



Quotes

Project partners' statements at the "STEVE" press conference, November 15, 2017

Oliver Heinrich, CFO Infineon Technologies Austria AG:

"Sustainable mobility is one of the central challenges of our times. With its technologies in fields of energy efficiency, safety and mobility, Infineon Austria supports the further development of light e-vehicles as one means of minimizing urban traffic and its consequences for the environment in a sustainable manner. As the coordinator of numerous EU projects we are going to contribute our expertise in the organization of such public private partnership programs to this current project."

Petra Oberrauner, Vice Mayor of Villach (Austria) and in charge of European cooperation:

"As one of the partners of this EU project, Villach once again gives proof of its commitment to becoming a smart city. In our role as test region, we will co-define the future standards for city traffic. The requirements and demands of the citizens of our town who are actively involved in the project STEVE and the know-how of local partners will contribute to the research findings. With its input, Villach is again demonstrating its assets as a center of technology."

Lou Tik, General Manager JAC Italy Design Center:

"JAC will provide 12 electrified L-category vehicles to target users in Villach, Turin and Venaria for test-driving. In a car-sharing scheme, these EL-Vs have the potential to save users' time, cut back energy consumption and reduce the space required for maneuvering and parking. JAC will continue to improve the EL-Vs during the test phase based on the feedback we receive from the users."

Maria Lapietra, Deputy Mayor in charge of mobility and transport of the city of Turin (Italy):

"STEVE is a very important project in terms of the development of new technologies, involving a cluster of local companies that, together with the Politecnico of Turin, will develop a new zero emissions transport model. The real challenge of this project is to develop a new eMaaS (e-Mobility-as-a-Service) approach. I am convinced that this new mobility paradigm could be a proper alternative to private car ownership".

Alfonso Rodriguez, Mayor of the city of Calvia (Mallorca, Spain):

"The STEVE project will give us more visibility and will contribute to the modernization of public services and support the development towards a smarter municipality. The people of Calvià will gain quality of life and the municipality will become a reference model of environmental and tourism quality. This will also increase its visibility as a reference model for other municipalities and islands. The STEVE project will allow us to give a sustainable and smart answer to the needs of mobility, tourists and citizens especially during the high season. The Municipality of Calvià has started implementing its SmartCity/SmartDestination strategy and is currently organizing the 2nd edition of the Smart Island World Congress that will take place in April 2018."

Roberto Falcone, Mayor of the city of Venaria (Italy):

"One of the aims of the city of Venaria is to complement ordinary duties with out-of-the-ordinary opportunities. Thanks to the expertise of my political team, I am trying to push my town to a new frontier. The method and objectives of public authorities need to be inspired by innovative projects such as STEVE and its consortium. Venaria has 35,000 inhabitants and with its UNESCO site (the Savoy Palace, the most popular tourist site in Piedmont region) attracts over one million tourists every year. This is a huge and vibrant area of experiment for the mobility of the future."

Giuseppe Roccasalva, Councilor of the mobility and urban planning office of Venaria (Italy):

"I believe our participation in this European project is a strategic experiment for the city of Venaria to take up new opportunities that public authorities normally shy away from. Our objective is to be an area where prototypes, services and technologies for tourists and workers of local companies are implemented. I think that STEVE light e-vehicles can become a dedicated "car sharing network" between Venaria and Turin, involving some of the 17,000 commuters who are on the move in private cars every day. We are already investing in electric mobility by giving free access to electric vehicles in the paid parking area of the city center. We are about to install 15 recharging points in the new intermodal parking hub in front of the main station where passengers can change transport to Turin and the airport."

Professor Aldo Sorniotti, University of Surrey, Centre for Automotive Engineering:

"The Centre for Automotive Engineering of the University of Surrey has a strong background in the design and implementation of automotive controllers targeting the enhancement of energy efficiency, active safety and fun-to-drive in electric vehicles. Over the last decade we have been working on a wide range of vehicles, including SUVs, racing cars and quadricycles. In STEVE our main objectives will be: i) to improve the driving experience associated with L6e quadricycles; ii) to increase their active safety, usually very weak in this vehicle category; and iii) to develop an intuitive human machine interface facilitating energy-efficient driving behaviour."

Stefan Forst, e-mobility expert, KELAG and Katharina Kohlweiss, e-mobility product development, KELAG:

“KELAG is responsible for the production and supply of clean electricity. We own and operate 70 hydro power stations and have the electricity purchase rights from other major hydro power plants located in the Carinthian region of Austria.

E-mobility is a strategically important business field of KELAG. So important that we are already planning to greatly expand on what has already been installed. Our 180 modern and efficient e-charging stations are located throughout the State of Carinthia. We enjoy an excellent reputation with our more than 220,000 customers and electricity consumers. Our main role as e-car sharing provider in the STEVE-project is to provide and operate the necessary infrastructure for the JAC vehicles in Villach and the supply of clean energy.”

Markus Leibetseder, SYCUBE sales and project management:

"Everyone should have the possibility to fulfil his or her demand for mobility through cost-effective (e) mobility in an unlimited and convenient manner. SYCUBE is the only company in Europe that offers a system that ensures full freedom in selecting single-track rental vehicles. Our mobility solutions are not tied to specific models, manufacturers or vehicle types and can therefore be flexibly adjusted to individual demands of customers. Be it a scooter, bicycle or e-bike – our patented connector and the technical charging system connect any single-track vehicle. Sycube's prime role in the STEVE project is that of software supplier. We will be able to develop our bike sharing software significantly in this project; the SYCUBE software will, for example, be used as the settlement platform for the e-cars used. The networking of e-cars, e-bikes and bicycles is both a novelty and a challenge. And we are pleased to meet his challenge in the STEVE project."

Marco Annoni, CEO VEM Solutions S.r.l.:

“Electric and shared mobility will certainly play an increasing role in the coming years thanks to higher public awareness on the environmental effect of the current mobility modes. In order to support the increasing adoption of electric vehicles, a number of supporting services and facilities need to be developed, deployed and made available to European citizens; the European Commission is supporting the related innovation with many initiatives such as the STEVE project. Many of the solutions to be developed by the STEVE project team will rely on communication between vehicle, driver and smart city environment, so the involvement of the automotive telematic provider industry is needed. The Viasat Group is already one of the major European actors in the provision of telematic services for connected vehicles. We provide solutions for the whole value chain: product design, prototyping and development, manufacturing, deployment and commercial operation. The R&D and innovation effort has always been one of the key enablers for the development of the group business, and VEM Solutions is the company with this specific mission. VEM Solutions goal for the STEVE project is to develop and test innovative

telematic and IoT solutions that are suited to be commercially deployed and operated in the coming years.”

Riccardo Groppo, CEO Ideas & Motion s.r.l.:

“The STEVE project perfectly fits the industrial strategy of I&M focused on the design, development and realization of a family of modular scalable electronic control systems for EVs. In particular those systems will be based on the most advanced semiconductor technologies developed by Infineon.”

