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CIVITAS PORTIS
INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY SOLUTIONS FOR ABERDEEN

The CIVITAS Initiative is co-financed by the European Union
In September 2016 Antwerp was host to the CIVITAS PORTIS kick-off meeting. The project involves 33 partners from 6 cities working together in the coming 4 years on sustainable mobility in terms of commuter’s traffic as well as transport and logistics.

Five living labs are implementing mobility measures, supporting their multifunctional role of cities, ports and gateways to inland areas. PORTIS aims to show that sustainable mobility can increase functional and social cohesion between city centres and ports, while pushing the economy forward and boosting the allure of modern urban environments.

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The CIVITAS PORTIS project is coordinated by the City of Antwerp and ends in August 2020.

Aberdeen is Scotland’s third largest city and with the surrounding hinterland of Aberdeenshire the region has one of the highest rates of economic output per head in Europe. Aberdeen Harbour, which is situated in the city centre, is one of the UK’s busiest ports and plays a key role both in Europe and globally in both the energy sector and in commercial trading.

The harbour has experienced high growth in shipping and passengers and now plans to build a new harbour. Over the coming years, major infrastructure is and will be delivered in the city and region with an ambitious plan to transform the city centre over the next twenty years.

This project will help to redefine peoples approach to traveling in and around the city, as well as bring about a cultural change. Additionally the project will recover road space for collective and active travel modes and improve the movement of goods to make the freight system more efficient.

It is planned to implement several measures in Aberdeen within the CIVITAS PORTIS project.

The ‘Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan’ (SUMP) will be updated to reflect the new Harbour Development.

Aberdeen will investigate new mobility lifestyles including active travel, roads hierarchy, robust travel planning and journey planning app.

Demand management will be explored as to how different demand management measures can play a role.

Lastly we will explore freight routing, provide better information to freight operators and create planning guidance for a ‘Freight Gateway’.

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