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About OPEN ENLoCC

Founded in 2006, Open ENLoCC (European Network of Logistics Competence Centres) evolved from the EU project "ENLoCC" as an independent, non-profit association (ASBL) based in Brussels.

Our mission from the beginning:

- Foster collaboration among European regions on transport and logistics innovation.
- Connect competence centres, regional authorities and research institutions.
- Share knowledge and best practices to improve regional competitiveness.
- Promote cooperation with European institutions on sustainable and digital logistics.

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TO EMPOWER REGIONS TO INNOVATE IN LOGISTICS THROUGH COLLABORATION AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

We act as a European platform connecting logistics competence centres, public authorities, and research organisations to:

- Share experiences and best practices.
- Develop solutions for sustainable and digital logistics.
- Support regional collaborative logistics as a key enabler of the green and digital transitions.
- Strengthen dialogue between regions and EU institutions.

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The main goal of the network is the **international exchange of experience and knowledge** between its participants and the promotion of a higher level of cooperation with European institutions. The members of Open ENLoCC work together on common projects with the aim to **develop the regional economy by solving infrastructural, organisational and technological problems of logistics and transport**. The dissemination of the results of the network activities and the best practices take place on a wide scale, involving all the key bodies at EU level.

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The season will begin with the **Connecting Europe Days**, where OPEN ENLoCC will contribute through TRANSCEND, one of the European projects in which the network is currently involved. This will be followed in October by the **CIPRE Conference**, where OPEN ENLoCC will participate as a partner, continuing to strengthen connections across European initiatives and stakeholders.
November will then bring a particularly important moment for our community. On 16 November, OPEN ENLoCC members will gather in Brussels for our **in-person General Assembly**, an opportunity to meet, exchange views and look ahead together. This year's meeting will also provide the occasion to celebrate a milestone that has accompanied us throughout 2026: **20 years of OPEN ENLoCC**. After looking back at two decades of collaboration, achievements and shared experiences in our previous newsletter, we now have the opportunity to celebrate this anniversary together, in person. The following two days, 17 and 18 November, will see the network taking part in the **ALICE Logistics Innovation Summit**, extending the conversation to the broader European logistics and innovation ecosystem.

Alongside these major appointments, the coming months will also be filled with activities connected to the European projects in which OPEN ENLoCC is involved, from consortium meetings and project events to opportunities for knowledge exchange and dissemination.

This intense programme reflects what lies at the heart of our network: bringing people, regions and organisations together, sharing knowledge and creating connections that can turn ideas and European cooperation into concrete progress for logistics and transport.

In this issue, you will find more information about these upcoming events, together with the latest updates from our European projects and news from across the OPEN ENLoCC network.

We look forward to a busy and inspiring autumn, and, above all, to meeting many of you along the way!

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Upcoming Open ENLoCC Events

OPEN ENLoCC brings TRANSCEND Project to Connecting Europe Days 2026

From 28 September to 1 October 2026 in Brussels, Belgium

From **29 September** to **1 October**, OPEN ENLoCC will be in Brussels for **Connecting Europe Days 2026**, Europe's flagship mobility event, bringing the **TRANSCEND project** to one of the key meeting points for the European transport community.

Organised by the European Commission, Connecting Europe Days will gather policymakers, financial institutions, industry representatives and transport stakeholders to discuss how to build a more competitive, resilient, safe and sustainable European transport system, with particular attention to infrastructure, connectivity and the resilience of essential supply chains.

Against this backdrop, TRANSCEND Project – Transport resilience against cyber and non-cyber events to prevent network disruption – will be showcased as part of the **exhibition dedicated to EU-funded transport projects**. The project is developing an integrated set of tools, guidelines and technological solutions to help freight transport operators strengthen their resilience against both physical and cyber threats.

Discover the event

Visitors will have the opportunity to discover TRANSCEND and meet project representatives at the:

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DIGITAL INNOVATION SPACE
Stand 82, Level 0 Foyers
SQUARE Brussels Convention Centre.

