**Title of the proposal***:****“Accessible Cities in Europe for Sustainable Solutions in transport - ACESSt” (provisional).***

**Thematic Objective:** Sustainable Mobility and Transport TO 7.

**Main Challenge:**

To improve the accessibility of cities characterized by specific difficulties and obstacles deriving from their historical structure or orographic condition, focusing on the specific needs of disadvantaged groups of residents and users, with the final goal of improving the quality of the public transport.

The project’s idea is open to different kind of cities, although it is especially addressed to cities with one or more of the following features:

to have an historical center composed of narrow and winding streets, to present barriers on the entry to the city, to have been situated on a hillside or in areas difficult to reach or to face other specific mobility challenges.

Local target groups

The project’s proposal will be focused on specific local target groups, i.e: people with disabilities or with sensorial and motor difficulties (even temporal), old people, family with children. In fact, the identification of the target’s groups needs is the essential starting point to co-design an effective integrated local action plan able to guarantee an adequate level of safety to the entire population and to improve the quality of public transport.

Integrated Urban Development approach.

Both Vertical and Horizontal integration will be assured by the project, thanks to the involvement of decision makers and public officers at different level and by adopting an integrated urban approach in developing the local action plans (the demographic challenge, the social inclusion topic, as well as the economic and environmental priority will be properly assessed and incorporate into the action plan).

**Solutions proposed:**

- civic mapping with the involvement of the local target groups;

- design and realization of safe routes for users with disabilities or with sensorial or motor impairments, old people and children, paying attention to the issue of the accessibility as well as of the historical and environmental restrictions;

- identification of the best ways to increase the use of public transport by an extended group of stakeholders;

- development of targeted solutions of public transports (i.e. new itineraries, public taxi services etc)

- introduction of technological and operational innovations to facilitate sustainable and inclusive mobility;

- fostering a sustainable tourism approach i.e through the creation of safe pedestrian routes, cycle itineraries, etc.

- setting up a monitoring system and an evaluation process.

**Partnership:**

The Municipality of Siena is going to apply as Lead partner of the network.

Cities, both from more developed and less developed regions, committed to the challenge envisaged by the project, are invited to express their interest by sending an e-mail asap to the following address:

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**Deadline:** 26th March 2019.