Klis: from "I would rather not" to "give me the keys"

At a glance	
Place	Klis, Croatia. About 5,700 residents over 149 square kilometres and 14 settlements, on hilly ground near Split
Service	Home care for elderly and vulnerable people: household tasks, shopping, paperwork
Vehicles	Two used Dacia Spring electric cars, in service since September 2025, with charging at the municipality
People	Around 55 users and about ten carers
Result	21.7% less CO_2 between 2023 and 2025, from 4,620 to 3,617 kg, from 4,934 to 3,617 kg

In Klis, home care means distance. Carers drive from one scattered settlement to the next to help elderly and vulnerable people. Before the pilot they used their own cars and paid for the fuel out of modest salaries.

The municipality bought two used electric cars. Finding them was not easy: the Croatian market for electric vehicles is still thin, and public procurement rules had to be followed. Charging needed extra administrative and technical work, and training took patience, above all with carers who had never driven an automatic car.

The numbers are clear. The emissions of the service fell by 21.7% between 2023 and 2025 (location-based method), and the yearly running cost of a vehicle went from €3,663 to €1,175, with a payback of about five and a half years. The change the team talks about most, though, is a human one. Some carers did not even want to touch the cars. After a week they were saying that nobody else should be given the keys.

Klis is small, so the logos on the doors made the cars noticed. People stopped the carers in the street to ask what was going on, and the carers became the first voices of the project in their community. The team also found that it likes numbers: using the carbon footprint tool, they now replan their daily rounds with data.

What Klis would tell another municipality: start from practical solutions that meet local needs and can continue after the project, and give procurement, charging and training the same attention.

Read the whole story and download the tools: https://www.interreg-central.eu/projects/green-lamis/

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