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Transition of EU cities
towards a new concept of
Smart Life and Economy



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Introduction

Léa Brenguier from the French radio channel “Euradio” has accompanied the mySMARTLife project partners during their 5th periodic meeting in Nantes from 5th to 7th March 2019. The radio broadcast is available in French on the mySMARTLife website. Please find below the English translation of the radio broadcast from 7th March.

7th March

Let's close this journal with our common thread of the week. On foot, by bike, on horseback, by bus or by car, how do you travel and is it eco-responsible? Developing ecological strategies for mobility is one of the goals of the mySMARTLife project. Léa Brenguier, you're taking us with you this morning.

That noise, Simon, is the CO₂ that escapes from our cars. The majority of the European population would do without the emission of this gas. Walk and demonstrations for the climate are multiplying - and Europe in all this?

Yesterday, second episode of the meeting of the stakeholders of the European mySMARTLife project. Its main goal, as a reminder, is to develop carbon neutral technologies. One of the topics discussed on Wednesday is mobility, but pollution-free mobility, an idea to develop electric buses.

Jutta Wolff, German coordinator, shares her experience of the city of Hamburg's progress: "For example in mySMARTLife project, we have the bus operator VHH and they already start to have the first electric bus and they made a lot of test rounds with different kinds of buses and now, there are really occurring bigger fleets, I think this year, there will be 16 buses coming."

The City Council's intention is that all buses, from 2020 onwards, must be electric. What is the situation in Finland? One initiative is to reduce the number of personal cars and bicycles in favour of public transport. Eetu Rutanen from Metropolia University of Applied Sciences in Finland presents the autonomous electric bus in Helsinki.

"The buses are actually also producing more CO₂ emissions when we think about how the electricity they use has been produced and how the buses themselves have been manufactured. I guess here is no magic bullet to mobility. We always have to question our actions.

The purpose of these meetings is to learn and exchange in order to improve, as Christoph Lindemann, coordinator for Lighthouse City Hamburg in working groups for mySMARTLife, admits:

"It's interesting to see what the other partner cities in this project are doing and it's not so easy to find good solutions for charging all this new electrificated transport system."

European initiatives, on a human scale, for a less grey future, even in Nantes. Rain yes, pollution no!

And this morning, discussions are continuing on how to make better use of energy, particularly solar energy. Léa, you are leaving to prepare for us this last episode of our red thread week, to be discovered tomorrow morning at 7:30 am.