



The ESA Business Incubation Centre (BIC) Wallonie Redu, Belgium, was founded in 2012, and located in the futuristic Galaxia business park in Transinne, only 4 km away from ESA's Redu Centre. The new Belgian incubation centre is dedicated to space applications, and is managed by WSLlux. As a natural consequence of the variety of satellites operated by ESA from Redu, ESA BIC Wallonie Redu is aimed at companies specialized in telecommunications, Earth observation, navigation systems as well as integrated applications. The business incubation centre stands as an avant-garde platform for start-ups with its directly link by a set of high-performance optical fibers to ESA Redu Centre. This unique link provides fresh data collected from satellites for immediate processing and analysis. Furthermore, companies hosted at ESA BIC Wallonie Redu have the exclusive privilege of having access to send commands to satellites which drastically can improve their development and business.

Karimii

L'autostop au quotidien, l'autostop malin !



Website

Founded in 2016 by

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Incubation period

01-03-2016 to 01-09-2016



space solutions

About Karimii

Karimii was launched with the goal to promote a modernized and safer version of hitchhiking for improving the mobility of non-motorised people for short travels in rural regions. It is presented as a complementary tool to public transports. Karimii revolves around a free application that allows to record travels and to compensate drivers. The application uses geo-location for tracking travel details (point of departure, point of arrival, the itinerary and mileage).

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The challenge

Our main challenge is to prove hitchhiking can prove a very efficient tool and to build a community of early adopters who make hitchhiking in the Karimii's way ie by identifying themselves along the road and by using the app (although this is not mandatory).

We target the population who don't (always) use a personal car for short daily moves.

These are students, teenagers, first-time job seekers, temporary workers, public transports users and low income workers.

The solution

The Solution and non-space benefit (Explanation of your solutions (product / service provided), description of how it solves identified problems, who do you cooperate with, what did the technical support contribute)

In addition to ESA-BIC, the Karimii project is supported by several private and public companies, including the Walloon public transport company who considers a modernized and "organized" version of hitchhiking, used in combination with public transports, can help more users to access public transports and somehow compensate the reduction of the public transport offer in rural places.



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