

Advancing the Governance of Autonomous Mobility: GINEVRA Partners Meet in Karlsruhe



On 10–11 December 2025, partners of the GINEVRA project gathered in Karlsruhe for the sixth in-person Partner Meeting, marking a key milestone in the project's final implementation phase.

Hosted in the framework of GINEVRA's ongoing work on the governance of transformative innovations, the meeting provided a crucial opportunity to review pilot progress, assess demonstration activities, and align partners on future uptake and capitalisation strategies, with a particular focus on autonomous vehicle (AV) solutions in Central European cities.

From Pilot Implementation to Demonstration Results

A central highlight of the meeting was the in-depth exchange on citizen and stakeholder engagement pilots, with pilot cities sharing concrete experiences, challenges, and lessons learned. Partners from Ptuj, Nyíregyháza, and Słupsk presented how local engagement approaches contributed to more inclusive and transparent governance processes around emerging mobility solutions.

The meeting also placed strong emphasis on technology demonstration activities, with detailed discussions on the demos implemented in Varaždin and Cesena, as well as progress updates from Bad Schönborn. These sessions allowed partners to reflect collectively on how technical deployment,

governance frameworks, and communication strategies must work together to ensure public acceptance and policy relevance.

Strengthening Tools, Communication, and Uptake

Beyond pilot activities, the Karlsruhe meeting served as a strategic moment to:

- Review updates and next steps for the GINEVRA Toolkit
- Discuss uptake and mainstreaming pathways beyond the project's lifetime
- Align partners on final implementation steps and possible rescheduling measures

Communication and dissemination were also a key focus. Updates presented by ALDA+ highlighted the growing visibility of the project, including increased engagement on social media, the publication of success stories, and targeted coverage of Demo Days, reinforcing the importance of storytelling and evidence-based communication in supporting policy uptake.

Looking Ahead: From Results to Long-Term Impact

The Karlsruhe Partner Meeting confirmed GINEVRA's role as a transnational learning platform for cities navigating the governance challenges of autonomous mobility. By bringing together local authorities, researchers, and governance experts, the project continues to demonstrate how collaborative, place-based approaches can help cities anticipate and manage transformative innovations responsibly.

As GINEVRA enters its final months, the focus now shifts toward consolidating results, strengthening capitalisation, and ensuring that project outcomes remain accessible and actionable for public authorities across Central Europe.