

# ESTABLISHING A DECISION-SUPPORT FORUM



Both the City and the Port are developing mobility measures based on an individual approach, this leading to the risk of developing and implementing scattered, conflictual, overlapped and sometimes even useless actions.

The lack of an entity/structure to deal with the integrated urban mobility policies in the City of Constanta or in the commercial Port of Constanta, at every relevant level of governance, lead to the necessity to establish a Forum with the scope of promoting sustainable integrated urban mobility policies.

The envisaged role of the Mobility Forum is to be a think tank for mapping specific problems related to mobility and urban planning in Constanta Metropolitan Area and to produce a common vision and a common approach on the development of integrated mobility solutions for the City and the Port.

## CONTEXT & CHALLENGES

The objectives of the measures are:

- Install and maintain a platform for multi-level governance in the field of mobility and urban development planning in Constanta Metropolitan Area
- To establish a Mobility Forum composed of key representatives/professionals of the

main mobility stakeholders from different decision levels with the scope of promoting sustainable integrated urban mobility policies.

- Mapping of specific problems related to urban mobility planning at local level.

The activities implemented are focused on:

**A. Establishment of a Mobility Forum:** The Mobility Forum is established with the aim of offering an open knowledge-sharing platform for public debates in the field of mobility at metropolitan level and by this improving the knowledge base of local mobility stakeholders and increasing the administrative capacity. The Mobility Forum is to gather all the relevant stakeholders coming from public institutions, commercial bodies, universities, civil society, ONGs, etc.t, especially regarding the mobility issues.

**B. Periodic meetings of the Mobility Forum:** The Mobility Forum is working in plenary sessions opened to anyone interested and in

parallel, there are technical working groups dedicated to major mobility them, like: WG 1 - Public Transport; WG 2 - Parking; WG 3 - Central Area Accessibility; WG 4 - Freight Transport; WG 5 - Neighbourhood level mobility.

**C. Integrated urban mobility policies/actions – identification and proposal:** The outcome of Mobility Forum activities has been materialised in different Integrated urban Mobility policies/actions that have been officially submitted to be taken into consideration by the Local Council of Constanta Municipality.



## RESULTS - FINDINGS - LESSONS LEARNED



The establishment of the Mobility Forum has been successfully undertaken by the total and real involvement of all local mobility stakeholders that participated to more than 40 meetings, workshops and in-depth discussions regarding mobility issues for city, port and metropolitan area.

Eleven concrete integrated urban mobility policies/actions identified and submitted to

the Local Council of Constanta Municipality have been taken into consideration, approved and implemented.

There actions refer to:

- introduction of Public Transport line inside the Port area;
- City parking policy;
- PORTIS awareness raising campaigns (European mobility week actions, Choose the bus campaign, Walk is simple and healthy, Bike to work etc);
- reallocation of street space in the City;
- regulation regarding the vehicle access restriction in the historical area;
- establish the Public Transport Authority at the metropolitan level.

• **Lesson learned 1:** regular meetings of the Mobility forum are very productive and

efficient source to identify the main urban mobility issued in the local and metropolitan area

• **Lesson learned 2:** Active involvement of decision-making level is very important, together with the political support



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