



## The AVENUE Project



AVENUE aims to design and carry out full-scale demonstrations of urban transport automation by deploying fleets of autonomous minibuses

EU-funded project under Horizon 2020

#### **Geneva – Extension of public transport**





### Lyon - Door2Door Services





### Copenhagen – Autonomous Mobility Cloud





#### Luxembourg - Personalised Services





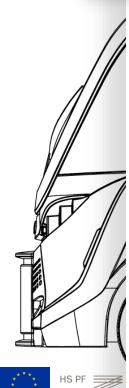






# **AVENUE worck packages**





WP2 – Stakeholder Analysis and strategies

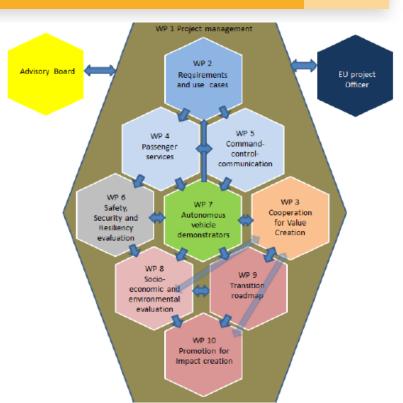
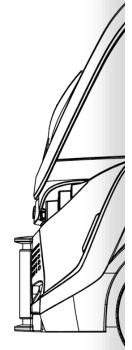


Figure 10 Workpackage overview









A stakeholder can be defined as "any group or individual who can affect or is affected by the achievement of the organization's objectives" (Freeman,1984).

### Research Question & Aims

to identify main stakeholders involved and affected in the field of autonomous driving development and implementation

to explore the stakeholders' perceptions, interests, strategies, attitudes, obstacles and interactions regarding autonomous e-minibus and the future mobility in order

to develop recommendations for cities and the EU (WP9)





Methodology

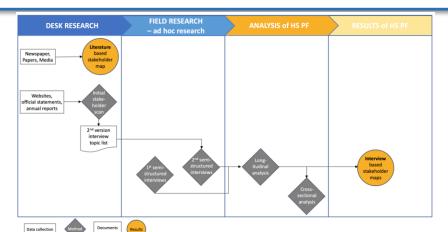


Stakeholder Analysis comprehended: identification, selection and in depth analysis

Desk research: Initial Stakeholder Scan

Desk research: Stakeholder map based on literature review

Empirical Research: Semi-structured interviews with selected stakeholders



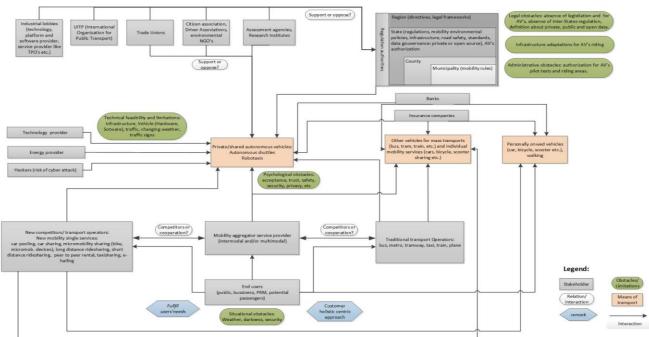




Desk research



### Avenue Stakeholder and Mobility Services Map







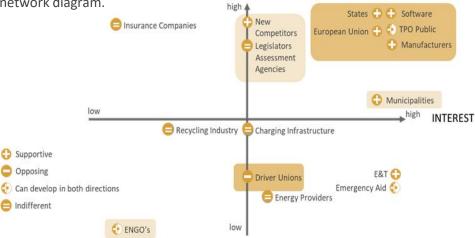
### Desk research





#### **Initial Stakeholder Scan**

- Brainstorming matrix with all potential stakeholders,
- Power grid interest,
- Impact Attribute grid,
- Onion diagram,
- Formal network diagram.



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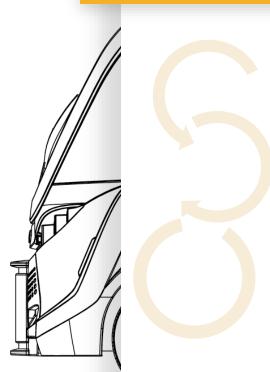
# Selection of stakeholders for in-depth analysis:

- -Public transport operators,
- -Manufacturers,
- -New competitors,
- -Software developers,
- -States/countries, local governments/cities,
- Driver unions,
- Environmental nongovernmental organizations,
- End-users (customer)



### **Empirical research**





### Sample structure

Number of stakeholder groups interviewed	5 target groups
Planned number of interviews conducted	2 to 4 per group
Number of stakeholder interviews conducted per group	
TPO's/ new competitors	n = 4
Manufacturers	n = 2
Software Developers	n = 3
Driver Unions	n = 3
Environmental NGOs	n = 3

#### Data collection

semi structured interviews (45-60min) 7 EU countries and USA

#### Qualitative analysis

longitudinal analysis: report of each interview, analysis, presentation of the main findings and stakeholder map

#### Further steps:

Stakeholder crossectional analysis





**Empirical research – first results** 





### Public transport operators

Role: offer public transport services
link between AV's and end user

"...we're gonna have a better world once the autonomous vehicles are fully implemented in a lot of different perspectives."

