



CIVITAS-Plus call is launched



The first calls for proposals of the EU's Seventh RTD Framework Programme, including the CIVITAS-Plus call, is published in the Official Journal since Friday 22 December 2006. The call text refers to the [CORDIS web site](#). Deadline of the CIVITAS-Plus call is 3 May 2007. A separate guidance document on the CIVITAS-Plus call is published by the European Commission. This includes essential information for prospective proposers.

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Join preparations of the Green Paper on urban transport



Join the launch of the preparations of the Green Paper on urban transport, participate in the discussions and help to shape future European policy!!! The European Commission will start the preparations of a new Green Paper on urban transport with a technical workshop and a major stakeholder conference in Brussels on 31 January 2007. The workshop will take place during the morning and conference during the afternoon. They are organised in the framework of the EU Sustainable Energy Week.

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Kaunas will host the CIVITAS Forum 2007



The city of Kaunas has been elected to host the CIVITAS Forum 2007. Kaunas has grown enormously in the past few years. Kaunas started many innovative programmes for city development quite a few years before their status as a full member of the EU in 2004. Over a relatively short period, Kaunas has changed from a closed economy to an open or free market economy and has had to adapt very quickly. One such area of progress that the city of Kaunas is particularly proud to be associated with, is that of innovation and improvement within the city's transport system.

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CIVITAS website is highly popular



After a successful year in 2006 for the CIVITAS Initiative, the CIVITAS website is continually growing and improving. 4 Mio user requests prove a successful track record! In order to satisfy the wishes of the CIVITAS community and all users of this website, the main parts of the CIVITAS website have been translated into French, Spanish and Romanian and in the near future further languages will be included. More than 300 measures can be found on the website and many of these are translated into the previously mentioned languages.

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CIVITAS CARAVEL Info Mobility Bus



In Genoa on November 20th, the CIVITAS CARAVEL INFOMOBILITY BUS was inaugurated. This hybrid bus was transformed into a mobile information centre on active transport services in the City of Genoa. The centre distributes information and collects comments and suggestions from citizens in a visitors' book. This initiative, within CIVITAS CARAVEL „Mobility Forum“ measure, has been possible thanks to IIC – ISTITUTO INTERNAZIONALE DELLE COMUNICAZIONI, who conceived and projected the bus, the Municipality of Genoa, AMI and AMT.

Genova / CIVITAS CARAVEL / Paola Pireddu / 2006-11-27

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Inauguration of a new pedestrian street



To celebrate the completion of another new pedestrian street on October 5th, 2006, the Council of the City of Burgos organised a big party inviting all citizens. The new street has also implemented new electronic bollards, as part of the CIVITAS CARAVEL project in the City of Burgos. To try to finalise the large pedestrian area in the city centre another street was inaugurated as a new pedestrian street, with the electronic bollards completely installed.

Burgos / CIVITAS CARAVEL / José María Díez / 2006-10-17

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Singing in the rain



Most of the time you wouldn't feel like singing in the rain. But now 5000 people in Odense can feel free to do so under the shelter of their new umbrellas. As a part of a campaign for the public transport in Odense 5000 umbrellas were distributed to promote the new services.

Odense / CIVITAS MOBILIS / Kristina Edrén / 2006-11-28

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Anglian Coaches launch new Biofuel Buses



Buses are an environmentally sound way of travelling, they emit much less carbon dioxide on average than the cars they replace. They make our towns and cities less congested and less polluted and they help combat climate change. Anglian Bus are determined to minimise the environmental impact of their operations. By using biodiesel in this bus, Anglian are helping to reduce the emissions of carbon dioxide that are responsible for global warming and climate change. How does this work?

Norwich / CIVITAS SMILE / Claire Sullivan / 2006-12-11

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Information network for PT in Suceava



An outstanding step in promoting cleaner and better transport in Suceava was the implementation of 15 new buses in March 2006. In order to increase the interest and usage levels, LPTC staff established a route plan, consisting of 8 routes crossing the main residential areas of the city including the industrial, shopping and main street areas. Four of these routes have been declared Eco-routes and will be run only with buses equipped with EURO 3 or 4 engines; in the future they will be accessed only by clean and energy efficient public transport.

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Suceava Project progress – evaluation activity



The progress of Smile project is visible throughout the city, at the level of individual citizens and in terms of procurement of new durable equipment. Evaluation and dissemination is in process. The evaluation team designed three questionnaires dedicated to the general public, to residents in the affected area and to PT passengers, developing an in-person campaign (on-bus, on-street), which will be relevant to assessing the project outcome for this reporting period.

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