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Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
ALICE	(Alliance for Logistics Innovation through Collaboration in Europe)
EITUM	EIT Urban Mobility
KER	Key Exploitable Results
SEG	Stakeholder Engagement Group
TRA	Transport Research Arena
WP	Work Package

Executive Summary

The UNCHAIN project aims to foster the large-scale uptake of sustainable, zero-emission logistics solutions across Europe. As urban areas face increasing pressure to deliver goods efficiently while meeting climate and quality of life goals, there is a growing need for practical, transferable innovations that can be tailored to a variety of local contexts.

To meet this challenge, the UNCHAIN project established the Stakeholder Engagement Group (SEG), a network that brings together cities, logistics operators, researchers as mobility stakeholders. The SEG mainly plays a role in anchoring project activities in real-world needs and ensuring the transferability of outcomes beyond the project's participating cities.

In parallel, the project's collaboration with CIVITAS made high-impact synergies possible with other EU-funded initiatives. UNCHAIN has contributed actively to CIVITAS activities, including clusters, events, and the participation in the CIVITAS Deployment Programme, amplifying its visibility, impact, and cross-project learning. A Memorandum of Understanding between UNCHAIN and CIVITAS further strengthened the strategic alignment on evaluation, dissemination, capacity-building, and exploitation.

This report outlines the progress of stakeholder and collaboration activities between M25 and M36 of the project, detailing the structure, objectives, and achievements of the SEG, key CIVITAS-linked efforts, and how these partnerships are creating the possibility for long-term urban logistics transformation. Key achievements include the organisation of joint events, webinars and workshops that further enhance collaboration and expand outreach. Lastly, the report details the planned activities for the remaining period (M36-M42).

1. Introduction

The UNCHAIN project is a forward-looking European initiative that aims to unlock the potential of innovative, sustainable, and scalable urban logistics solutions. By supporting a seamless integration of new services into local urban planning and logistics systems, UNCHAIN contributes directly to the EU's climate and mobility goals.

To ensure its outcomes are relevant, replicable, and widely adopted, UNCHAIN places strong emphasis on collaborative knowledge exchange. These priorities are reflected in two strategic mechanisms:

- The SEG, which connects UNCHAIN to a wider community of cities, logistics operators, and experts across Europe. The SEG acts as a bridge between research and practice, offering valuable insights, feedback, and pathways for replication. It plays an essential role in validating the project's outputs, informing policy development, and shaping a roadmap for broader adoption.
- Collaboration under the CIVITAS umbrella, which ensures that UNCHAIN remains aligned with wider European efforts to advance sustainable urban mobility. This collaboration not only facilitates joint capacity-building, communication, and

exploitation activities, but also embeds UNCHAIN within a network of active, like-minded projects, enabling peer learning, joint dissemination and evaluation of the projects.

- Bilateral cooperation with similar projects, beyond CIVITAS umbrella and on a voluntary basis, taking advantage of other networks for improved outreach.

Together, these efforts help scale the project's impact beyond the Living Labs and follower cities, ensuring that the knowledge and solutions developed through UNCHAIN serve as a foundation for cleaner, smarter urban logistics across Europe.

This report captures the activities undertaken and to be undertaken within the SEG, the CIVITAS framework and the collaboration with other projects in the period between M25-M36 of the project, and the planned activities for the remaining period (M36-M42), with a focus on knowledge exchange, stakeholder participation, and forward-looking replication planning. The activities carried out in the first period of the project (M1-M24) are detailed in D8.4-Cooperation with stakeholders, CIVITAS and similar projects and initiatives v1, delivered on M24. This report build on the structure of the previous deliverable (D8.4), including updates proper to the period considered (M25-42).

2. Gender, ethics and data related issues

2.1. Gender related issues

In relation to specific SEG and other UNCHAIN events organised, the consortium has paid and will pay special attention to gender equality amongst the speakers as well as the attendees. All UNCHAIN partners have paid and will pay special attention to this and make sure that all participants are addressed based on their preference and treated as such. If any participant of such event experiences any gender-based discrimination on such events, they can contact Melina Zarouka (mzarouka@polisnetwork.eu), Zsofia Jakoi (zjakoi@polisnetwork.eu), Elisa Gomez (egomez@polisnetwork.eu) and Alexia Collignon (acollignon@polisnetwork.eu) of POLIS Network to address these issues. The participants have been and will be informed about this on their invitation letter to the given event.

