



DOCUMENTATION OF
THE 6th PEER REVIEW
AT THE CONSORTIUM MEETING
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1. PEER REVIEW IN SMARTSET

1.1. Introduction:

Within SMARTSET a regular peer review among the project partners - notably between lead and follower cities – is implemented within WP 5.

Such peer reviews are performed by meetings established back-to-back with project consortium meetings and deal with relevant actions and challenges in the course of project implementation.

Within SMARTSET such peer reviews are not a matter of simply judging an activity – but rather a form of know-how exchange, “external” evaluation and support of the reviewed/discussed application site in a high quality manner – carried out within the project consortium.

In SMARTSET, peer reviews are applied for following reasons:

- To ensure and increase the quality of the SMARTSET project implementation
- Every application site gets acquainted with an external, yet informed perspective
- To engage in mutual learning and know-how transfer with trusted peers
- SMARTSET is the perfect platform for understanding, following, evaluating and helping each other to further develop the application sites’ concepts and implementation with freight distribution systems.
- SMARTSET partners are lead and follower cities, thematic experts, from different backgrounds and working in different contexts. Thus a comprehensive advise can be jointly built
- There is no judging of situations in a theoretical manner. Peers and evaluated application site “sit in the same boat” have and get “first-hand-experience”; therefore it is easier to give assessments on how a specific application site’s activity was dealt with and how it can be improved.

To allow every application site to be transparent and open in the peer review discussion, all SMARTSET consortium partners commit to:

- Putting the focus on the specific application site’s needs/interests
- Being objective
- Keeping all information exchanged confidential
- Promoting openness, integrity and sincerity for mutual learning in the peer review
- Keeping in mind that there are different cultural influences and different contexts influencing the respective project partner’s implementation work
- Promoting an open enquiring and critical attitude (both in the peers and the reviewed application site)

For getting the most out of the time for a peer-review meeting an intensive preparation phase (e.g. by questionnaire to application sites, presentation template, etc.) is followed by different interactive settings at the peer review meeting itself.

1.2. 6th Peer Review Meeting, 10.03.2016

1.2.1. Preparation:

The 6th SMARTSET Peer Review meeting was held on the 10th of March 2016, back-to-back with the 7th Consortium Meeting in Sundsvall, Sweden.

Being the last Peer Review in the SMARTSET Project, the partners from the application sites were requested to prepare a presentation (along a template comprising all elements of a SWOT-structure), on:

- Key achievements in SMARTSET in the application site including networking
- Weaknesses and "non-achievements" of the approach applied within SMARTSET at the application site (including networking)
- Plans and opportunities for the further work on the application site
- Threats identified for the future work and how it is planned to deal with them
- Questions to the SMARTSET Peer Review Group on how to tackle threats/challenges

Figure 1 below describes the sequence of the 6th SMARTSET Peer Review.

