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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.

KLAIPEDA AND ITS LIVING LAB

Klaipeda City is a county and municipal centre and ranks third in Lithuania in terms of its size. It is the only Sea Port in the country, which is the major ice-free port on the eastern coast of the Baltic Sea.

Klaipeda State Sea Port is of international importance as a major cargo transhipment and passenger transport centre, creating favourable conditions for the rapid economic development of Klaipeda. Klaipeda is the most important Lithuanian transportation hub which connects sea, land and railway routes from East to West. City has superior road, rail and sea links to Latvia, Kaliningrad region (Russian Federation), Scandinavia and Central Europe.

Klaipeda is an important asset thanks to a freight throughput that is constantly increasing and that requires planning attention to ensure that it develops in a sustainable way. At the moment the City faces challenges with decreasing use of public transport, growing number of private cars on the roads causing increase of traffic jams throughout the city and high road accident rates.

It is planned to implement 6 innovative measures in Klaipeda within the CIVITAS PORTIS project:

- enhancing SUMP
- establishing a city & port cooperation platform
- developing a bike-sharing system
- modernising the traffic management system
- prioritising public transport traffic
- establishing an integrated design for traffic informational signage.

Hopefully these measures will help to balance increasing flows of city and port by introducing new urban transport management and alternative mobility modes.

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