Another important factor the UNCHAIN project considers important in regard to gender issues are pronouns. The UNCHAIN project is following the Editorial Guide of POLIS Network.

Pronouns, also sometimes known as PGPs (Preferred Gender Pronouns), are linguistic tools used to refer to individuals. They can be categorised as "gendered" (e.g. he/him/his; she/her/hers) or "gender-neutral" (e.g. they/them/theirs; ze/hir/hir; ze/zir/zirs; xe/xem/xyrs; ve/ver/vis; ae/aer/aers; per/per/pers; and others).

Using someone's correct pronouns is a fundamental way to show respect. Using wrong pronouns can lead to feelings of disrespect, invalidation, dismissal, alienation, or dysphoria, and while misgendering can happen by accident, it is important to take accountability for one's mistake, apologise, and immediately use the right pronouns.

While pronouns can sometimes indicate a person's gender identity, it is crucial not to make assumptions about someone's gender identity based on external expressions like clothing, hairstyle, or mannerisms. Recognising that not having to worry about pronoun usage based on perceived gender is a privilege, it becomes evident that deliberately misgendering someone or ignoring their pronouns is not only offensive and disrespectful, but also a form of oppression.

Creating an inclusive space where people can share their pronouns is important, but it is equally important to understand that not everyone may feel comfortable sharing their pronouns and their choice should be respected: in this case, please refrain from using pronouns and refer to them by name.

2.2. Ethics related issues

WP8 pays special attention to the ethical issues. The collaboration with other initiatives and the stakeholders presented in all versions of the document does not damage individual rights and promotes transparency through publicly available documents on the UNCHAIN website.

All activities conducted related to the SEG and other collaboration under this WP are produced through informed consent. These activities are:

- The contact information is stored on the WP lead POLIS internal server and is not shared with any third parties.
- Any communication with the SEG members always must run through POLIS.
- Workshop invitation letters which comply with ethics requirements.
- Any information about the people attending any event organised by UNCHAIN is not and will not be shared with third parties.
- Any photos or videos during any given event organised by UNCHAIN has been and can only be taken after the signed consent of the participants.
- Any photos or videos taken during any given event organised by UNCHAIN has been and can only be shared after the signed consent of the participants.

No data should be processed without undergoing some ethical considerations first. These considerations help to enforce privacy regulations and beyond to ensure no rights are violated and all data has been obtained in a consensual manner.

The specific ethical standards and guidelines set by D1.2 that has been used within all activities carried out in WP8 are the following:

- The purpose and procedure of the research has been introduced in an understandable way.
- It has been emphasised that it is the potential participants' choice whether to participate or not in the study.

- All participants have been informed of their right to privacy and the extent to which participation in this research may impact on their lives – and the mechanisms the researchers have put in place to protect participant privacy through processes of anonymization and data storage and security.
- Participants have been informed about duration and effort to participate in any research.
- In any survey/interview people have been and will be informed what kinds of questions we plan to ask and UNCHAIN has made it clear that people can choose not to answer questions.
- Participants have been made aware of their 'withdrawal rights': that they can withdraw from the research at any time and that, if they wish, any personal data, recordings or images can be destroyed.
- Contact information to the project´s stakeholders have been provided.
- Risks and benefits have been explained.
- If applicable, arrangements for insurance coverage for participation has been and will be described.

2.3. Data related issues

This WP is aware of the importance to keep privacy and protect the personal data, as written under D1.2 – Data Management Plan of the UNCHAIN Project, the following standards have been established in relation to personal data:

- Has not been and will not be handled out to third parties outside UNCHAIN.
- Has not been and will not be exploited or commercialized.
- Has not been and will be kept for no longer than necessary.
- Has not been and will not be accessible for use or diffusion outside the project framework.
- Has not been and will be subject to retrieval in case it is requested.
- Has not been and will be destroyed as the relevant scientific purpose is fulfilled.

Engagement with end users and stakeholders is mostly taking place in WP2, WP6 and WP7. Information managed by the project consortium during such activities has been and will be of a private or confidential nature.

