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COVER STORY

Better by foot across Stuttgart – Car-independent lifestyles on the top of the city's agenda

Nicolas Leyva, City of Stuttgart

“Is walking transport?” asked Daniel Sauter from Urban Mobility Research in a Stuttgart citizens' workshop. While people tend to identify urban traffic with motorised vehicles, public transport or even bikes, walking is frequently overlooked as a transport mode, in spite of its obvious advantages.

Walking is an elemental form of movement. It is healthy, environmentally friendly, affordable and good for the local economy. Walking is also a fundamental element of the transportation system, representing an essential piece of the mobility chain. After all, every journey contains a segment which is covered by foot. Regardless of whether a pedestrian simply moves through public spaces or participates in the countless street activities, car-independent lifestyles and urban culture are strongly connected.

The ecological, socioeconomic and cultural impacts of pedestrian traffic on city life are generally underestimated. This holds particularly true when walking is often overlooked as an alternative mode of transport, even though it might be the quickest and easiest way of getting around.

In this context, the City of Stuttgart – leader of the 2MOVE2, CIVITAS Plus II project – decided to focus more on pedestrian traffic with the aim of improving the conditions for walking and sojourning in the city. The keys to success of this endeavour involve ensuring broader awareness and support from local politicians and city administration. Most importantly, the initiative's success also hinges on providing Stuttgart's citizens with an opportunity to participate in the project, particularly since nobody

knows pedestrians' needs better than the walkers themselves!

Currently the City of Stuttgart and the University of Stuttgart are testing innovative forms of civil participation with regard to pedestrian transport. These include undertaking walking audits in different parts of the city and organizing pedestrian campaign days, as well as conducting surveys and workshops for better understanding citizens' behaviour. In particular, citizen workshops or forums represent a very important opportunity for sharing and expressing suggestions and opinions to improve walkability in the city.

In summary, the improvement of walking conditions in the city together with active civil participation have provided a positive experience for the Municipality of Stuttgart, particularly since active involvement of citizens has contributed significantly to anchoring the importance of walking among the general public.

Stuttgart has definitely learned an important lesson that other cities can benefit from: by improving walkability, cities contribute to cleaner, better transport, and therefore to a better quality of life.

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Stuttgart is member of CIVITAS 2MOVE2 project.



CITY NEWS

Heavy Goods Vehicles – new solutions in Malaga

Within the Civitas 2MOVE2 project, the city of Malaga is designing a priority network for heavy goods vehicles supported by number plate recognition systems and compulsory itineraries



Everyday around 9 000 heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) circulate in Malaga, driving through the city at any time of the day and posing a very negative impact on the city's mobility infrastructure. These vehicles generate noise, produce greenhouse gas emissions and perturb urban activity, proving especially cumbersome for pedestrians and bicycles.

To address this situation, Malaga is developing a more adequate infrastructure for HGV by designing a priority network of roads that allows HGVs to access the city based on pre-determined time schedules, dedicated main entrance points and the use of broader roads. Special signals and communication devices will inform HGV drivers of new compulsory itineraries. In parallel, automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) will allow traffic authorities to identify and penalise those who do not respect the new rules. Under 2MOVE2 CIVITAS pilot project, a first trial itinerary will be implemented in the west coast area of the city. This represents the most suitable district to launch the project due to the intense presence of HGV, intense commercial activity and for the area's connection to the Malaga harbour.

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Malaga is member of CIVITAS 2MOVE2 project.

Tel Aviv is on the bike!

The use of bicycles in Tel Aviv Yafo is growing fast, thanks to the new bike sharing 'Tel-O-Fun'



According to a recent survey carried out by the Tel Aviv Yafo Municipality's Social and Economic Research Centre, the citizens' use of bicycles significantly increased from 8.2 % in 2007 to 14 % in 2012. Recently, Ron Huldai, Mayor of Tel Aviv Yafo, said 'We are aiming to further encourage cycling in the city and transform bikes into a legitimate transportation mechanism' (Jerusalem Post).

This is largely due to the successful implementation of the bicycle share scheme 'Tel-O-Fun' that offers thousands of bicycles for hire, distributed in 150 self-service docking stations across the city. To complement this initiative, Tel Aviv is also expanding the bicycle paths over the city: 120 km are already available and more are envisaged.

