

## **Donostia / San Sebastián will be the European capital of automated vehicle during this week**

- **From May 31st until June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Donostia/San Sebastián is hosting international experts at a conference about automated transport systems in the context of the closing of the European Project CityMobil2**
- **More than 120 experts from different countries will meet in order to discuss technology issues and the future of driverless transport systems**
- **The conference will be opened by Maria Luisa Ponce, General Secretary of Science, Technology and Innovation, Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness; and will be closed by María Seguí, General Director of Traffic, Spanish Ministry of Interior.**
- **Tecnalia, Basque technology centre, and Novadays, research and consulting company, act as hosts of this international conference**

**Donostia-San Sebastián, May 31st, 2016.** Donostia/San Sebastián will be the focus of the automated vehicles industry, during the final conference of the European Project CityMobil2 this week.

This conference and the demonstration of public transport service with driverless vehicles operating at “Parque Científico y Tecnológico de Gipuzkoa” will turn the city of Donostia/San Sebastián into the European capital of automated vehicles during this week.

More than 120 experts from different countries will meet in Donostia/San Sebastián in order to discuss the results of the automated transport demos in Europe during the last two years and about the immediate future of this industry that will change radically people and freight mobility.



The conference will focus on the future of automated vehicles market, its integration and its coexistence with other forms of mobility. Among the topics discussed, it will be highlighted the importance of the legal framework in order to make possible the commercial implementation of automated road transport systems. Additionally, experts will talk about the need for awareness raising and sharing knowledge about this kind of technology in order to boost the coexistence between automated vehicles and traditional mobility users.

The conference will have the presence of the highest regional and national institutions from Spain. The Vice Minister of Technology, Innovation and Competitiveness, Basque Government, Estibaliz Hernández, and Patrick Mercier-Handisyde, DG Research from the European Commission will welcome the participants from all over the world.

The official opening conference will be made by María Luisa Poncela, General Secretary of Science, Technology and Innovation, Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, and will be closed by María Seguí, General Director of Traffic, Spanish Ministry of Interior.

The hosts of the conference are both the Basque technology centre, Tecnalia, and the global research and consultancy Company, Novadays that have been the bodies in charge of the launch of the public driverless transport service in the capital of Gipuzkoa since April 2016.

During these months, several professionals from technology, transport and public affairs areas have visited the Parque Científico y Tecnológico de Gipuzkoa to know more details about this smart transport solution.

After four years, CityMobil 2 project is reaching its final stage with this conference. During this time, the driverless buses that are now in Donostia/San Sebastián, have travelled across Europe and been demonstrated in several: like Oristano (Italy), Lausanne (Switzerland), La Rochelle and Sophia Antipolis (France) Trikala (Greece) and Vantaa (Finland).



The automated buses will stay in Donostia / San Sebastián until the end of June, showing the viability of this automated and electrical mobility solution that is cleaner and more efficient than traditional options.

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