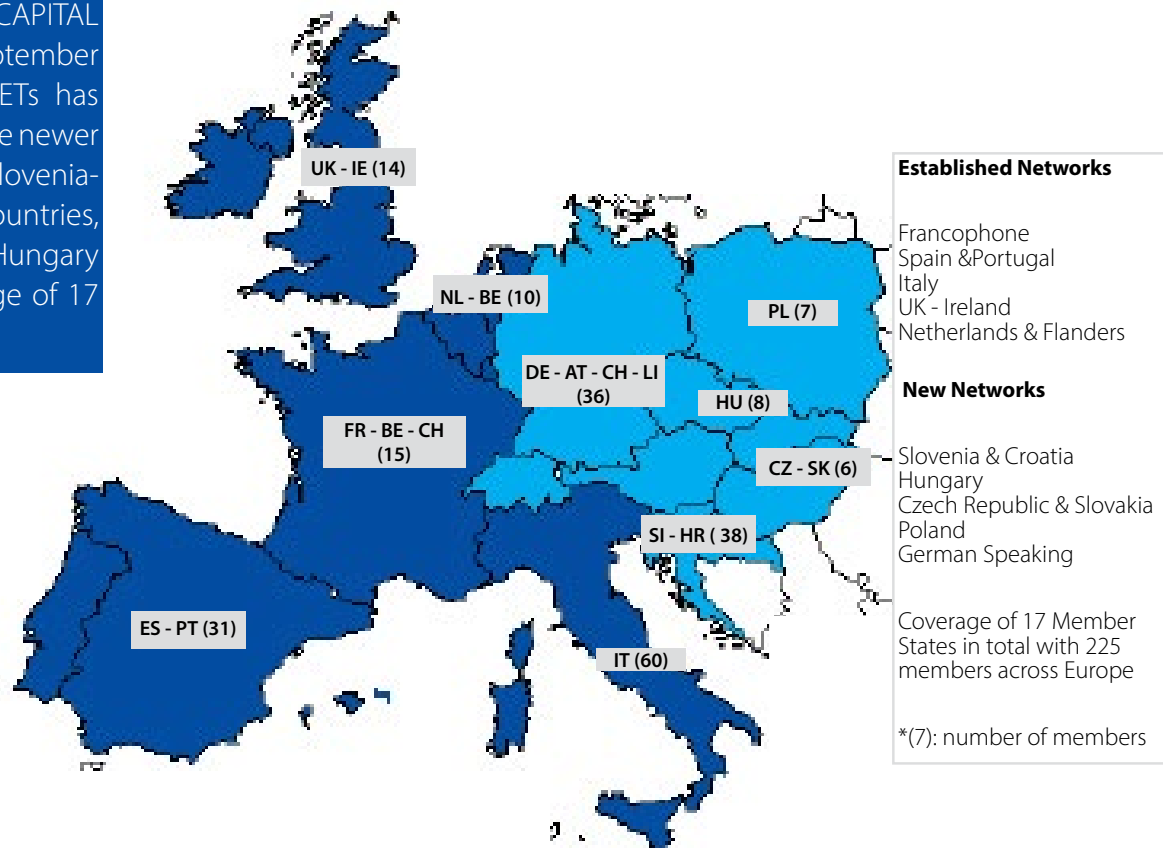


CIVITAS National/regional Networks (CIVINETs) expand further across Europe

The CIVITAS National/regional Networks (collectively known as the CIVINETs) bring together cities and other stakeholders to share CIVITAS lessons and experience in their own language.

Since the start of the CIVITAS-CAPITAL Support Action on 1st September 2013, the number of CIVINETs has now doubled from 5 to 10. The newer CIVINET networks include Slovenia-Croatia, German-speaking countries, Czech Republic & Slovakia, Hungary and Poland, giving a coverage of 17 Member States in total.



The networks all follow the same principles and generic terms of reference but operate independently, animated by the cities through a Management Committee, a National Network Manager and supported by a Secretariat. The networks organise workshops and other dialogue actions to encourage the spread of innovation in urban transport with the participation of national governments and other key stakeholders. The peer-to-peer dimension is a key aspect of the high standards of CIVINET activities.

The networks are providing feedback on the work of the Thematic Groups and Advisory Groups set up as part of CIVITAS-CAPITAL and submit annual policy papers to the CIVITAS Political Advisory Committee.

The CIVINETs have access to CAPITAL's professional placement, training and take-up activities. The project's Activity Fund offers further resources for additional network dialogue actions and training and take-up activities for network members.

Meetings of all the network Secretariats and National Network Managers are held twice a year to enable exchange of experience and ensure a consistent approach.



Networking

CIVITAS City Networks

On top of their strong impact on mobility plans at local level, by increasing the technical knowledge of practitioners, the CIVINETs provide the following benefits at a European level:

- Emphasise dialogue in local languages operating within the framework of national legal and institutional contexts. As a result, the networks help to extend CIVITAS good practice to a broader community of sustainable mobility than would otherwise be possible.
- Help to support the goal of the Urban Mobility Package to adapt concepts and tools developed at the European level to the particular circumstances of each Member State and then promote them at national and regional levels.
- Help to support the Europe-wide take up and rollout of results from CIVITAS 2020 projects by disseminating results to members and encouraging wider take-up.
- Add value to the CIVITAS Initiative by acting as a catalyst for the deployment of concepts and tools developed in European projects at national and regional levels.

Further expansion of the CIVINETs to other Member States will be possible when additional funding is made available. Express your interest!

Come and join us! Cities and other stakeholders can join their own National/regional Network. We can also help organisations interested in setting up networks in other countries.

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