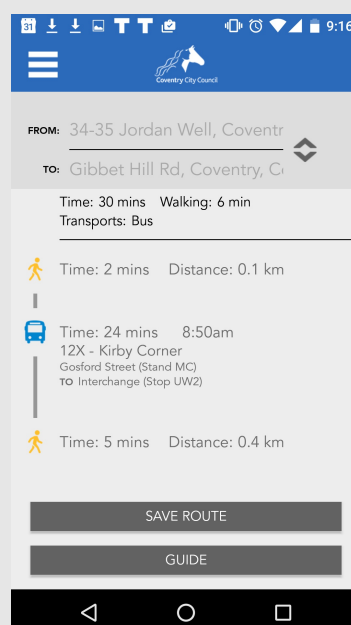
HoPE is a holistic platform, in that it emphasises a whole solution, that is demonstrated in three pilot cities, showing how seamless IFM can be rolled out across regions through cooperation between different transport operators.

[Our public deliverables can found on our website.](#)

### Demonstrations in three pilot cities

The pilot operations will be based on two HoPE mobile applications and their backoffice management platform. One mobile app will provide multimodal route planning and associated payment and ticketing functions. The other mobile app will be dedicated to tourist route planning (TRP). Although the apps will have the same core functions in terms of capabilities, the local pilots will differentiate their service offering based on the requirements of the transport operators and the availability of the necessary information.

Pilots will be run in three iterative cycles with increasing technical functionalities. The first cycle started early November and will run until the end of February next year. So stay stuned, as we will keep you posted of our progress.



#### Athens pilot (Greece)

In the first cycle we have a multi-modal eco-friendly route planner with fare calculation (ticketing and payment follows in the second cycle).



#### Coventry pilot (United Kingdom)

For the first cycle, Coventry provides a multi-modal eco-friendly route planner, with buses considered for public transport.



#### Gipuzkoa pilot (Basque Country)

In Gipuzkoa, the first cycle uses a multi-modal eco-friendly route planner, with buses as the main means for public transport. Later, fare calculations, payments, and ticketing will follow.



### Have you seen us?

- 25/09/2015 | Calabria (Italy) | EC Researchers Night
- 01/10/2015 | Brussel (Belgium) | ITS Belgium Congress
- 07/10/2015 | Malaga (Spain) | Greencities
- 15/10/2015 | Bilbao (Spain) | FP7 MOVESMART Workshop
- 23/10/2015 | Coventry (UK) | Siemens
- 27/10/2015 | Brussel (Belgium) | Smart Cities
- 05/11/2015 | Athens (Greece) | 7th International Congress on Transportation Research (ICTR2015)



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### Upcoming events

- 17/11/2015 | Barcelona (Spain) | Smart City Expo Conference
- 19/11/2015 | Brussels (Belgium) | POLIS Conference
- 26/11/2015 | Karlsruhe (Germany) | HoPE International Workshop ([register here](#))
- 11/12/2015 | Ghent (Belgium) | Festivity of Equality: debating The future of the self-driving car
- 17/12/2015 | Brussels (Belgium) | Brussels Data Science Community Meetup

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