As a signatory of the Charter of Brussels, Tel Aviv Yafo is strongly committed to investing in bicycle policy as an integrated part of urban mobility to reach a 15 % bicycle modal share target by 2020. Having enjoyed a 9 % bicycle modal share in 2012, the city is on the right track to meeting this goal.

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Tel Aviv is a member of CIVITAS 2MOVE2 project.

Aachen's SUMP calls for citizens' opinion!

Every year, the City of Aachen sees 1 500 more cars on its roads — a situation that leads to traffic congestion in the historic city centre. How can Aachen solve this problem?



Around 104 000 vehicles are registered in Aachen: is it realistic to expect citizens to share a significant number of these cars in future? What are the options for making the roads safer? Could electric vehicles reduce the environmental impact?

Within CIVITAS DYN@MO, Aachen will work with nine neighbouring cities to involve its citizens in the development of a sustainable urban mobility plan (SUMP) and in the respective decision-making process.

The aim of the project is to create a culture for interactive mobility planning in which citizens and other stakeholders can actively participate. Following on from this, on 22nd June, Aachen's citizens will have the opportunity to contribute to the future development of transport paper Vision 2050, and to discuss the current state of mobility with experts in the field. A further step, also part of the DYN@MO project, is the development of a traffic simulation model that will support the urban planning process.

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Aachen is member of the CIVITAS DYN@MO project.

OUTREACH

Green light for CIVITAS DYN@MO!

CIVITAS DYN@MO, an exciting new CIVITAS Plus II demonstration project has recently been launched. The cities of Aachen in Germany, Gdynia in Poland, Koprivnica in Croatia and Palma in Spain have all made a new, united commitment to promote sustainable urban mobility.

DYN@MO cities will focus their efforts on the dynamic dialogue with their citizens, aiming at improving city mobility planning by developing

new sustainable urban mobility plans (SUMPs) or improving existing ones.

Furthermore, citizen-friendly electric mobility solutions will be implemented in all these cities. In addition to acquiring new, more environmentally friendly vehicles for public transport and municipal fleets, the cities will promote other modes of electric vehicles supported by innovative pilot projects.

Moreover, through improved information and communication technology (ICT) and by developing new Mobility 2.0 systems and services, the cities aim to improve citizen participation in the project and provide better transport services.

Finally, DYN@MO will go beyond the city level. The project will organise activities at European level such as summer university courses, participate in European events and create competence centres for SUMP and electro-mobility.

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FORUM 2013

Join us in Brest!

Have you booked your calendar to spend the last days of September in one of the most famous harbours on the French coast? The annual Civitas Forum Conference will take place between 30th September and 2nd October 2013 in Brest, the main metropolitan centre of western Brittany in France.

This year, CIVITAS celebrates the 11th edition of the annual conference. For the first time ever, the CIVITAS forum will be hosted by a city that isn't actually running a CIVITAS pilot project, yet one that is eager to present its achievements in terms of sustainable urban mobility. Indeed, Brest is planning to show the CIVITAS community and supporting cities how it has introduced ambitious transport measures and policies towards sustainable urban mobility.

Overall, the event will bring together different cities of the CIVITAS Forum Network, including their politicians and technical experts. It will also host representatives of the European Commission, universities, and research centres, as well as urban mobility experts, Euromed stakeholders and many other participants from all over Europe.

The main topic of the event will focus on 'how to implement sustainable urban mobility with less', unveiling as well many novel mobility developments from Europe and other continents. The forum aims at demonstrating and analysing solutions for achieving and enhancing sustainable mobility with limited financial capabilities, including discussion of potential barriers and failure factors.

'Brest métropole océane' in a glimpse

For centuries, Brest has been one of the most important European harbours, home to the French marine defence organisation on the Atlantic coast. Located in the centre of western Brittany's largest metropolitan area, Brest is also the symbol of ancient traditions related to the sea, representing as well one of the most important references in the European shipping industry. This bustling metropolitan area by the sea has aptly been dubbed in French as 'Brest métropole océane'.

