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SHAPING THE MOBILITY OF TOMORROW



Gdynia is a thriving port city with a population of 250 000 inhabitants. Together with Gdańsk and Sopot, it forms a very modern and competitive Tri-city Metropolitan Area, which belongs to the largest, most diverse and most commonly visited urban areas in Poland.

Gdynia's way towards addressing transportation challenges began already before joining the EU in the form of policy changes in 1990's, locally funded activities and later within CIVITAS TELLUS that started in 2002. Currently Gdynia is realising the very ambitious CIVITAS DYN@MO project, demonstrating innovative Intelligent Transportation Systems, continuing implementation of clean energy vehicles in Public Transport and strongly focusing on public and stakeholder participation.

Gdynia's main strategic aim is to ensure a constant and fully sustainable development of the city, with the use of its natural and human resources, continually increasing the quality of life for the citizens.

In 2011 Gdynia joined the "Covenant of Mayors", which aims to reduce energy consumption, CO2 emission and growth of renewable energy use by 20% by 2020. As a result, Gdynia elaborated the "Sustainable energy for Gdynia Plan", which also aims to CO2 emissions in the transport sector. Other significant documents targeting sustainable urban mobility are: Spatial Development Plan for Gdynia, Plan of Sustainable Public Transport Development for Gdynia and the neighbouring towns. Furthermore, Gdynia continuously implements policies for equal opportunities, making it a city accessible for all. Several strategic and operational documents related to the participation of disabled people in society have been elaborated and are being implemented.

City of Gdynia is also in the process of elaborating a second Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan. SUMP is extremely important as it not only addresses mobility issues in a complex way but also introduces a new quality in public and stakeholder participation, including them in the decision making process. For this purpose, Gdynia has set up a Web2.0 portal MobilnaGdynia.pl that is used for informing and getting opinions and suggestions on mobility in the city. Gdynia's SUMP and SUMP process are already recognised as most highly advanced in Poland and highly in-line with the EU directives. The SUMP aims to reduce car use and motor-traffic demand in the City, increase walking and bicycle use, co-

modality and further improve our green public transport services. It addresses needs of persons with reduced mobility and also deals with freight transport – remarkably important in a port city.

Gdynia's residents are very friendly, open-minded and very proud of living in the City. Unfortunately, 50% of them are also devoted car users and need to be made aware of the overall impact of their transport behaviour. This is the reason numerous marketing campaigns are regularly undertaken to promote sustainable mobility in the City. An important element of Gdynia's openness is the civic budget. Every citizen, regardless of age, can vote directly via a dedicated website for actions which are important to him or her in his/her neighbourhood.

In 2009, Mayor of Gdynia assigned his plenipotentiary and then cycling officer to build a modern and coherent bicycle network and infrastructure, all in consultation with the public. In 2013 our City had the BYPAD Audit. Increasing cycling as an everyday mean of transport is of high priority.

Gdynia is also a forerunner in Poland in introducing sustainable transport solutions using advanced ITS and ICT technologies. The City is proud of its green, efficient, accessible and constantly modernised urban public transport system, which constitutes 49% of the modal split. Public Transport very effectively integrates all parts of the City and the City itself with the entire region. Gdynia is also very experienced in providing demand driven services, based on detailed, representative surveys conducted every two years among the inhabitants.

The city diversifies energy sources in its Public Transport vehicles. CNG buses were introduced into operation in 2007. Now CNG buses constitute around 10% of all vehicle km in Gdynia and perfectly complete the Public Transport fleet of alternative fuel – the trolleybuses. In Gdynia there are 91 trolleybuses, of which 44 have an alternative energy supply – batteries, enabling them to run without overhead wires. Our trolleybuses annually make 5 mln vehicle-km – more than 25% share of all PT vehicle-km. In 2014 trolleybuses in Gdynia were awarded the prestigious European Commission Regiostars Award in the category CityStar in Ecological Transport.

Gdynia has always been very active in the CIVITAS programme. Through this participation the city has gained a lot of useful knowledge and participated in exchange of good practice. A large part of the existing cooperation with many European cities and institutions have begun in this network. As a result of their commitment, Gdynia has and is implementing many sustainable, smart and people-friendly solutions. IN consequence, the city has been recognized as the winner of many national and European awards in the field of sustainable transport. It was also voted as the City in Poland that has undergone the largest development and change in the last 25 years.

Gdynia is a leader in many sustainable measures in Europe and therefore it is fully justified that they want to contribute to the growing CIVITAS family, share their good practices and different experiences with other cities in Europe.

Welcome to Gdynia!