Starting from these considerations, some procedures must be adopted to ensure that the privacy of the involved end-users is safeguarded. Access to sensitive information is being carefully controlled with restriction policies (where appropriate), and anonymization techniques are being applied to protect data confidentiality. The specific SEG activities are always organised by POLIS. This ensures that the SEG members' data is protected and is not

shared with third parties. The specific contact details of each member are only accessible for WP lead, POLIS. The data management complies with the UNCHAIN Data Management Plan.

3. Stakeholder Engagement Group

As part of its ambition to scale up the impact and uptake of innovative urban logistics solutions, the UNCHAIN project has established a Stakeholder Engagement Group (SEG). The SEG is a trusted and expanding community of Peer Cities, logistics stakeholders, and urban logistics experts from across Europe. The group acts as a knowledge-sharing platform, complementing the work of the project consortium. It will support the co-creation, testing, validation, and future transferability of UNCHAIN's results beyond the Living Labs. For the entire period of the project, the stakeholders and Peer City representatives were involved in different activities for them to get as much knowledge of the project as possible.

The SEG have participated actively in project discussions and activities, contributing to a collaborative, pan-European environment that connects practice with research and facilitates the exchange of experience among Living Labs and follower cities. Its composition has been growing to reach more stakeholders as the project unfolds.

3.1. Main aims of the group

The SEG has been designed to ensure that the research and innovation outcomes of UNCHAIN are transferable, applicable, and impactful across diverse urban and logistical contexts. Its core objectives are to:

- Support the exchange of knowledge, experiences, and good practices between project partners, cities, logistics stakeholders, and external experts;
- Boost replication potential of tested services and solutions by providing critical feedback and feasibility assessments;
- Enable capacity building and peer-learning activities to improve the operational capabilities of public authorities and private operators;
- Validate results and contribute to policy development, business model definition, and the creation of a transferability and adoption roadmap;
- Maximise stakeholder involvement and outreach through POLIS Working Groups and the POLIS-ALICE dialogue platform.

The SEG also contribute to specific project tasks (e.g. T7.4, T8.2, and T8.3), ensuring that the UNCHAIN tools and services are shaped by, and for, the real needs of stakeholders across Europe.

Members of the SEG benefit from diverse engagement opportunities, including capacity-building workshops, bilateral exchanges, interactive surveys and interviews, feasibility studies,

and targeted online and in-person events. They have been regularly informed about the project's progress and invited to participate in group meetings.

3.2. Members of the group

The SEG is composed of a dynamic mix of urban authorities, logistics operators, and mobility stakeholders representing both advanced and less advanced cities in terms of sustainable urban mobility planning. These members bring a broad spectrum of expertise and operational perspectives, ensuring that the project outputs respond to the challenges of a wide range of European urban areas.

Confirmed Peer City members of the SEG cohort include:

- Reggio Emilia (Italy)
- Alba Iulia Municipality (Romania)
- Antwerp (Belgium)

Confirmed expert members of the SEG cohort include (organisations without names):

- University of Antwerp
- MLC
- ZLC
- Budapest Kozlekedesi Kozpont (BKK)
- MOBY Bikes
- ALICE

In addition to these early adopters, the SEG composition has been shaped organically throughout the project duration. Lack of continuous commitment, lack of specific interest to the projects activities and development and also SEG members' other commitments resulted in a risk. To mitigate this risk, engagement strategies were put in place, reaching out to other stakeholders and resulting in a more diverse participation during the project's duration. Interested stakeholders may engage at different levels, from receiving project updates to active participation in discussions, piloting, reviewing, and validating project outputs.

Through this broad and inclusive structure, the SEG ensures that UNCHAIN's results are not only scientifically robust but also grounded in the realities of urban logistics operations. Its members play a vital role in shaping the project's legacy, feeding into policy recommendations and contributing to the collective effort to transition toward zero-emission city logistics across Europe.

3.3. Transferability activities

3.3.1. Transferability Workshops

POLIS and EITUM have collaborated to conduct regular Transferability Workshops for the UNCHAIN Living Labs (Berlin, Florence, Madrid), Follower Cities (Riga, Funchal, Prague) and Peer Cities (Alba Iulia, Reggio Emilia and Antwerp). The workshops conducted in the first period of the project (M1-M24) are detailed in D8.4. They took place in November 2023 and in October 2024.