Interest: strong need to be competitive in the future

"Key topic for the future"

### Barriers/Obstacles

- Technological challenges
- Social acceptance
- Regulatory framework
- Business model

"We will not reach level 5 within the time-frame of the AVENUE project"

#### Offered solutions

- focus on end users and additional services





**Empirical research – first results** 



"One of our aim is really **redefining the traffic flow in your city** through giving new mobility offer which complete transfers network system. (...) And for that, we have

developed several kind of mobility solutions, all autonomous, electric, and shared."



### Manufacturers



- Offer new solutions on mobility
- Contribute to a shift from individual mobility → public transport



- to establish themselves alongside providers of classic mobility solutions and expand into new markets in the future.
  - social and environemntal benefits

### Barriers/Obstacles

- legal framework is a constraint
- social acceptance
- research and development is very cost-intensive

#### Offered solutions:

- to close a gap in the mobility / first and last mile operations.









Empirical research - first results





### Software developers

Role

- assure safety, efficiency and customized mobility system for the end users

Interest

- to change the mindset people have regarding mobility systems.... Changing transportation time to a more productive use of time

**Barriers/Obstacles** 

- responsibility of the cities to set the regulatory framework use of AV's

- technology and regulatory framework limit the full demostration of mobility services (e.g. on demand)

Offered solution

- partnership and mobility data for a better traffic flow

"We take the vehicles from the others and we equip that with our software and the sensors and make highly automated project together with a company"

"The goal is (...) to equip as many different vehicle types in different environments and scenarios with our technology and to learn basically from the environment (...)."

"unregulated market for AV's, gap on standard regulations for AV's"

"We really focus on shared and pooling (...) and how to serve more people with less vehicles."











Empirical research - first results





### **Driver unions**

- Role
- improving the drivers' working conditions
- advices/information
- education/formation

"We have a lot of willingness to negotiate, bargain, make agreements and compromises and bring the work organizations together"

"for us is more about re-educating people ... there will be a big need for skilled workers"

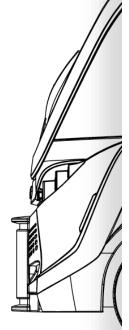
- Interest
- AV's can contribute to better job positions, the need for more skilled drivers and consequently, better salaries
- **Barriers/Obstacles**

"drivers will be always needed"

"We are more scared, when a company like Uber uses digital platforms to disrupt the taxi industry and the workplaces by offering passengers/costumers very cheap transportation without paying taxes, without paying decent wages for the drivers."

Offered solution

"Our work and most important role is to create or being part of the discussion before all changes have been completely disruptive for the sector"





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### **Environmental NGO's**

Role

- to promote means of transport that are more efficient and environmentally friendly than nowadays

"industry alone will not necessarily advance towards this new future mobility systems by itself"

### Interest/attitude

- uncertain positioning: supporting or opposing
- need for more scientific data and studies specifid for EU context/cities
- Barriers/Obstacles

"People are really overly optimistic in technology..."

"I see mainly two big uncertainties: The first one is whether autonomous vehicles will be electric (...), the second risk is also that these vehicles are not shared but privately owned (...) If you don't share these autonomous vehicles, you run a huge risk of making your congestion problem even worse."

#### Offered solution

authorities are vital to pave the way towards these target systems by coming up with adequate regulations → NGOs role providing studies, recommendations and awareness for policy building

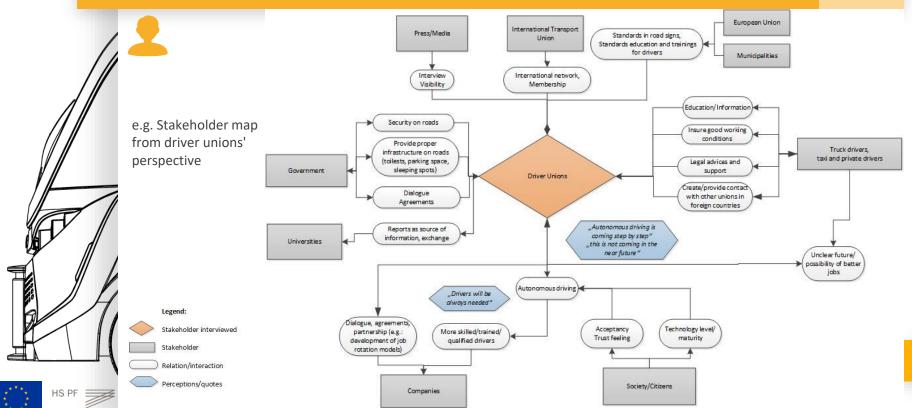
Policies may point the future that we aim, and technology is adapted to it





### **Empirical research – first results**







### **CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS**





- Interviewed stakeholder groups picture the future outlook for autonomous vehicles in very different ways
  - Ambitious/optimistic approach autonomous, electric, shared vehicles
  - Uncertainties and unstable position (e.g. NGO's, Driver Unions)
- Common points: gaps on Regulation and Policy, lack of studies/data on EU

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

- Semi structured interviews with policy makers/urban planner
  - customer associations/organizations

- Crossectional analysis
- Common stakeholder map



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