The importance of the new Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) Guidelines for the CIVITAS community

We, the members of the CIVITAS Political Advisory Committee (PAC) and the members of the CIVITAS Forum network, welcome the publication of the Second Edition of the Guidelines for Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning. We recognize the importance and urgent need of this updated document, presenting a major support for practitioners in cities and metropolitan regions to face the world’s climate crisis, the issue of growing populations in urban areas, and the need of aligning urban mobility better with the social, economic and environmental needs of our citizens.

The new SUMP Guidelines are a practitioner tool for innovation and change management in urban areas that offer a flexible planning framework based on eight proven SUMP principles:

1. Plan for sustainable mobility in the “functional urban area”
2. Cooperate across institutional boundaries
3. Involve citizens and stakeholders
4. Assess current and future performance
5. Define a long-term vision and a clear implementation plan
6. Develop all transport modes in an integrated manner
7. Arrange for monitoring and evaluation
8. Assure quality

SUMP is not "the solution" by itself, but a concept for cities to create their own solutions that meet their specific challenges and goals as well as utilising benefits of “game changers” like emerging new business models, or digitalisation. With its eight principles, the concept of Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning is based on commonly accepted and supported ideas of planning that result in a flexible, open and contemporary planning method.

The SUMP Guidelines are widely acknowledged as a European product that is also starting to be applied globally, beyond Europe. Together with the currently 17 Topic Guides and Practitioner Briefings, the SUMP Guidelines offer tools for comprehensive and systematic planning that can reach a wide audience, and a new generation of planners.
The Second Edition of the SUMP Guidelines provide a fresh outlook for future planning, based on recent good practice examples from cities all over Europe, easily accessible tools and new ideas on more implementation-related topics like financing.

Therefore, we, as members of the CIVITAS Political Advisory Committee (PAC) and as members of the CIVITAS Forum network, would like to state our appreciation for the updated SUMP Guidelines as a practical instrument to support cities in long-term sustainable planning and integrated, people-focused policy development. We recommend that all cities and urban areas apply the SUMP concept.

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