The UNCHAIN transferability workshops are designed to engage Follower and Peer cities in the transferability activities of the project. Follower cities have identified and validated the services they will demonstrate, and peer cities the ones they are interested in. The SEG is also being invited in order to get involved and familiarise themselves with UNCHAIN services and their replication potential.

As part of the transferability workshops, on 9 July 2025, the UNCHAIN project held a collaborative workshop titled **"City matching: bridging peer cities and followers for scalable impact[1]".** Organised by EIT Urban Mobility, the workshop brought together peer cities, follower cities and members of the Stakeholder Engagement Group to foster dialogue and knowledge exchange on the transferability of innovative urban logistics solutions.

The key aims of the workshop were to:

- Facilitate dialogue between peer and follower cities to identify the KER of interest.
- Share knowledge and align experiences between follower and peer cities regarding urban logistics challenges and how UNCHAIN solutions could contribute to improve them.
- Identify matches between peer cities and KERs will guide engagement during both the demonstration and lessons-learned phases and during the study visit planned next year.

Following the city presentations, an engaging Q&A session allowed for deeper discussion on stakeholder involvement and root causes of urban logistics challenges. The workshop concluded with an interactive activity designed to gather further input and foster connections between peer and follower cities.

The workshop outcomes include a transferability roadmap and guidelines for peer cities, as well as information for the city baseline cards for follower cities.

[1] News item available on the UNCHAIN website at the following link: https://unchainproject.eu/unchain-workshop-unites-cities-to-drive-scalable-urban-logistics-solutions/

3.3.2. Stakeholder Engagement Group and Peer Cities

A Hybrid SEG workshop was organised by POLIS and EITUM in May 2025, during UNCHAIN's General Assembly that took place in Mechelen, Belgium. Participants had the chance to delve into the latest Living Lab activities and explore the services developed within the UNCHAIN project. This dynamic session provided a platform for collaboration, reflection, and learning.

A presentation was made by EITUM on replication and transferability, helping to understand their specificities and how to disseminate impact across Europe. We heard from representatives of the Florence, Berlin, and Madrid Living Labs, who shared valuable perspectives on the development of Key Exploitable Results (KERs) in their local contexts. The floor was open and exchange sharing took place between the peer cities, the follower cities and the members of the Stakeholder Engagement Group that were present.

The discussion dealt with the feasibility of the application of these services in their city, the improvements that would be needed and the main challenges that arise.



*Figure 1**Error! Reference source not found.** : SEG workshop in May 2025 - Mechelen*

3.3.3. Planned Activities: Stakeholder Engagement Group in-person meeting in Riga

There are some future activities planned in collaboration with EITUM for the last six months of the project (until M42). Stakeholders have been invited to join the whole consortium for an in-person meeting day in Riga. This day will be specifically dedicated to the SEG and the peer cities, and will take place following the General Assembly of the project on 13 May 2026. The agenda includes the following:

- A cities presentation (from the Living Labs and the follower cities) to remind the different services (KERs) tested and dive into the demonstration activities.
- A transferability workshop with the peer cities, aiming to assess the uptake of UNCHAIN solutions, the strategy implementation and how to mitigate risks.
- A study visit to showcase the services tested on the ground in Riga: in the historical center, KER5 will be showcased (notably the management of Loading and Unloading zones)

Some members of the SEG not able to join in-person will be offered the possibility to join online.

The SEG and peer cities are also expected to join the UNCHAIN Final Event, organised with MoLoHubs and taking place on 13 and 14 October in Brussels.

4. Cooperation with CIVITAS initiative

CIVITAS is an umbrella identity bringing together the activities undertaken by cities, projects, partners and stakeholders, collectively referred to as the “CIVITAS Community”. UNCHAIN is taking an active part in the CIVITAS Evaluation and dissemination activities. Under this umbrella falls the coordinator ETRA, HW as evaluation manager and POLIS as the dissemination manager all actively participating in it.

