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WELCOME TO OUR

Newsletter

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest edition of the TRACE Project Newsletter.

As TRACE moves towards the final phase of the project, the consortium continues to demonstrate its progress through technological developments, pilot activities, scientific publications, and stakeholder engagement across Europe.
Over the past months, partners have actively showcased TRACE's innovative solutions at major events, contributed to scientific research, and strengthened collaboration with industry, academia, and public authorities.
In this issue, we highlight some of the project's recent achievements and key dissemination activities, reflecting our ongoing commitment to advancing smarter, more sustainable, and collaborative logistics.
We hope you enjoy this edition and thank you for following TRACE on its journey.

Warm regards,
The TRACE Team

This issue features:

Highlights from TRACE's participation in major European events, coverage of TRACE's contribution to the stakeholder dialogue on sustainable last-mile logistics in Athens, a dedicated feature on TRACE's latest scientific publication exploring the barriers to logistics collaboration and its contribution to collaborative freight transport and an overview of the project's recent dissemination activities, showcasing how TRACE continues to engage researchers, industry, policymakers, and the wider logistics community.

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TRACE DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

TRACE SHOWCASES AUTONOMOUS DELIVERY SOLUTIONS IN SLOVENIA

TRACE was presented at Transport Engineering Days 2026 in Slovenia, where the University of Maribor highlighted the project's vision for smarter and more sustainable urban logistics. The presentation showcased the Slovenian pilot activities, with a particular focus on the testing of autonomous delivery robots for last-mile delivery. Attendees learned how TRACE is advancing innovative logistics solutions through cutting-edge technologies that improve the efficiency, sustainability, and resilience of urban freight transport.

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TRACE JOINS STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABLE URBAN LOGISTICS

TRACE participated in a stakeholder dialogue in Athens focused on the future of sustainable last-mile logistics. Bringing together representatives from industry, academia, public authorities, and European initiatives, the event explored key challenges, innovative technologies, and collaborative approaches for creating more efficient, resilient, and environmentally friendly urban delivery systems.
TRACE contributed to the discussions by sharing its vision and solutions for the next generation of smart logistics.

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TRACE DEMONSTRATES SMART LOGISTICS TECHNOLOGIES AT MOTOR VALLEY FEST 2026

TRACE participated in Motor Valley Fest 2026 in Modena, Italy, showcasing innovative smart logistics technologies and prototypes developed within the project. Visitors explored solutions supporting autonomous and sustainable urban freight transport while engaging with project partners through live demonstrations and discussions. The event provided an excellent opportunity to promote TRACE's technological achievements, strengthen stakeholder engagement, and highlight the future of intelligent logistics.

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TRACE PRESENTED AT THE 13TH INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS CONGRESS

The TRACE project was showcased at the 13th International Logistics Congress in Portorož, Slovenia, where project partners presented its vision and innovative solutions for smarter, more sustainable logistics. The presentation highlighted TRACE's objectives, key technological developments, and pilot activities, fostering discussions with researchers, industry experts, and logistics stakeholders on the future of intelligent and resilient transport systems.

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In Focus

TRACE AT TRA2026: ADVANCING THE FUTURE OF SMART LOGISTICS (1/2)

The TRACE project proudly participated in TRA2026 – Transport Research Arena, Europe's leading conference for transport research and innovation, bringing together researchers, industry leaders, policymakers, and technology providers to discuss the future of sustainable and intelligent mobility.
Throughout the event, TRACE partners showcased the project's latest developments in urban and multimodal logistics, demonstrating how advanced digital technologies can transform freight transport into a more efficient, resilient, and sustainable ecosystem.
The project highlighted its innovative platform integrating Artificial Intelligence, digital twins, blockchain, cloud-edge computing, semantic interoperability, and autonomous systems to optimise logistics operations across multiple transport modes.
Particular attention was given to TRACE's pilot demonstrations, which validate these technologies in real-world operational environments across Europe.

In Focus

TRACE AT TRA2026: ADVANCING THE FUTURE OF SMART LOGISTICS (2/2)

Participation in TRA2026 also provided an excellent opportunity to engage with European stakeholders, exchange knowledge with leading transport initiatives, and strengthen collaboration within the wider research and innovation community. The discussions generated valuable feedback while increasing the visibility of TRACE's scientific achievements and practical impact on the future of logistics.

The conference reaffirmed the importance of collaborative European research in addressing today's logistics challenges and accelerating the transition towards smarter, greener, and more connected transport systems.

Discover more about TRACE's participation at TRA2026 by reading the full article on our website.

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Research Spotlight

UNDERSTANDING THE BARRIERS TO LOGISTICS COLLABORATION

Effective collaboration is essential for building smarter, more efficient, and sustainable logistics networks. However, organisations often encounter barriers that limit cooperation, information sharing, and the coordinated management of supply chain operations.

A recent scientific publication developed within the TRACE project explores these challenges, examining the organisational, technological, and operational factors that influence successful logistics collaboration. The study highlights the importance of trust, secure data exchange, interoperability, and coordinated decision-making in enabling more connected and resilient logistics ecosystems.

The publication also emphasises that overcoming these barriers requires a combination of technological innovation and stakeholder engagement. By promoting common standards, transparent governance models, and data-driven collaboration, logistics stakeholders can unlock new opportunities to optimise transport operations, improve resource utilisation, and strengthen the resilience of supply chains in increasingly complex environments.

The publication supports TRACE's vision of advancing collaborative and multimodal logistics through innovative digital technologies. Its findings provide valuable insights for researchers, industry stakeholders, and policymakers working to accelerate the digital transformation of freight transport across Europe.

Read the full publication to explore the methodology, key findings, and recommendations that can help shape the future of collaborative logistics.

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