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INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY SOLUTIONS IN 5 EUROPEAN PORT CITIES

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.

With European support, these cities will work together on good, innovative and sustainable solutions to improve access to their cities and ports. In addition to these five European port cities, another international port city is involved: Ningbo, by the East China Sea.

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

ANTWERP AND ITS LIVING LAB

Antwerp is a thriving city in the North of Belgium. It has a population of 522,000. By 2030, Antwerp expects its population to grow. The Province of Antwerp area counting more than 1.8 million inhabitants gives the city a fair number of commuters.

Antwerp hosts Europe’s second largest port by tonnage after Rotterdam, with some 208,423,920 tonnes of trade in 2015. The Port is key to the city’s economy and employs more than 62,500 people. In addition to the port, Antwerp hosts a small airport to the east of the city center and a major train station with both national and international high-speed rail links.

The Antwerp region is confronted with major road congestion. To address these traffic issues, the Flemish government drew up the Masterplan 2020. Large investments in all transport modes (public transport, cycle, water, car) should guarantee fluid traffic, safer roads and a higher quality of life. The Masterplan 2020 aims at shifting half of all movements in the wider Antwerp Region towards more sustainable modes of transport by 2020.

MEASURES IN ANTWERP WITHIN CIVITAS PORTIS

In Antwerp several measures will be implemented within CIVITAS PORTIS in order to improve sustainable urban mobility.

Several major infrastructural works are in the running in and around the city and the port area (e.g. new tramlines, cycling infrastructure, etc.). During and following these works, the CIVITAS PORTIS partners in Antwerp put extra efforts in the promotion of public transport and cycling in order to guarantee the accessibility of the city and the harbour.

Physical and mind-set barriers in the port are to be removed, hence reducing car-dependency of commuters working in the port.

Car and truck traffic in and around the city will be optimised in order to reduce the congestion level and improve life quality in the urban area.

ANTWERP IS ONE OF 5 EUROPEAN CITIES WITHIN CIVITAS PORTIS BRINGING URBAN MOBILITY TO A HIGHER LEVEL

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP IN ANTWERP

- City of Antwerp  
  www.anticr.be
- Antwerp Port Authorities  
  www.portofantwerp.com
- Province of Antwerp  
  www.provincieantwerpen.be
- De Lijn (Flemish PT company)  
  www.delijn.be
- NMBS (national public railway company)  
  www.belgianrail.be
- Traject Ltd.  
  www.traject.be
- Beheersmaatschappij Antwerpen Mobiel  
  www.bamnv.be