ETRA, the coordinator of the project, has signed for UNCHAIN the Memorandum of Understanding with CIVITAS. The latter aims to create a common understanding of opportunities and expectations to strive for efficient collaboration between the parties and to define the scope of the cooperation between CIVITAS and UNCHAIN. These include:

- Coordination duties: the parties intend to collaborate to support one another’s successful coordination and implementation of their own projects to the best effect.
- Capacity-building activities: jointly, the parties intend to collaborate to improve their and their stakeholders’ skills and knowledge to effectively enact their own commitments, ambitions, processes and activities.

- Communication activities: Jointly, the parties intend to collaborate to maximise the profile of their activities, optimizing ways to highlight their relevance and raising awareness in the stakeholder community.
- Exploitation activities: the parties intend to collaborate to maximise the impacts of their collective results and recommendations, increasing their implementation and application by the stakeholder community

4.1. Cooperation amongst Coordinators

ETRA, as coordinator of UNCHAIN had specific meetings with the coordinators of other H2020 and HE projects, mainly in the field of the logistics. In all the CIVITAS Forum, ETRA attend the coordinators meeting, where interesting discussions were held and commonalities with other project were found. Indeed, it was important understanding the problems other logistics projects faced and how they were overcome.

During the CIVITAS Forum in October 2024 in Parma, a specific session was shared among the coordinators of UNCHAIN, SENATOR, DECARBOMILE, GREEN-LOG and URBANE. The CIVITAS Coordinators are regularly meeting in person at major events. Lastly, they met at the Urban Mobility Days 2025, taking place from 30 September to 2 October in Vilius.

Special attention has been given to the collaboration with DISCO, UNCHAIN sister project. Since the first contacts in 2023, collaboration has been continuously maintained, resulting in joint participation to events and some joint webinars that will be detailed below. UNCHAIN has been active in the CIVITAS Urban Freight and Logistics cluster since the launch of the CIVITAS Projects Exchange Programme in Autumn 2023 as well as in the CIVITAS Dissemination Managers and Evaluation managers groups. It takes part in sessions at least twice a year to discuss project's development and collaboration opportunities. Since early 2025, UNCHAIN has been joining the CIVITAS Ad Hoc Policy Group on Urban Logistics, participating in the drafting of a policy recommendations paper, expected to be ready by June 2026. Outcomes of this paper will be further detailed in D7.7 Policy, market recommendations and standardisation v2, due at the end of the project (M42).

4.2. Cooperation amongst Evaluation Managers

UNCHAIN has been and continues to be actively involved, within the framework of CVITAS, in the evaluation managers cooperation of freight transport and logistics projects. UNCHAIN, through its participation in the evaluation managers meetings has provided input related to: i) the identification and definition of freight logistics indicators, ii) the need to provide a clear description of the context of the evaluation of the pilots including the scale and the geographical scope of the pilot demonstration sites, iii) the structure, content, and usability of the proposed evaluation tool, and iv) the use of multi-criteria assessment methodologies. The outcomes of the evaluation managers meetings have provided useful input for the development of the UNCHAIN project evaluation methodology and plan, regarding the alignment of the UNCHAIN evaluation approach with the rest of the freight logistics projects,

and the issues associated with the availability of data related to the measurement of the indicators used to assess the UNCHAIN pilot demonstration sites.

4.3. Cooperation amongst Dissemination Managers

As a WP8 lead and official Dissemination Manager of the UNCHAIN project, POLIS is actively participating under the CIVITAS umbrella. The project is situated within the CIVITAS Freight and Logistics Cluster alongside projects such as DISCO, GREEN-LOG, Senator, Urbane and many more.

Between all project Dissemination Managers, there is a strong collaborative support that is taking place on the "Basecamp" platform that was set up by the CIVITAS secretariate. The main aim of the platform to support each other's dissemination and communication efforts, moreover, to discover possible synergies and collaboration opportunities.

