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EU-funded urban mobility program will create partnerships between startups and companies

Applications are open for the Mobility Booster, an open innovation program created and funded by EIT Urban Mobility with the aim of bridging the gap between startups and urban mobility companies. With the help of four local partners - BGI (Portugal), Euroconsultants (Greece), MCAST (Malta) and Cleantech Bulgaria (Bulgaria) - the program will boost and finance up to 35 thousand euros the creation of partnerships and pilot projects, in order to bring new technological solutions, created by startups, to the main stakeholders in the mobility sector.

The program is aimed at startups and SMEs, incorporated in one of the member countries of the EIT RIS (Regional Innovation Scheme), and with a clear, viable and suitable business idea for the urban mobility challenges proposed by six companies in the sector:

1. **Fertagus** (Portugal) - Find innovative solutions that provide customers with information on the occupancy of train carriages.
2. **Kineo** (Greece) - Create an electrically-assisted wheelchair to enable mobility in urban environments not traditionally designed for individuals with reduced mobility.
3. **Traffic Technique** (Greece) - Find a C-ITS (Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems) solution for traffic lights that supports the company's traffic lights and contributes to safety and traffic management.
4. **Just Eat Takeaway** (Bulgaria) - Implement innovative mobility solutions to solve simple bike problems while biking in the city.
5. **Sofia Urban Mobility Center** (Bulgaria) - Implement a functioning system for shared bicycles or e-bikes.
6. **CTT (Portugal)** - Create a follow-me robot to work side by side with CTT postmen and support them in the delivery of mail and parcels.

Applications are open until the **9th of July** and interested parties can find out more information and apply through the [BGI website](http://www.bgi.pt).

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**About the EIT Urban Mobility**

EIT Urban Mobility is an initiative of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a body of the European Union, which aims to accelerate urban mobility solutions and the transition to an integrated, user-centric and truly multimodal transport system. As the leading European innovation community for urban mobility, EIT Urban Mobility facilitates collaboration between cities, industry and universities to solve key urban mobility challenges. Using cities as living laboratories, its industry partners are demonstrating how technology can solve real problems in real cities, moving people, goods and waste in smarter ways.

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