

Output O.4.6 – Start-up of 1 e-scooter sharing in Krk island by Ponikve

WP 4 Pilots: small technological investments, equipment installations and new services start-up

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Introduction

This document represents output **0.4.6 Start-up of 1 e-scooter sharing in Krk island by Ponikve**. Pictures and descriptions of the service are provided in the chapter below.

E-scooter sharing service in Krk Island (Croatia)



Figure 1 – E-scooters for sharing services installed by PP12 Ponikve on Krk Island.

As showed in Figure 1, PP12 Ponikve installed 4 stands and chargers for 4 electric scooters, which are connected to the same sharing system and software for renting the e-bikes. The installations are located in front of the administrative building of PP12's organization, thus serving a wide audience of both tourists from the nearby marina, residents and Ponikve employees as well.



Figure 2 – E-scooter docked in compatible charging station

Figure 2 shows one of the 4 e-scooters used through connected sharing system and docked on another compatible mobility station in Njivice.



Parcels of installation are owned by local municipalities and the Ponikve company itself. All mobility stations are located close but outside of old city center (in front of historical old town). Tendering procedure was prolonged due to COVID-19 crisis. Negotiations with 3 maintenance and mobility app provider, and development of application, have been challenging also on the topic of providing free-of-charge service. No applicants submitted to the first announcement of the public tender, so PP12 had to repeat the tender. In the second call, the partner contracted the procurement and installation of the necessary equipment. Factor for success was also the collaboration with prior existing operator of bike sharing systems on the Island.

Thanks to DEEP-SEA, they had the opportunity to test and improve their organizational knowledge, and also improved in practice the technical knowledge related to photovoltaic cells, battery systems and the use of apps and new technologies.