4.4. Participation in events

In the framework of this collaboration, representatives from UNCHAIN have been attending several events. The events taking place until M24 have been detailed in D8.4. The ones below correspond to the timeline from M25 to M36, as well as the next planned activities:

- **The CIVITAS Urban Freight and Logistics Cluster - Pre-summer meeting (online - 23 June 2025).** Attended by the dissemination managers and coordinator of UNCHAIN.
- **The Urban Mobility Days 2025** (Vilnius, 30 September – 2 October 2025)
  The Urban Mobility Days is a place to connect, share and discuss the path forward for a sustainable, innovative, and equitable future for Europe's urban mobility. UNCHAIN shared a stand with sister project DISCO and exchanged knowledge, attended workshops with the rest of CIVITAS Forum projects.
- **CIVITAS Dissemination and Evaluation Managers Meeting** in Vilnius at the Urban Mobility Days (Monday 29 September 2025)Dissemination and evaluation managers attended this meeting in person.
- **CIVITAS Urban Freight and Logistics spring cluster meeting** (online - Monday, 23 March 2026). Attended by dissemination manager and coordinator of UNCHAIN.

  UNCHAIN is also aiming to participate in the CIVITAS Forum 2026, taking place from 15 to 17 September in Thessaloniki, Greece.



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5. Cooperation with other projects and initiatives

5.1. Cooperation with ALICE

UNCHAIN has been involved in the Alliance for Logistics Innovation through Collaboration in Europe – ALICE initiative.

- **ALICE Logistics Innovation Summit 2025 (23-24 October 2025, Brussels)**: UNCHAIN was present alongside sister project DISCO at a stand for both days. POLIS also made a 1-minute pitch about the project to attract people at the stand.

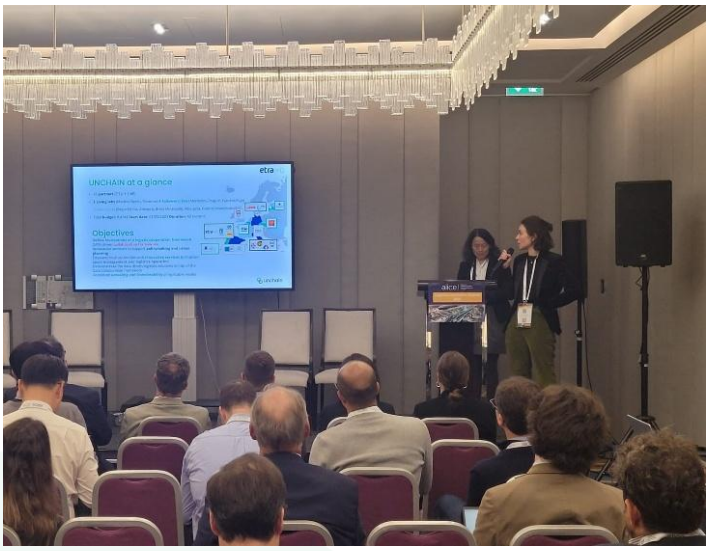

Figure 1: UNCHAIN at the ALICE Innovation Summit 2025

News item available here:
[UNCHAIN at the ALICE Innovation Summit 2025 | Unchain]

- **UNCHAIN-ALICE webinar series:** POLIS has collaborated with ALICE to launch a series of webinars. The first one took place in November 2024 (see D8.4), and another one on 9 April 2025. Together with DISCO, this webinar focused on the *'Use of urban space for city logistics***.** Florence presented the UNCHAIN services in their Living Lab.

- **Transport Research Arena Conference (May 2026, Budapest, Hungary),** UNCHAIN will be featured at the TRA conference together with DISCO at the ALICE stand, as part of the "Urban logistics neighbourhood", uniting more than 10 EU projects. Additionally, IBV partner will participate in two technical sessions on 19 and 20 May.

5.2. POLIS Network Urban Freight Cluster

Within the POLIS Cluster on Urban Freight, cities and regions discuss the challenges they face, share good practices and improve collaboration with industry, prioritise topics and accelerate deployment of innovative solutions in the field of urban freight. UNCHAIN has been an active collaborator on this cluster and featured in a few of the working group's activities.

Madrid showcased UNCHAIN's Innovations in Curb Space Management in the Working Group webinar organised by POLIS and OMF (Open Mobility Foundation) in May 2025. The discussion focused on digitising curb space to enhance parking management and urban logistics operations. The event also provided the City of Madrid with an opportunity to share insights from its living lab and the initiatives undertaken as part of the "Madrid 360" Strategy.

The news item is available here: Madrid Showcases Innovations in Curb Space Management as part of the UNCHAIN project | Unchain

5.3. Cooperation with DISCO

UNCHAIN and DISCO are both Horizon Europe projects introduced under the same call, and their collaboration has been showcased through joint participation in various events.