OPEN ENLoCC at Critical Infrastructure Protection & Resilience Europe (CIPRE) Conference 2026

From 20 to 22 October 2026 in Brussels, Belgium

As **Executive Sponsor** of the conference for the second consecutive year, OPEN ENLoCC is pleased to be working with Critical infrastructure Protection & Resilience Europe (CIPRE), taking place in **Brussels from 20-22 October 2026.**

CIPRE forms part of the wider 'CIP Week in Europe' and offers a unique opportunity to engage directly with government authorities, infrastructure operators, regulators, technology leaders and key stakeholders shaping the implementation of CER and NIS2 Directives and futures resilience frameworks.

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This year the conference is taking place at Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel

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OPEN ENLoCC in-person General Assembly and 20th Anniversary Celebrations

16 November 2026 in Brussels, Belgium

On **16 November 2026**, OPEN ENLoCC members will come together in **Brussels** for the **network's in-person General Assembly**, hosted at the Tangla Hotel.

More than a regular annual meeting, this year's General Assembly will represent a particularly meaningful moment for the OPEN ENLoCC community. Members from across Europe will have the opportunity to meet in person, exchange on the network's latest activities and ongoing projects, and discuss priorities and perspectives for the year ahead.

The meeting will also provide the setting for a very special occasion: **the celebration of OPEN ENLoCC's 20th anniversary.**

Since its establishment in 2006, the network has grown through two decades of cooperation, knowledge exchange and shared initiatives, bringing together regional logistics competence centres and supporting collaboration across Europe.

After dedicating our previous newsletter to this important milestone and looking back at the people, projects and achievements that have shaped OPEN ENLoCC over the years, Brussels will finally give us the opportunity to celebrate it together, in person.

A **special networking and anniversary moment** will follow the General Assembly, bringing members together beyond the formal meeting and marking twenty years of connections, collaboration and commitment to European logistics.

With both the network's future and its history at the centre of the day, 16 November promises to be **one of the highlights of the OPEN ENLoCC calendar in 2026**, and, above all, a moment to celebrate the community behind the network.

OPEN ENLoCC at the ALICE Logistics Innovation Summit 2026

17 and 18 November 2026 in Brussels, Belgium

Following the OPEN ENLoCC General Assembly on 16 November, Brussels will remain at the heart of the network's activities with the 3rd edition of the **ALICE Logistics Innovation Summit 2026**, taking place on **17–18 November** at the Tangla Hotel.

The Summit will bring together **key players from across the European logistics ecosystem**, providing an important platform to exchange ideas, explore emerging trends and innovations, and strengthen collaboration among industry, research, public authorities and European initiatives.

The 2026 edition will focus on practical innovation, stakeholder engagement, and collaboration across the logistics ecosystem brought forward by pioneer companies and EU-funded projects.

Discover the event

For OPEN ENLoCC, this year's Summit will have an additional significance. After celebrating the network's 20th anniversary with its members on 16 November, the celebrations will continue on the evening of 17 November, when OPEN ENLoCC will host the Summit's networking cocktail.

This special occasion will offer the opportunity to mark two decades of OPEN ENLoCC together with the broader European logistics community, sharing this important milestone with partners, stakeholders and professionals who contribute to shaping the future of the sector.

Twenty years after its establishment, OPEN ENLoCC continues to build bridges between regions, organisations and European initiatives. Celebrating this anniversary within the ALICE Logistics Innovation Summit will therefore be not only a chance to look back at the network's journey, but also to strengthen existing connections, create new ones and look ahead to the next chapter of European logistics cooperation.

News from our projects

A new chapter for MED COLOURS: the journey continues with the Transfer Phase

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MED COLOURS

After completing its Test Phase, **MED COLOURS officially entered its Transfer Phase on 1 July 2026**, focusing on transferring the knowledge, methodologies and experience developed so far to new Mediterranean cities.

The new phase was formally launched with an **online Kick-off Meeting** on 7 July, bringing partners together to set the stage for the activities ahead and strengthen cooperation within the expanded project community.
Running until 31 December 2027, the new phase will support **Ferrara (Italy)**, **Maribor (Slovenia)** and **Granada (Spain)** in developing their Sustainable Urban Logistics Plans (SULPs), building on the approach already tested within MED COLOURS. The Transfer Phase also brings together an expanded community of 10 project partners and 8 associated partners, with former test cities continuing to contribute their experience and support peer learning.
The goal is clear: moving from testing to transfer and capitalisation, helping more cities turn the lessons learned through MED COLOURS into concrete approaches for more sustainable and resilient urban logistics.

