

5th European Rural Mobility Network Meeting
Workshop outline (Session: 15th May 2024, 16:00 – 17:30)

Title of workshop:	Setting up strategies to increase resilience of rural mobility in times of disruptive events and moving towards a net-zero economy	
Workshop Lead	MemEx	
Short description of the workshop and purpose:		
<p>Transport systems face multiple disruptions, from geopolitical tensions to climate change impacts to pandemics. Understanding these disruptions is crucial for strengthening their resilience in the face of both foreseeable and unexpected events. The issue of transport resilience is particularly significant in rural areas. The recent pandemic has had several impacts, with locals forced to be even more dependent on private cars, while at times their movement was restricted and shared travel was discouraged. Moreover, the EU Green Deal's targets might lead to further disruptions, potentially changing local economies, lifestyles and patterns of movement. This workshop looks at issues of preparedness and resilience. By identifying recent and potential future disruptive events and shocks, it will assess their impact on personal mobility and transport offers, with a focus on rural areas. Building on the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and other relevant events, participants will discuss whether any changes are needed in terms of procedures, preparedness, funding allocation, etc. They will assess the potential items that could cause the most concern and draft recommendations for foresight, preparedness, and resilience.</p>		
Structure of the session*:		
<i>Timing</i>	<i>Sub-session name</i>	<i>Short description</i>
16:00 – 16:05	Introduction (5')	Intro by MemEx on the workshop, in the framework of broader SMARTA-NET activities
16:05 – 16:25	Presentation	Resilience in Transport System – key themes, International Transport Forum (tbc)
16:25 – 16:50	1 st working session & group discussion	Scanning disruptive events and shocks: nature and type of impacts
16:50 – 17:15	2 nd working session & group discussion	Has anything changed post-pandemic in terms of procedures, preparedness, funding allocation, etc.; or it is as though it had never happened? What are the potential items that would give most concern, in terms of impact and ability to respond?
17:15 – 17:25	Building recommendations together	Building recommendations together for foresight, preparedness and/or resilience.
17:25 – 17:30	Wrapping up	Summarising outcomes of the session and feedback points