Collaboration for the first 18 months of the project has been detailed in D8.4 and increased following this.

UNCHAIN and DISCO were together present at the Urban Mobility Days, taking place in Vilnius in September 2025.

The collaboration continued at the ALICE Innovation Summit 2025, where both projects had a stand and engaged in dissemination.

In addition to their event participation, UNCHAIN and DISCO's collaboration was also highlighted in the **POLIS-ALICE webinar series**. Especially, as mentioned above, UNCHAIN and DISCO participated in the webinar on the "'Use of urban space for city logistics" on 9 April 2025.

Several future activities are planned for the next months:

- Beyond ALICE collaboration, DISCO and UNCHAIN have joined forces on joint webinar on curb space management and efficient deliveries. Taking place on 16 April 2026, it involved a presentation from the Padua Living Lab (DISCO) and the Berlin Living Lab (UNCHAIN). Among the audience, interest was raised by a company (Oasta solutions) and resulted in further collaboration through the Stakeholder Engagement Group. Contact has been made with the coordinator, resulting in the involvement in the planned activities (SEG day in Riga on 13 May).

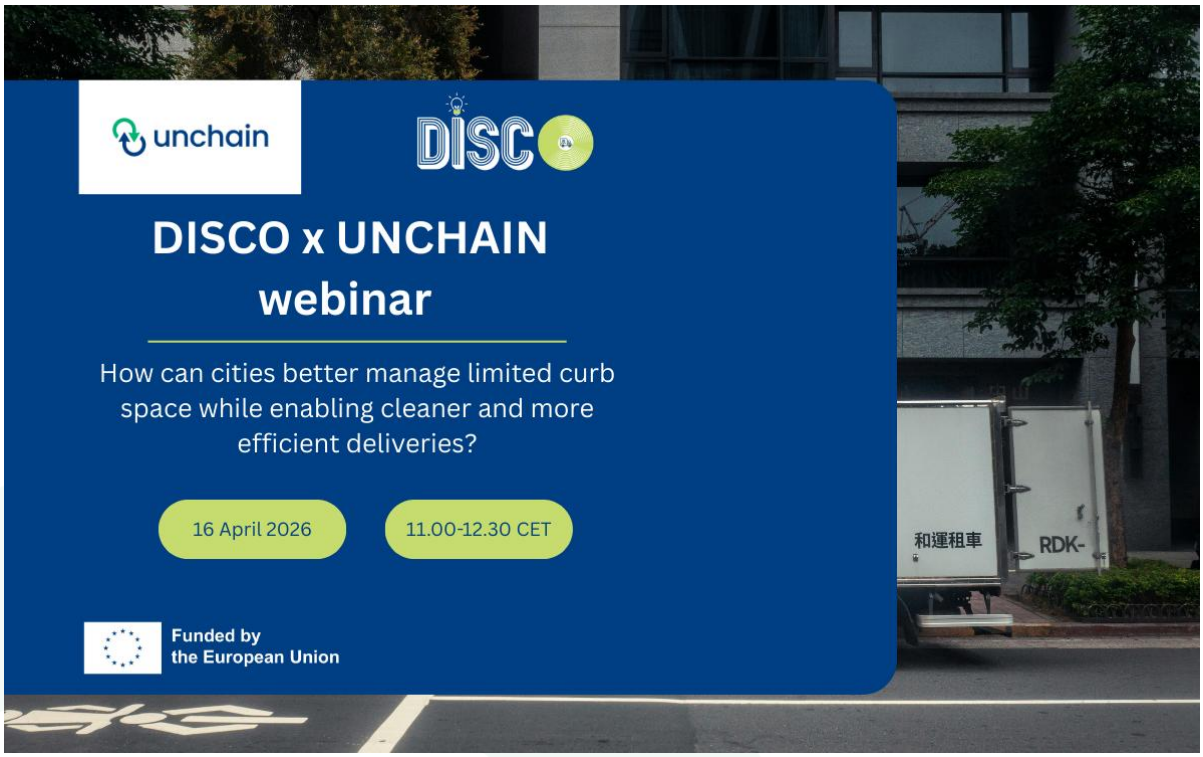

Figure 2: POLIS DISCO webinar on 16 April 2026

- Participation in **TRA 2026**: UNCHAIN and DISCO will be showcased at the ALICE stand at Transport Research Arena (TRA), taking place in Budapest from 18 to 21 May 2026. UNCHAIN has been integrated into the ALICE Logistics Innovation Village, at the Urban Logistics neighbourhood together with CARMONY, DECARBOMILE, DELPHI, DISCO, GOLIA, GREENTURN, MED COLOURS, NEXTLOGIC, SHIFT2ZERO projects.

