



The new calls for transport projects are here!

Horizon 2020 is launching three new calls for projects in the transport sector, and CIVITAS plans to be an integral part of this new vision.

There's a new spirit of optimism for much improved transport in the future that is taking Europe by storm this month. December 11 marks a very important date for sustainable transport, as the calls for EU-funded projects in this field and under the EU's upcoming framework programme for research and innovation, Horizon 2020, are being unveiled.

The launch of these calls marks the launch of CIVITAS 2020, the next phase of the CIVITAS initiative which is continuously strengthening sustainable urban mobility across and beyond Europe. Already, the Draft Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2014-2015 in the area of Transport has revealed the three key calls for projects with the subject that they are expected to cover.

The **first call** on Mobility for Growth focusses on innovation and technology projects in air, rail, road and waterborne transport, as well as on logistics, intelligent transport systems and infrastructure. A key component of this call is urban mobility, which covers topics from tackling road congestion and reducing impacts of freight to transforming the use of conventionally fuelled vehicles in urban areas.

Another important call, under the title of Green Vehicles, promises to advance electric vehicle technologies. This includes developing the next generation of competitive lithium ion batteries, meeting customer needs in this area and optimising energy management in electric vehicles. Beyond electric-based technologies, projects under this call are set to advance natural gas powertrains and improve hybrid technologies.

Lastly, the **third call** on Small Business and Fast Track Innovation for Transport will help small businesses upgrade their innovation research in the transport field and set them on the fast track to innovation. These calls bode well for a newer transport paradigm in Europe with less emission and less stress. The urban mobility component is fully aligned with the vision of CIVITAS 2020 and is set to redefine how citizens in European cities move around.



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The first call for joint projects will officially open on December 11, providing an excellent opportunity for businesses in the field to innovate and progress. An Information Day to be held on 18 December in Brussels at the Charlemagne building on rue de la Loi 170 from 9 am to 6 pm, will support preparation of proposals. Keep this date in your calendar if you want to be part of the Smart, Green and Integrated Transport challenge of the new Horizon 2020 Framework Programme. The future of greener transport is here.

More information available at: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/>

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