Over the past 20 years, the area has been involved in redesigning its mobility system, taking pride

in the results and solutions for improving its citizens' quality of life. The more relevant mobility innovations include developments in public transport (light rail line and bus lanes), redesigning of urban areas, measures supporting cycling and a new cable car system planned for the end of 2015.

All CIVITAS stakeholders are invited to attend the conference and benefit from its dynamic programme which will offer enriching technical sessions, roundtable discussions, and Pecha Kucha sessions over three days.

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OUTREACH

The first step of 2MOVE2 – a new CIVITAS Plus II project

The official kick-off meeting of 2MOVE2 took place in Stuttgart beginning of this year with the participation of Brno in the Czech Republic, Tel-Aviv in Israel and Malaga in Spain.

The starting point of 2MOVE2 on the technical level was marked by launching different project activities and by discussing the main milestones and outputs.

The second step will focus on organising a policy-related meeting on 18th June 2013 where government representatives from the four cities and the European Commission, as well as key urban mobility stakeholders, will discuss the challenges of the project and urban mobility in the current European context. Along with the policy debate and the panel discussion, a city tour will be also organised to showcase the implementation of 2MOVE2's urban mobility measures in Stuttgart. The other 2MOVE2 partners are starting their measures and will present their current situation at the meeting in Stuttgart. For more information contact Patrick Daude, Patrick.Daude@stuttgart.de



CITY NEWS

The city of MOBILITY 2.0:
Palma

New digital services improve urban mobility in Palma



What if communication departments were complemented by direct information exchange among citizens?

Both citizens and tourists often wish to have a more direct means of communication with the municipality, public administration and city services. To meet this need, the City of Palma's new digital system, the MOBILITY 2.0 Platform, aims to offer a set of digital real-time urban mobility services to citizens and visitors, by incorporating user-generated information.

What types of services does the City of Palma offer? Based on the results of a recent analysis, the objective of MOBILITY 2.0 is to produce a dual-interface application combining web and mobile apps. Through these interfaces, users are able to receive and provide real-time mobility information: bus schedules; availability of public bikes, underground parking spots, charging points for electric vehicles; and locations of barriers in public spaces.

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EVENT

Keep the fire burning...
CIVITAS Plus legacy training

CIVITAS Vanguard invites CIVITAS Plus key stakeholders to discuss what has been the tipping point for decision makers to continue or discontinue CIVITAS measures in their cities. This experience will be shared with CIVITAS Plus II representatives. The training takes place in conjunction with the CIVITAS Forum in Brest. Participation is upon invitation only.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Welcome to CIVINET
Slovenia-Croatia!

A new CIVITAS national and regional Network of cities across Croatia and Slovenia was launched at an event in the latter's capital Ljubljana on 25 April 2013.



Last April, 27 cities and organisations signed a memorandum expressing their commitment to CIVINET Slovenia-Croatia. Out of the 27 signatories, 15 hailed from Slovenia and 12 joined from Croatia. Commenting on this ambitious achievement, CIVINET project coordinator Jose Maria Diez said 'I am delighted to see the creation of this new network, which is a perfect end-result of our activities'.

Indeed, many important government representatives participated in the event. These included Zoran Jankovic, Mayor of Ljubljana who welcomed the delegates, as well as Polona Demšar Mitrovič from the Slovenian Ministry of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning. Equally noteworthy was the presence of Helena Hecimovic who represented the Croatian city of Koprivnica and who outlined the draft Action Plan for the network.

The creation of CIVINET Slovenia-Croatia emerged after two years of discussions among REC-Slovenia, ODRAZ, Sustainable Community Development, the city of Ljubljana, the city of Koprivnica and the CIVINET consortium. In this spirit, Diez concluded that 'Although the CIVINET project itself is coming to an end, the CIVINET Networks will continue and more new networks will be launched in the coming months'.

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About the MOVE newsletter

This quarterly newsletter serves to inform all those with an interest in sustainable urban mobility. It reports on developments in the field, including activities of pioneering CIVITAS cities and policy updates from the European Commission. Contributions are sourced from participating cities and organisations, as well as from the Directorate General for Mobility and Transport.

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