- Participation in the **CIVITAS Forum 2026**: UNCHAIN and DISCO have started discussing joint participation at the CIVITAS Forum, taking place from 15 to 17 September 2026 in Thessaloniki, Greece. Both projects have been working on a workshop proposal, titled "City–Innovation Partnerships in Action: From Research to Urban Logistics Transformation in Thessaloniki". It aims to showcase how collaboration between city stakeholders translates research and innovation into tangible urban logistics solutions.

- Participation in **Connecting Europe Days 2026**: UNCHAIN is planning to collaborate with DISCO and ALICE by sharing a stand at the Connecting Europe Days 2026. Organised by the European Commission, they will take place from 28 September to 1 October 2026 in Brussels, Belgium.

5.4. Cooperation with SUM and other projects

Collaboration with the SUM project has also been initiated back in 2024. Although the two projects are quite different, some synergies have been found when it comes to stakeholder engagement and co-creation activities. The goal was to avoid typical topics to have a more original and innovative discussion. Therefore, a webinar on **"Co-creation activities and stakeholder engagement for sustainable urban mobility and logistics"** has been organised on **5 June 2025**, and was complemented with the participation of the Ultimo Project.



Figure 3: joint webinar UNCHAIN x SUM x Ultimo

Further collaboration has been sought with the MoLoHubs project. Although they have different funding schemes (MoLoHubs is an Interreg-North-Sea project), they both seek to impact logistics services to improve quality of urban life and boost mobility transition.
UNCHAIN has been showcased along with MoLoHubs at **Intertraffic Amsterdam** (12th March 2026) and as the timelines are also aligned, the **Final Conference of UNCHAIN** and MoLoHubs will be a joint event, planned for 13 and 14 October 2026 in Brussels.
These collaborations with other projects support UNCHAIN's communication and dissemination objectives, enabling broader visibility and reach for its activities and solutions.

6. Conclusion

Since the last deliverable on M24 (April 2025), the UNCHAIN project has been continuing to build valuable collaborations with various stakeholders, significantly enhancing its dissemination efforts. The SEG has been established as a platform for knowledge sharing, complementing the work of the project consortium. It plays a crucial role in supporting the

co-creation, testing, validation, and future transferability of UNCHAIN's results beyond the Living Labs. Some additional collaboration has been thought with local stakeholders of cities part of the DISCO project, notably for the organisation of the SEG in-person meeting day on 13 May 2026. Transferability activities have continued with workshops involving follower and peer cities.

UNCHAIN has become an active partner of several structures. First of all in the CIVITAS initiative, participating in numerous events alongside sister projects like DISCO, but also through the Urban Freight Cluster and newly the ad-hoc policy group, providing a platform to explore potential synergies and collaboration opportunities. The ALICE initiative, secondly, offers a valuable opportunity to engage in joint activities and further enhance collaboration.

Additionally, UNCHAIN has been increasing collaboration with its sister project DISCO, but also seeking other collaboration activities such as with SUM, Ultimo and recently MoLoHubs for the final conference. This strategy enables more impactful dissemination and collaborative participation in events. Collectively, these initiatives contribute to amplifying the project's impact beyond the Living Labs, ensuring that the knowledge and solutions created through UNCHAIN lay the groundwork for more sustainable and efficient urban logistics throughout Europe.

For the last phase of the project, UNCHAIN is focused on deepening the connections established with other projects, while also strengthening its engagement with key platforms and events, including those organized by CIVITAS and ALICE. The organisation of the final conference with moLoHubs will provide an opportunity to explore connections beyond the Horizon Europe programme and strengthen links within the European projects community. UNCHAIN will continue to pursue new collaboration opportunities and further enhance the involvement of the SEG as the project enters its final stage.