







ArtMED

Planning for autonomous mobility on demand in the Euro-MED area

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Areas Mission, aimed at transforming public transportation in sparsely populated regions of the Interreg Euro-MED area. Millions of people face challenges due to limited access to public transport, high dependency on private vehicles, and substantial carbon emissions. ArtMED steps in to revolutionize the way we move by using Autonomous Mobility on Demand (AMOD) technology and methodologies from previous successful projects.

By empowering Public (Transport) Authorities (PTAs) to plan and implement innovative, sustainable transport solutions, ArtMED wants to become a leader in more accessible, inclusive, and eco-friendly public transportation systems. This includes developing a user-friendly AMOD impact assessment and implementation tool and providing tailored support for local use cases.







Welcome to the third edition of the ArtMED newsletter



As the ArtMED project reaches its final phase, we are excited to share the completion of the .MOBI decision-support tool, key insights from our two European roundtables, and highlights from the final partner meeting in Slovenia. This edition also marks the preparation for our Final Event in Italy, where stakeholders will be invited to explore ArtMED's outcomes and the future of Autonomous Mobility on Demand in the Euro-MED region.

In this edition

- ✓ .MOBI Tool Completed The final version is now publicly available for PTAs, planners, and mobility experts.
- ✓ New Video Tutorial Learn how to use .MOBI through our step-by-step instructional video.
- √ Roundtable Insights Key outcomes from our two thematic roundtables on AMOD, technology, safety, and social inclusion.
- √ Consortium Meeting in Slovenia Final partner discussions and wrap-up of project activities.
- ✓ Final Event in Italy Join us as we present all project results and policy recommendations for AMOD deployment.



As the ArtMED project approaches its conclusion, we are pleased to announce that the **.MOBI decision-support tool** is now fully developed and publicly available. The tool supports the planning and economic assessment of Demand-Responsive Transport (DRT) and Autonomous Mobility on Demand (AMOD) services across the Euro-MED region.

Who can benefit from .MOBI?

- Public Transport Authorities (PTAs)
 Evaluate AMOD/DRT scenarios, estimate fleet size, analyse operational costs, and prepare investment plans.
- Urban & Regional Planners
 Assess mobility needs, model transport demand, and compare different service configurations.
- Consultants, researchers & mobility experts
 Use the tool to support technical studies, feasibility assessments, and sustainable mobility strategies.

We invite all interested organisations to test .MOBI and share their feedback.

Access the .MOBI tool: https://dot-mobi.interreg-euro-med.eu/
Feedback questionnaire: https://forms.gle/J9ckHpnYSTpwGD5b7

New .MOBI Video Tutorial Released

To support new users, the consortium has produced a complete **video tutorial** that demonstrates step-by-step how to use the .MOBI platform. The tutorial covers:

- How to navigate the system
- How to input operational parameters
- How fleet size and cost estimations are generated
- How PTAs can apply the tool in real-world planning processes
- **Watch the video tutorial:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwlZGULYgmo









Throughout 2025, ArtMED organised two major European roundtables that brought together public authorities, researchers, industry representatives, and mobility experts to discuss the future of autonomous mobility in the Euro-MED region. These events were key moments of knowledge exchange and helped shape the project's policy recommendations and tool development.

1st Roundtable: Autonomous Mobility & Regional Needs

This session focused on the mobility challenges faced by sparsely populated and low-density areas - regions where traditional public transport models are often inefficient or financially unsustainable.

Participants explored:

- Barriers and opportunities for introducing AMOD
- The importance of user-centric, flexible transport models
- Preliminary findings from the regional investment plans
- Early expectations from the .MOBI tool

The discussion confirmed that AMOD can play a transformative role in increasing accessibility and reducing car dependency, but requires careful planning, supportive governance, and public awareness.

Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePX9QkhILNE









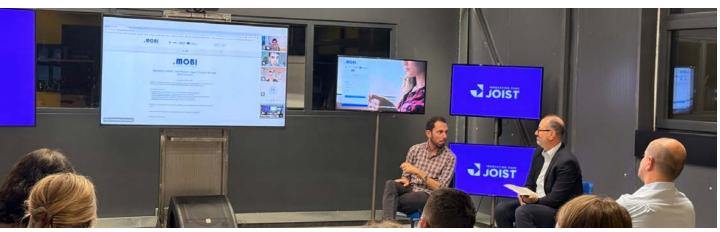
2nd Roundtable: Technology, Safety, and Social Inclusion in AMOD

The second roundtable moved to more advanced aspects of AMOD deployment. Experts examined:

- The technological maturity of autonomous shuttle systems
- Safety frameworks, risk evaluation, and certification needs
- Public acceptance and strategies to ensure inclusiveness
- Integration of AMOD into existing public transport networks

The session highlighted that while AMOD technologies are progressing rapidly, public trust, transparency, and inclusive design will be decisive for their successful adoption. The insights gathered helped refine ArtMED's recommendations for PTAs and policymakers.

Watch the recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bBcz7cuPn4













13 - 14 October 2025

The last consortium meeting of the project took place in Postojna, Slovenia, gathering all partners to finalise deliverables and discuss the long-term sustainability of ArtMED's outcomes.

Key highlights included:

- Presentation of the final version of the .MOBI tool
- Discussion on engagement strategies with PTAs in each partner country
- Preparations for the upcoming Final Event in Italy
- The consortium had the opportunity to experience the Postojna DRT pilot firsthand during a study visit.

This meeting marked the successful completion of two years of collaboration and development.











As the ArtMED project concludes, we are excited to highlight a meaningful synergy developed with another Interreg Euro-MED project: <u>GARDEN</u>, which focuses on green and resilient urban food logistics.

Although the two projects work in different domains, they address similar challenges faced by Mediterranean territories: limited resources, fragmented mobility and logistics flows, the need for flexible services, and infrastructure constraints in rural and island regions.

This connection opens new opportunities for cross-sector innovation. The .MOBI tool, originally created to support planning for AMOD and DRT services, offers analytical capabilities, such as demand modelling, route optimisation, and scenario simulation, that can also benefit sustainable food distribution systems. Conversely, GARDEN's practical experience with green last-mile delivery provides valuable insights that can enrich future AMOD-ready mobility planning.

Together, ArtMED and GARDEN demonstrate how smart mobility and green logistics can reinforce one another, supporting more sustainable, efficient, and resilient Euro-MED cities and regions.

Read the full article here: https://artmed.interreg-euro-med.eu/when-smart-mobility-meets-green-food-logistics-a-euro-med-synergy-for-future-ready-cities/

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As the ArtMED project reaches its conclusion, the consortium is preparing a high-level Final Event in Brescia, Italy that will bring together mobility stakeholders from across the Euro-MED region. This closing event will showcase the project's main achievements, demonstrate the practical value of the .MOBI tool, and open discussions on the future of Autonomous Mobility on Demand (AMOD) within European sustainable mobility strategies.



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Who should attend?

The Final Event is designed for a wide range of stakeholders engaged in sustainable mobility and regional development, including:

- Public Transport Authorities and municipalities
- Local and regional mobility planners
- Researchers, consultants, and AMOD experts
- EU institutions and programme representatives
- Technology developers and industry stakeholders

This final gathering provides an excellent opportunity to strengthen connections, exchange knowledge, and explore how ArtMED's outcomes can continue to support regions beyond the project's lifetime.

➡ The exact date, venue, and agenda will be announced soon on the ArtMED website and social media channels.







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