



3rd MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN RURAL MOBILITY NETWORK

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SMARTA-NET in brief

SMART-NET – www.smart-net.eu - is an ongoing EU project managed by DG-MOVE with linkage to DG-AGRI. The main theme is **rural mobility**, in support of **ecotourism**. SMARTA-NET has three strands:

- **Establish a European Rural Mobility Network (ERMN)**
 - 70+ rural municipalities from 15 EU countries, along with “multipliers” including LAGs, regional authorities, networks/association, etc.
- **Develop Guidelines**
 - on a number of topics, including good practice, mobility supporting rural tourism, extending SUMP, etc.;
- **Implement training and capacity building**
 - on the Guidelines in each of the member countries, in own country and language, for the ERMN members and other interested stakeholders.



About this meeting



Theme

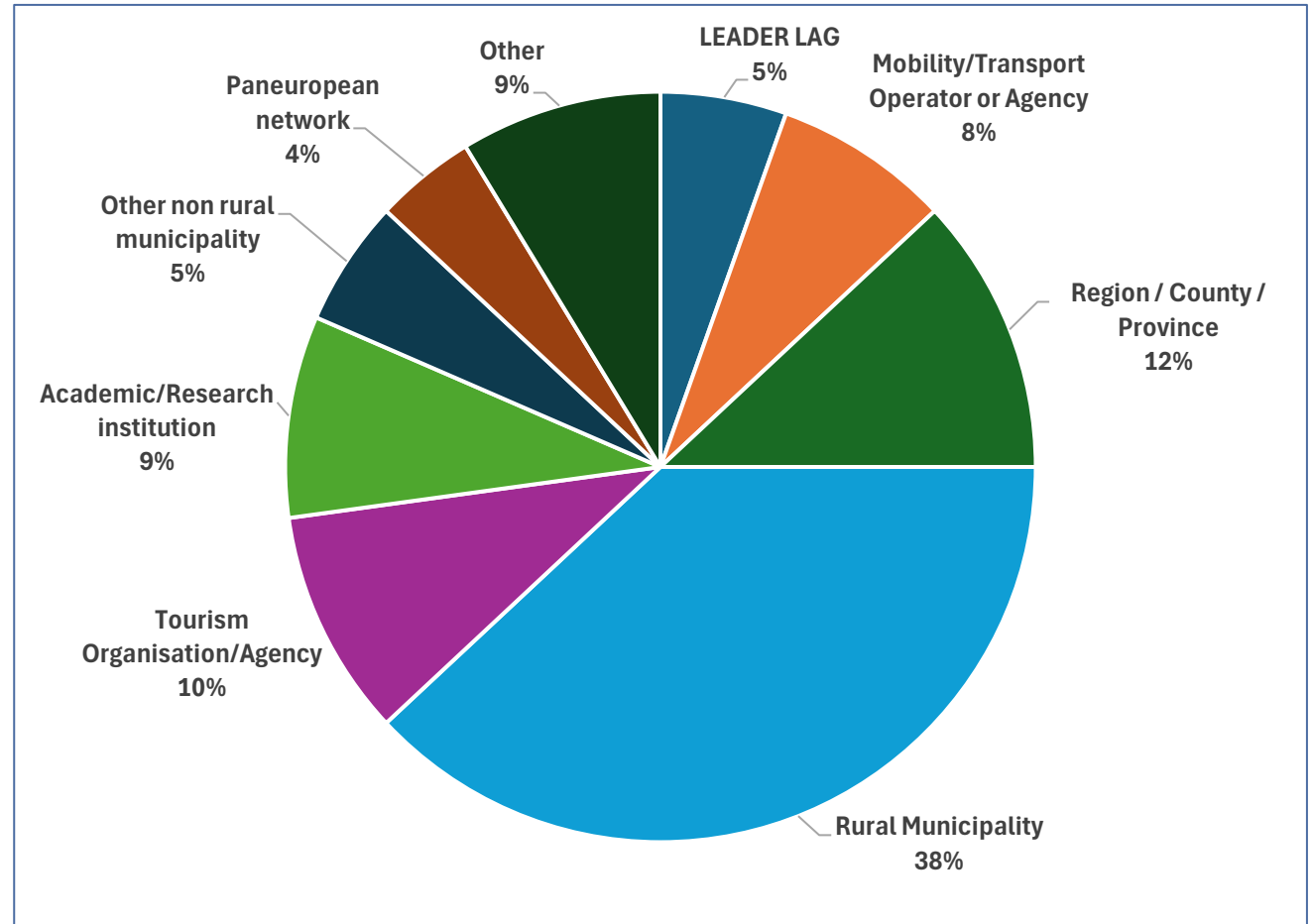
- ✓ Integrating the rural mobility dimension into existing planning frameworks and structures

Aim

- ✓ Meeting: Networking, Learning, Problem-solving...
- ✓ Reflect upon and discuss the planning challenges that need to be addressed so as to ensure that rural mobility receives appropriate attention from local and regional decision-makers

The ERMN Community: presence today

- Expected about 100 participants
- About half representing municipalities, regions, provinces
- 18 countries covered



Agenda – 1st part



10:00 – 10:30

Introduction

- ✓ *Framing rural mobility issues in the context of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) development by **Mr. André Freitas**, TIS*
- ✓ *Policy and planning perspective from the Competence Centre for Rural Mobility in the Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning (BBR) in Germany, by Mrs **Melanie Schade***



10:30 – 11:20

Breakout sessions

1. *Planning arrangements for rural development*
2. *Mobility and Tourism Cross Synergies – Involvement of stakeholders and planning*
3. *Contextual conditions for promoting new mobility solutions in rural areas*
4. *Influencing rural sensitive policies at regional, national, and European level*



11:20 – 11:30

Coffee break

Agenda – 2nd part



11:30 – 11:45

Reporting back to plenary

*Moderated by Mrs. **Edina Ocsko**, E40*



11:45 – 12:35

Roundtable discussion - integrating the rural dimension into existing SUMP framework

*Joined by Mr. **Claudio Mantero**, Mrs. **Maria Siti**, Mrs. **Melanie Schade**, and Mr. **Cosimo Chiffi***



12:35 – 13:00

Conclusion

- ✓ *Introduction about the SMARTA-NET upcoming Guidelines, by Mrs. **Eleonora Ercoli** (MEMEX) and Mrs. **Bente Grimm** (NIT)*
- ✓ *Some notes about the SMARTA-NET Training activities, by Mr. **Tiago Pina** (TIS)*
- ✓ *Concluding remarks and next steps, by Mr. **Brendan Finn** (MEMEX)*