

# Advanced ICT Technologies for Costs Optimization and Innovation of Winter Maintenance Processes in the Perspective of Smart-City

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#### **1. SMART CITY: A DEFINITION**

**Cities** are the place of the world where the bulk of the **consumption of energy and non-renewable resources is concentrated**.

This implies that the innovations which must guide us towards a new model of **sustainable development** should be experimented first of all within cities, where they may cause more benefits.

A Smart City is a city where research and innovation aim toward the target of triple sustainability: **social**, **economic** and **environmental**.





#### **1. SALT SPREADING IN A SMART CITY**

The **GOLDEN-ICE** and **GOLDEN-INFRA** projects aim at helping to reach all the three sides of the sustainability triangle.





#### 2. THE INNOVATION ROADMAP





#### **3. THE GOLDEN-ICE PROJECT**

The first step in the innovation process has been giving **intelligence to the truck** equipment:

- •Automatic control of the salt spreading process
- •Reproduction of pre-recorded missions
- Advanced GNSS capabilities
- •Communication capabilities (GSM, GPRS)
- •Integrated eCall functionalities







#### **3. THE GOLDEN-INFRA PROJECT**

The evolution in the innovation process focused the development of a **high level winter maintenance service** through a **cloud based Management Center**:

- Advanced operations management
- Centralized device management
- •Telemetry data collection and aggregation
- Integration with complementary sources of information:
  - Weather forecasts
  - RWIS
  - On-board sensors







#### **3. OVERALL SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE**





#### 4. RESULTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

The innovation roadmap so far has brought significant on-field test results:

- •Direct costs reduction (spreading materials) up to 20%
- •Indirect costs reduction (infrastructure, road maintenance, ...)
- •Enhancement in winter maintenance processes through the implementation of a centralized **Decision Support System**
- •Environmental impact reduction subsequent to a reduced salt usage





### 4. RESULTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Future development can evolve on two main directions:

#### •On board

- Introduction of additional sensors and devices
- Enhancement of positioning system (e.g.: multi constellation receivers, Inertial Navigation Sensors, enhanced maps)
- Further automation of the spreading process

#### •At the management center

- Introduction of additional data sources (e.g.: new sensors, traffic information, Earth Observations)
- Automatic optimization of spreading missions
- New data exploitation strategies (e.g.: Open Data, Proprietary Data)







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