

Speakers' biographies

Lucia Cristea is Managing Director of EIP. She has a degree in Tourism and Trade Management and more than 15 years experience in several EC-funded projects. She has worked for example on the first Romanian project on transport in Framework 4. Other EC framework programmes and directorates she was involved in include: CAPTURE, DANTE, TOSCA, MOSES, and ECLIPSE. Lucia also has experience in research projects funded by the Romanian ministry for research. She has specific expertise in European project management and strategies for dissemination and exploitation activities.

In CIVITAS I, Lucia was responsible for the local management and dissemination of the TELLUS project in Bucharest. In CIVITAS Plus, she currently manages the coordination of the CIVITAS RENNAISSANCE project, is Local Dissemination Manager for Perugia and Chief Advisor to the dissemination project leader in Szczecinek.

Stephanie De Clerq holds a postgraduate degree in “Drugs: Theory and Practice” and a second one in Criminology from Ghent University. Born in 1982, Stephanie has worked as social worker in a Youth Centre in Antwerp from 2006 to 2011 and has joined De Lijn East-Flanders in Ghent as Expert on Social Safety and Security in May 2011. As part of the CIVITAS Initiative, Stephanie is responsible for ensuring continuity and improving the “Trammelant” anti-vandalism project.



Lukasz Franek is 31 years old, holds an MSc and works as Assistant at Krakow University of Technology. At the university, he has coordinated the CIVITAS CARAVEL project from 2005 to 2009. Lukasz is co-author of several transportation studies on safety in public transport and traffic organisation for Polish cities including EURO 2012. Moreover, Lukasz is Chair of Transportation Systems and board member of the Polish Association of Transportation Engineers in Krakow. In addition, Lukasz is co-owner of VIA VISTULA, a company carrying out transport projects and demand-responsive transport in the Malopolska region.



Michael Glotz-Richter is Senior Project Manager for Sustainable Mobility for the German city-state of Bremen in the Senate Department for Environment, Construction and Transport. He holds a diploma in Urban and Regional Planning from the Technical University in Berlin (1984). In his professional career, Michael has always worked on the linkages between urban development, transport strategies and urban lifestyle. Having worked in Berlin and Cologne, he started at the City of Bremen in 1990. Since 1994, Michael has been responsible for sustainable mobility and for many internationally recognised model

projects on sustainable transport and environmentally-friendly mobility. Key project elements are the promotion of integrated sustainable transport modes – in concepts of intermodal and co-modal chains – with public transport, taxi, cycling and car sharing. With the EU VIVALDI project, Bremen became one of the model cities within the European Commission’s CIVITAS Initiative. In November 2005, Bremen was awarded ‘CIVITAS City of the Year’. Moreover, Bremen was one of the cities selected worldwide as showcases at the 2010 World Exhibition in Shanghai under the theme “Better Cities – Better Life”.

Vincent Leiner studied physics at the universities of Bochum and Sussex and holds a Ph.D. in experimental physics. Following his studies, he worked for several years as a staff scientist at research centres in France and Germany. Mr Leiner later joined the European Commission’s Directorate for Nuclear Safeguards in Luxemburg. In 2007, he moved to the Commission’s Clean Transport and Sustainable Urban Mobility Unit, where he deals as a policy officer with urban mobility and transport issues.

Andrés Martinez is an industrial engineer with a degree from the University of the Basque Country (1968) and holds a postgraduate degree in Project Management from the National Open University. Andrés has experience in different industrial companies and logistics management. Since February 2010, he is working at the mobility department of the municipality of Donostia-San Sebastian. He is involved in several European projects including CIVITAS ARCHIMEDES, in which he is leading some measures, Aeneas and Quest.

Tariq van Rooijen (1980) works as a consultant on Mobility and Logistics at independent research organisation TNO in Delft, the Netherlands. Since 2005, he has been working on projects for governments and companies in the Netherlands and Europe. Tariq focuses mainly on projects in the field of urban and sustainable mobility, for both passenger and freight transport. He holds master degrees in Transport Planning and in Operations Research. Since 2009, Tariq is project coordinator of the European CIVITAS POINTER project. This involves the monitoring and evaluation of all sustainable transport measures in CIVITAS demonstration cities.



Siegfried Rupprecht is a social scientist with a focus on urban issues at the universities of Bielefeld, Bamberg and Oxford. He has close to 20 years of experience in European RTD cooperation in the areas of mobility, environment and IT systems. Siegfried has successfully managed large research and demonstration projects in transport and energy as head of the European Office of the City of Cologne. He has also worked in software development and was a lecturer for town planning (Cologne Polytechnic and University of Bielefeld). He is an experienced project developer, project manager, moderator and adviser who has worked intensively with policy makers, private sector partners and researchers throughout Europe.

His company, Rupperecht Consult – Forschung & Beratung GmbH, is based in Cologne, Germany since 1997. The company specialises in integrated solutions to key issues of sustainable development: mobility, urban and regional development, environment, social change, technology implementation, planning and governance. Currently, Rupperecht Consult is involved in several European projects, mostly in research and regional cooperation programmes, and works all over in Europe and beyond. In the CIVITAS programme Rupperecht Consult has been involved in several projects since 2001.

Anne Vicenzotti holds a master's degree in the Management of European projects. She is in charge of the coordination and follow-up of mobility-related European projects and international relations for the Nantes Metropole transport and mobility department. Anne is currently involved in the following projects: FP7 project “European Bus System of the Future”, CIVITAS CATALIST and Interreg IV project “BAPTS”.