



Findings and Recommendations from CIVITAS CAPITAL Advisory Groups

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Based on expert knowledge of SUMPs the group investigates how:

- How to develop approach to urban mobility to link national, regional and local levels
- How Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans can be linked to spatial strategies
- How best EC can support national, regional and local authorities to develop and implement Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans

Advisory Group 2: Financing Sustainable Mobility

- Discussed conventional (e.g. taxation) and innovative (smart fares and charges) to finance sustainable urban mobility
- Reviewed possible additional sources of urban transport financing
- Discussed other cost-covering options to overcome operating cost deficits
- Identified some good practice examples and assessed transferability to other countries in the EU

Advisory Group 3: Urban Logistics

- Proposed ways to increase take up of urban logistics best practice
- Produced list of prioritised topics for EU non-binding guidelines for urban logistics
- Reviewed the treatment of urban logistics in the EU-supported Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) documents.
- Identified urban logistics expert in each member state to act as an information relay point
- Provided recommendations for EC action in the area of urban logistics

Advisory Group 4: Access Regulation Schemes (ARS)



Group has:

- Identified a ranked list of priority topics for EC guidelines on access regulations,
- Reviewed the work on access regulations in CIVITAS to date
- Made recommendations for cities on good practice in ARS implementation

Advisory Group 5: Data and Statistics

- Developed set of indicators to measure cities' transport performance – outputs, outcomes, impacts
- Informed by but separate from work on Urban Mobility Scorecard
- Gathered cities' views on useability and usefulness of indicators
- Final indicator set to be published soon

Advisory Group 6: Energy and Climate Efficiency

The following topics are within the remit of this Advisory Group:

- Clean technologies as new industrial paradigm for automotive industry against economic crisis and for new jobs;
- Reliance on domestic biofuels and local energy generation to reduce dependency on imported energy;
- “Well to wheel” analysis fuel production, vehicles, fuelling and distribution infrastructure;
- Need of EU intervention for coordination and harmonisation;
- The “chicken and egg” dilemma between vehicles and fuels infrastructure;
- The role of public authorities to launch the market development (also through joint green procurement): better environmental image and critical mass to influence market prices;
- Strong power of automotive industry, through advertising and marketing campaigns, to influence consumers’ choices;
- Voluntary agreements, but if not effective others instruments to be adopted (regulatory, economic, fiscal, etc.);
- Information and awareness for users and consumers;

Advisory Group 7: Combined Mobility

- ‘Combined Mobility’ covers services like carsharing, taxis and shared taxis, bicycle and bike-sharing, car-pooling, demand-responsive transport, car-rental
- How can combination of these modes and conventional PT:
 - Reduce or spread peak demand
 - Optimise services and networks
 - Bring about modal shift
- Barriers and drivers for their introduction

Advisory Group 8: Urban Road Safety

- Good practice in road safety planning and how to integrate it with SUMP
- Reviews systematically the evidence for the road safety benefits of the following categories of road safety measures, and of their transferability across Europe:
 - Intelligent transport systems, off-vehicle
 - Speed reducing measures
 - Improved enforcement (including automatic enforcement)
 - Traffic management measures
 - Education
 - Vehicle-based measures / ADAS

- The objective of the ITS Advisory Group to develop "road map" building upon the specifications on EU-wide real-time traffic information elaborated within the framework of the ITS Directive, to support:
 - the identification of priority zones for urban ITS implementation by Member States and
 - the implementation of the specifications on RTTI services in urban environment/cities

Advisory Group 10: Small and medium sized cities



- EC policy often deals with urban transport in large urban areas with lots of resources, capacity
- This group considers the specific needs of small and medium sized cities to:
 - Identify and document lessons learned and examples of best practice
 - Suggest ways in which the EC could better support such cities
 - Recommendations centred around important issues such as health, transport, children, etc.

Summary of findings

- Contribution to the development and implementation of SUMP's at regional, national and local levels
- Recommendations to the EU on a wide range of topics
- Addressing gaps in knowledge and policy
- Practical approach to problem solving through expert knowledge and experience
- Many good practice examples (from Europe, USA, Japan, China) and an assessment of their transferability to other countries in the EU
- Various AG outputs (AG5 set of indicators, AG9 roadmap) and in some cases their implementation with cities
- Outputs will be available by mid 2016 on CIVITAS website but until then contact us for further info

Thank you!

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