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SELIS 2nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOSTED BY IBM IN DUBLIN, IRELAND

13 months into the innovative SELIS project the second General Assembly was held in Dublin, Ireland, kindly hosted in the fantastic facilities of the IBM Technology Campus.

The meeting was opened by Takis Katsoulakos and Nikos Tsampieris from Inlecom Systems followed by a warm welcome from Robert McCarthy, IBM

Up-to-date project progress from working groups and the Living Labs was shared along with lively informative discussions amongst the partners on how to enhance, improve and streamline the workgroup activities. The essence of the project is to provide innovative IT structures to permit the sharing of data for collaboration within the supply chain to reduce costs, reduce CO_2 and other GHE. This is being clearly illustrated throughout the Living Labs.

The purpose of the project is to use these Living Labs as learning centres to test the innovative data sharing facilities and from this create a roadmap of the way to commercialize the products. The meeting also defined the priorities and action plan for the next 6 months. The project is being managed with great efficiency and close control of all outputs and deliverables.

Professor Alan Waller OBE, Chairman ELUPEG and a member of the SELIS Advisory Board commented:

"The SELIS General Assembly was very well attended and the presentations demonstrated very significant progress on all elements of this demanding project. The participation by delegates, and the resulting discussions, demonstrated that the project is both addressing industry needs and also pushing forward the thinking and understanding of the role that Intelligent Information Systems can play in shaping solutions to drive forward logistics and supply chain improvements through collaboration between European Supply Chain players.

The Living Labs will individually create new solutions capable of commercialisation. Together they will drive forward the vision of a joined up Europe, with visibility and collaboration between Supply Chain stakeholders."

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After introductions the General Assembly day started with a SELIS Vision Progress Overview from Takis Katsoulakos followed by a presentation on Supply Chain Node (SCN) Architecture from Ben Hodgson (BMT) and Yiannis Zorgios from CLMS UK and an Applications Overview from Christos Skoufis and Stelios Christofi (eBOS). Alberto Giudici (EUR) presented on the European Green Logistics Strategies (EGLS).

Followed by the Living Labs (LL) Progress:-	
LL 1: presented by Javier Rivas from DHL	LL 3: SUMY presented by Hinde Boulbayem
LL 3: SARMED presented by Toai Truong (HWS-SARMED)	Living Lab 7: CONEX presented by Kaye Cheri (CONEX)
LL 7: UN/CEFACT Reference data model presented by Sue Probert (CONEX)	LL 8: ELGEKA presented by Stathis Revvas and Britta Balden

A fabulous dinner at the Castleknock Hotel was enjoyed by all after the first day of the GA followed by 2 more days of brainstorming and interactive workshops to review the progress moving forwards and plan the next 6 months. Day 2 went into more depth with presentations from guest speakers Duska Rosenberg (IcomICT Research) on the Living labs and Vincent McKey (IBM) and Ciaran Arthur (IDA) on IBM and the stakeholders in Living Labs. Having explored the similarities in the General Assembly day the assembled experts from commercial supply chains and technology experts reviewed each Living Lab and helped to agree on the work necessary to produce the required output over the next 6-9 months. It was positive to see how the understanding and integration of new knowledge was taken on board.

Day 3 - SELIS Innovative/Design Thinking in transport and Logistics projects: This workshop was run by IBM and the principal purpose was to show delegates "how to measure and model performance so that users can make informed choices". The Workshop took LL 2 (Port of Rotterdam) and LL8 (Sonae) as the business cases for delegates to develop their innovative design thinking on. Through a number of team based and highly interactive tasks, each group took a stakeholder in each LL and identified what their current problems were and then proceeded to indicate the ideal outcome for them. After a couple of hours of intense but enjoyable interaction the session concluded with each delegate completing an innovation template describing the one big idea they felt would benefit the business case they were part of.

Dr. Nikos Tsampieris, SELIS Project Manager commented:

"SELIS represents a massive R&D effort paving the way towards the Digital Transformation in T&L sectors and it has been great to observe and mark the significant progress achieved in the first 13 months of the project. All SELIS working streams have now converged to a significant degree and are poised to fully meet the really ambitious goals set in the beginning of the project. Innovation elements have been identified in the project Living Labs and novel solutions, in the form of prototype demonstrators, have emerged reflecting on their work. It is our intention to move forward to towards commercializing these new solutions which will further aid and enhance visibility and collaboration between Supply Chain stakeholders."

A very productive and thought provoking 3 days.