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Titolo del progetto: Citizen Travel Habits: a new solution to encourage sustainable commuting and facilitate the assessment of mobility management policies

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Progetto di ricerca:

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Citizen Travel Habits is a research project which aims at a new solution to encourage citizens sustainable commuting. CTH innovation is unique because it utilises a gamification approach to promote sustainable commuting while collects data over people's movement and preferences with its built-in automatic mode detection tool using GPS tracking and recording together with the administration of brief surveys connected to the trips. This innovation is meaningful because it acts on both the planning and execution of better mobility for cities and companies. A mobile app will be downloaded by citizens of a town or the employees of a company. A reward system will encourage them travelling with other means of transport than the single-occupancy private vehicle. Using gamification approaches, CTH app rewards the user with points for using sustainable modes and answering brief questionnaires, which can be traded for customised prizes defined by the owner (Enterprise or Municipality). On the other hand, CTH collects mobility data of the users, and explore it into valuable and fruitful information for Municipalities and Enterprises, which are, therefore, used to plan for interventions in the city or the workplace. Since the data collected provides time, space location, route and mode choice, and people's behaviour and preferences, the range of applicability in urban and transportation planning are enormous for Municipalities as well as for Private Companies for their workplaces mobility plans. Nowadays, there is a lack of solutions that integrates the benefits of data collection and habit change for mobility purposes. Current applications are usually focused on providing specific services, such as a reward or a habit change platform, software for analysis of pre-existing mobility data, or a motion tracking tool. CTH approach merges those

services to provide information over what is vital for planning: understanding commuting and mobility behaviour. The proposed solution is also reliable since the continuous and broader application generates information and impact on a progressive scale, which enables the customers to continuously enjoy the benefits and induce the creation of sustainable habits among their staff or citizens. We will focus on two groups of actors, Private Companies with more than 250 employees, and Municipalities with over 50.000 inhabitants. These groups can push for better urban mobility by decreasing GHG emissions and creating healthier and more active citizens and employees. The European market is vast, containing more than 16 thousand enterprises with more than 250 employees and over 800 cities with more than 50.000 inhabitants.

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