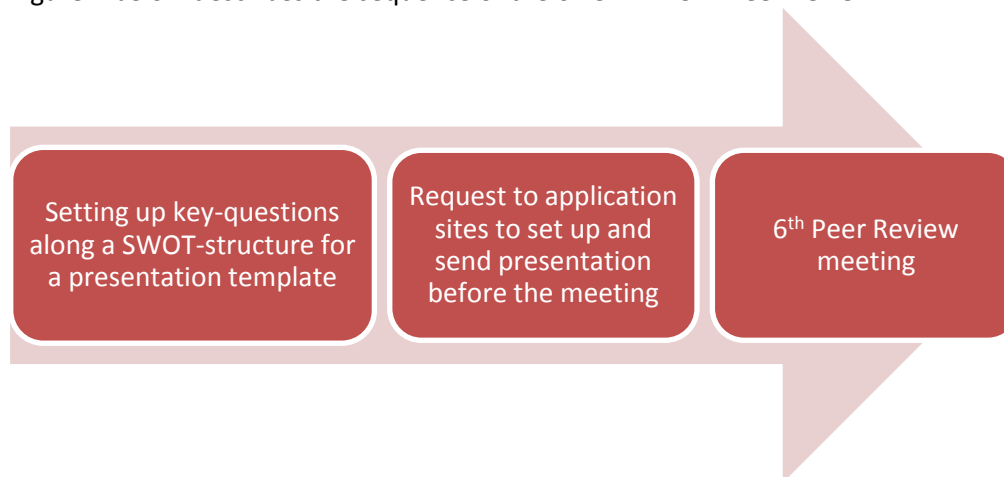


Figure 1: Sequence of the 6th SMARTSET Peer Review

2. PEER REVIEW MEETING

2.1 Introduction

As outlined above application sites were invited to set up a presentation along a template provided to send it before the project meeting. Because of time restraints that were also due to SMARTSET Final Conference and transnational network meeting, only for the application sites the presentation was sent beforehand. Another two application sites did not participate in the final project meeting and thus not in the final peer review meeting. For these two no presentations were received.

2.2 Peer Review Meeting sequence

In the course of the last Peer Review Meeting following application sites held a presentation – reflecting on the application site work along a SWOT structure and partly raising questions to the Peer Review Group:

- Newcastle
- Berlin
- Sundsvall
- Graz
- Rome
- Gothenburg

The presentations are provided attached (Annex I SMARTSET_WP5__6th PR_presentations application sites_pdf.zip).

Points discussed after each application site's input are given below under 2.3.

2.3 Points discussed

Following points were underlined by the speaker after the presentation respectively following feedback was given by other application sites:

Input Newcastle:

- Newcastle added that a problem with the e-truck is that once it breaks it takes time to repair.
- Newcastle gave the advice to the other application sites, to find the cheapest solution for a tracking and tracing programme, as mostly it won't be used.
- One weakness for Newcastle was the fact that the consolidation center was too far away, thus preventing two delivery rounds per day. Therefore it might be moved to an old library on the campus. The hospital next door also is an opportunity for the delivery system.

Input Berlin:

- Berlin chose the one-to-one approach in networking as for the specific purpose of this application site, big meetings would have stayed too superficial.
- Money for the implementation will also come from the "Deutsche Bahn" (German railway services)
- There will be elections in September, but a good consensus between parties could be achieved.
- Contacts established will be further used after the SMARTSET project.

Input Sundsvall:

- Sundsvall underlined that one of the main works was to develop the network for the application site. If one does not have a network to begin with it is hard work.
- Gothenburg strengthened the point, that waste handling can be a quite good business base, because with it one can get the volumes for transport. If Sundsvall is successful, there would be about 20 cities the same of Sundsvall in Sweden that could take on the approach.
- Newcastle proposed to go for another target group, e.g. the public sector, as Sundsvall is not congested and shops therefore are not so much willing to pay for time saved with a UFT. Sundsvall will address the public sector in another project.
- Newcastle also recommended for Sundsvall to try getting funding via the CEF.
- Graz added that the big warehouse in Graz, Kastner&Öhler, puts the waste out of the city with the other-wise empty delivery trucks.

Input Graz:

- Graz underlined the problem that permissions for delivery outside the regulation hours can be received quite easily. There is a lack of ambitious politicians that want to be forerunners.
- Efforts will be continued with the Novelog project.
- To the question of Wildau University Graz underlined that shopkeepers were provided with marketing material.

Input Rome:

- There will be new municipal elections in Rome in May 2016.
- Berlin added that the tendering process on EU-Level for logistics companies to establish and manage the UFT is very important but very challenging and competitive. It might be hard to find comparable results.

Input Gothenburg:

- Gothenburg added that the reaching of the break-even point is forecasted for the end of 2016.
- Berlin likes the “Buy regional – transport regional” approach and considers it as a good transferable thing.
- Regarding the international network Berlin points out that the distribution of the project results in countries with the same language is important. Additionally a topic for international networking would be on how to get awareness of planning departments on the issue of sustainable freight transport. They need to see solutions. As in international projects on urban freight often the same cities are on board, in a next project the e-update could deliver stories on what cities outside the project are doing.
- Concerning further networking Graz points out that the SMARTSET application sites are national forerunner cities. The Graz SMARTSET experience can be transferred via the CIVINET “Deutscher Sprachraum (German Speaking Area)”. There also the Austrian Town Association is a member and a very good platform for promotion of the topic.

3. ANNEXES

- Annex I SMARTSET_WP5__6th PR_presentations application sites_pdf.zip