Read more

MED COLOURS JOINS THE CIVITAS FORUM 2026

From 15 to 17 September, MED COLOURS took part in the **CIVITAS Forum 2026 in Thessaloniki**, joining the European sustainable urban mobility community to exchange experiences, ideas and solutions for more sustainable cities.

On 17 September, **Lorenzo Cello** from ITL, MED COLOURS coordinator, **contributed to the session "City–Innovation Partnerships in Action: From Research to Urban Logistics Transformation in Thessaloniki."**

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News from our projects

Update on TRANSCEND project

In the last months, project partners were involved in a series of **Demo Workshops** to evaluate the solutions provided by the TRANSCEND Control Tower. Organised by OPEN ENLoCC in synergy with ICP and LIST, these two-round workshop sessions invited end users from each pilot to an overview presentation of the TRANSCEND Control Tower and how the solutions developed can be used by the each user invovled in the pilots. Moreover, participants were provided Value Proposition Canvas as a tool to explore how TRANSCEND can bring value to the end users.

Read more about the Control Tower

Visit the TRANSCEND project website

WHAT'S NEXT?

As the development of the technical activities and implementation of the pilot actions continue, the TRANSCEND consortium is gathering soon for the **3rd in-person meeting** on 2-3 December 2026, in Luxembourg. This meeting will be a crucial moment for partners to assess the objectives achieved so far, as the project is approaching its final phase!

The 4th newsletter will be soon available!

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News from our projects

ALTHEA project: connecting people, territories and knowledge

The past months have provided new opportunities for ALTHEA to connect with the wider European mobility community, while work continues within the consortium to strengthen stakeholder engagement, knowledge exchange and cooperation across urban and peri-urban territories.

ALTHEA AT THE CIVITAS FORUM 2026

From 15 to 17 September, ALTHEA took part in the **CIVITAS Forum 2026 in Thessaloniki**, joining cities, policymakers, practitioners, researchers and other stakeholders working towards more sustainable and climate-neutral mobility.
The consortium was represented by ENoLL, Panteia, FIT Innovation and CERTH, with partners contributing to different activities throughout the Forum. On 15 September, ALTHEA participated in the Dissemination Managers Meeting, followed on 16 September by the CIVITAS Integrated Peri-Urban Areas Cluster Meeting.
ALTHEA was also present at the Thematic Corner on Integrated Peri-Urban & Rural-Urban Mobility.

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STRENGTHENING STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Within ALTHEA**, OPEN ENLoCC contributes to stakeholder engagement and knowledge exchange**, helping connect the project's activities and results with relevant stakeholders and supporting the exchange of experiences and expertise across the project community.

These activities will continue in the coming months, with the consortium preparing to meet again in person for the **next ALTHEA Consortium Meeting**, taking place in **Antwerp from 30 November to 1 December.**
The meeting will provide an opportunity for partners to review progress, coordinate the next steps and continue strengthening collaboration across the consortium.

ALTHEA

Visit the ALTHEA project website

Latest from Our Members

ETHIC DRIVE and SYNAPSE
new projects foster innovation in Abruzzo regional logistics system

Funded under the Abruzzo 2021-2027 EDRF Regional Programme, **ETHIC DRIVE** and **SYNAPSE** projects aim to support the technological and economic development in the Abruzzo Region logistics system. In these two intiatives, **Polo di Innovazione INOLTRA** will support the the valorisation and dissemination of the project results both at the institutional and scientific levels, in order to favour the knowledge exchange and the impact of EU funds in its regional context.

- The SYNPASE project aims to set up an integrated digital platform for the optimisation of the logistics processes, making the regional supply chain more efficient and sustainable.
- The ETHIC DRIVE project works towards the development of an end-to-end digital platform for the predictive mainteneanche of vehicles.

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