



Kaunas will host the CIVITAS Forum from the 3 to 5 October 2007 The draft programme and online registration tool are now available!



The CIVITAS Forum 2007 will take place in the Lithuanian city of Kaunas from 3-5 October 2007. This year the CIVITAS Forum invites its members to the annual meeting entitled "Urban mobility: Putting cities and citizens in the driving seat". The past has shown that the annual meetings are a special occasion to intensify the network, to obtain information and to pass on ideas.

The first draft version of the [CIVITAS Forum programme](#) is now available and will be updated on a regular basis! In addition you are able to [register yourself now!](#)

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Call for CIVITAS Forum 2008



Soon it will be time to select the host city of the CIVITAS Forum Conference 2008. Therefore the CIVITAS Initiative is launching this year again a Call for Applications. Thus, enthral Europe with your beautiful city, your innovative ideas, let them see for themselves the success of your measures. All interested CIVITAS Forum member cities are hereby invited to submit their candidature to host this event. We encourage you to submit your candidature until 17 August 2007.

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CIVITAS Statement on the Green Paper on Urban Transport



The final version of the CIVITAS Statement on the European Green Paper on Urban Transport agreed by the Policy Advisory Committee Group (PAC) of the CIVITAS Initiative is now available. The PAC is a limited group of high ranking, elected political representatives of European cities and aims to generate a decisive breakthrough by supporting and evaluating the implementation of ambitious integrated sustainable urban transport strategies.

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Two prizes for CIVITAS CARAVEL Burgos



Over recent months, the city of Burgos has been awarded for two important national prizes in recognition of the work undertaken by CIVITAS. The first, awarded by the Ministry of Industry, was at a general level in recognition of the activities developed by the city, both within and outside the CIVITAS CARAVEL Project, and the second was awarded by the Asociación Técnica para la Gestión de Recursos (Technical Association for the Management of Resources) for the efforts made to collect used cooking oil to obtain biodiesel and for the 100% use of biofuels in the municipal fleet.

Burgos / CIVITAS CARAVEL / José María Díez / 2007-06-01

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CIVITAS CARAVEL Telematics Workshop in Stuttgart



The new Integrated Traffic Management Centre (ITMC) in Stuttgart hosted over 30 participants at the CIVITAS CARAVEL Telematics Workshop in Stuttgart.

Stuttgart / CIVITAS CARAVEL / Manfred Wacker / 2007-04-06

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CIVITAS in kindergarten



Odense has launched a new campaign in the kindergartens. They have been offered to receive a bicycle trailer and 16 kindergartens will now receive a trailer. The purpose is to make the parents aware of this way of transport. For one week they can try the trailer and find out whether this is an option in their family. The campaign started in May and will end in December 2007.

Odense / CIVITAS MOBILIS / Kristina Edrén / 2007-04-19

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Tony Blair thanks Norfolk team



Josie Barnett, in the School Travel Plan team was invited to a reception at 10 Downing Street on Monday 21 May. The evening event, to say thank you for great work, was hosted by Prime Minister Tony Blair. Josie said of the reception: „The Prime Minister made a short speech thanking myself and about 35 other people for their excellent work helping to establish new areas of public service, such as our School Travel Plan work within CIVITAS SMILE“.

Norwich / CIVITAS SMILE / Clare Mitchell / 2007-06-21

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Action within Public Transport in Tallinn



The hot summer weather has arrived in Tallinn giving the best conditions to implement priority and information systems in public transport. A Swedish company called Thoreb AB (executor of the procurement contract) has commenced the installation of equipment for priority and information systems. 12 Tallinn Bus Company buses and 5 Tallinn Tram and Trolleybus Company trolleybuses are now completely equipped.

Tallinn / CIVITAS SMILE / Tiit Laiksoo / 2007-06-21

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Prize Winners in Suceava



The process of adjusting citizens' mentality and increasing acceptance for European environment policies reached a good level, along with the most expected event in Romania for the past years: the accession to the EU structure, when our country became one of the newest members. In this favourable context we developed actions to raise awareness about the recent progress and outcomes of CIVITAS SMILE project.

Suceava / CIVITAS SMILE / Narcisa Neneac / 2007-06-21

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The Ploiesti buses, a Romanian-style success-story



The necessity of an integrated policy "land using - urban transport" has determined the involvement of Ploiesti City in EU's CIVITAS Initiative. The modernizing of the Ploiesti bus network is one of the key parts of the project. The involvement of Ploiesti in the CIVITAS Initiative was promoted in an article published on 22nd March 2007 in URBACT newsletter, as a Romanian-style success-story. The article contains a short description and citizens comments on Ploiesti bus service. The new buses are cleaner, better and more comfortable but are also faster for people. Here's the article:

Ploiesti / CIVITAS SUCCESS / Marion Guyonvarch / 2007-03-26

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