



**CIVINET UK & Ireland**  
**The Local Authority network**  
**for sustainable mobility**

# News

UK & Ireland

## Chairman's Foreword

**Welcome to the 13th edition of the CIVINET UK & Ireland newsletter.**

We have very exciting news to announce as the new three-year CIVITAS CAPITAL project officially started on September 1. CIVINET networks are a fundamental part of the project as it's planned to expand and develop a further four networks over the project's lifetime. **Read more in our feature on page two.**

A quick look back now. I'd like to thank all those who presented at our joint CIVINET/QUEST event in May. It was very successful with delegates unanimously agreeing they'd all taken at least one new idea away with them.

LSTF funding was, as ever, a hot topic of conversation with the DfT's Angela Trevithick giving a presentation about LSTF & the Better Bus Fund: one year on. Some of the member's key questions about future funding have now been answered with the recent announcements about LSTF and the Local Single Growth Fund.

We've taken a brief look at potential funding sources available to local authorities around the UK and Ireland in this edition of the newsletter. We've also got news of a new £10 million competition for UK cities.

If you didn't get the chance to come along to our last event then make sure you book your place at our next workshop on November 21. It's being held at DfT offices in London, and will be on the theme of cycling. We are hoping to have a speaker from TfL, who, along with other cities, have recently been at

the forefront of new cycling initiatives. If you'd like to know more, please call Sarah Clifford on +44 (0) 20 7953 4069 or email [civinet-uk-ireland@civitas.eu](mailto:civinet-uk-ireland@civitas.eu).

Finally, I am pleased to say that we have been able to reduce our membership fees for 2013/14 – And now we can offer a short-term six month membership from as little as £175\*. We think that this represents great value for the benefits members gain and we'd like to encourage more public authorities to join.

### Mike Kirby

*Chair of the CIVINET UK & Ireland Network and Director of Transport and Environment, Lancashire County Council.*

\*Based on size of local authority



## Membership fees reduced by a third

There's been welcome news for CIVINET members as fees for 2013/14 have been reduced. The cost of associate membership – open to consultancies and other interested parties has also come down to £250 (€295).

CIVINET UK & Ireland National Network Manager Chris Hadfield said "We are acutely aware of the financial pressures that local and regional authorities are currently under and were pleased that changes to our funding has allowed us to reduce our membership fees. As a result we hope that more local authorities can benefit from joining the CIVINET UK & Ireland network."

### Local Authorities: Full Membership fees

< 250,000 population	250,001 to 1 million population	1 million + population
£350 €410	£750 €880	£900 €1060



## Fancy a ride? November Workshop

Our next CIVINET workshop will feature the theme of cycling. It will take place at the DfT in London on Thursday 21 November and is FREE for CIVINET members.

More details soon!



## ■ CIVITAS CAPITAL kicks off

Over the last ten years CIVITAS has supported more than 700 projects in 58 cities across Europe and is one of the most successful EU programmes in promoting innovative solutions for sustainable development.

The new 3-year CIVITAS CAPITAL project officially started on September 1 and aims to build on the success of the CIVITAS initiatives and create an effective "value chain" for urban mobility innovation.

CAPITAL will help to mainstream CIVITAS into other transport policy fields by identifying the capacity of sustainable transport measures to contribute to high-level goals at local, national and European levels.

Key activities include:

- Capitalising on CIVITAS achievements – consolidating knowledge through new Thematic Groups
- Developing the CIVITAS Community – by maintaining and expanding national CIVINET networks
- Stimulating transport innovation – through regular calls for proposals under an Activity Fund
- Providing a bridge to the future EU research and innovation programmes – setting up interdisciplinary Advisory Groups providing clear recommendations for EU policy development

CIVINET UK & Ireland members can apply for the CAPITAL Activity Fund – join us at our Autumn CIVINET workshop to find out more about how to access funding

## CIVINET UK & Ireland – ‘being used a model for expansion across Europe’

By the end of the CIVITAS CAPITAL project, there will be 10 CIVINETs across Europe - all modelled on the earliest networks that were set up including the UK & Ireland.

The most recent CIVINET is Slovenia-Croatia, which was officially launched in April in Ljubljana, Slovenia with an impressive 27 cities and organisations signing up to express their commitment to CIVINET Slovenia-Croatia.

The planned expansion will increase the number of member states participating from the current 11 – Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Slovenia, Croatia and Italy – to a minimum of 17 member states plus Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

The inaugural meeting of the Slovenia-Croatia CIVINET





## ■ CIVITAS Conference gets CAPITAL going

The annual CIVITAS Forum Conferences bring representatives of CIVITAS forum network member cities including their politicians and technical experts together – the event took place between September 30 and October 2 in Brest in Western Brittany, France.

The CAPITAL kick off meeting took place at the CIVITAS Conference in Brest where the 14 project partners met to discuss the objectives, activities and key outputs of the project. More on that in the next issue!



## ■ Joint Event – “great success”

The latest CIVINET workshop held in conjunction with QUEST in May was hailed as very successful by delegates. Chaired by Centro’s Head of Sustainability Conrad Jones, the workshop’s presentations covered a wide range of sustainable mobility issues. As featured in our last newsletter, the LSTF schemes in the West Midlands - Smart Network, Smarter Choice – and Bournemouth’s Carbon Quids were showcased.

Other guest speakers for the day included TTR’s David Blackledge who spoke about the European perspective on sustainable urban mobility, and Philip Barham highlighting the EU QUEST project which is auditing SUMP’s across Europe. Case studies from Blackburn with Darwen and Inverness provided practical information on the QUEST tool and how it can be used to aid sustainable urban mobility planning.

Delegate and speaker Gillian Burton from Carbon Quids said "I found the event really informative and interesting. It's great to hear about other projects and initiatives - and crucially - to be able to ask questions. I was able to network with people to discuss the challenges they face and share ideas and solutions for new and existing schemes. I'm really hoping to come to the next event!"

May CIVINET Workshop



## ■ QUEST coming to an end – but work set to continue

The European QUEST project, which developed a practical audit tool to evaluate and improve Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans, finishes in November 2013. Over the course of the project, some 46 cities across Europe conducted audits – many of these participated in a successful final conference held in early September.

European policy is placing increasing emphasis on SUMP’s, and it is likely the EC will require some form of SUMP auditing as a precondition for future funding of transport schemes. QUEST partners will continue working together to provide an audit service once the current project ends. For more information including UK case studies, visit [www.questproject.eu/](http://www.questproject.eu/). If you are interested in a QUEST audit, please contact Samantha Jones at TTR - [sam.jones@ttr-ltd.com](mailto:sam.jones@ttr-ltd.com).



## A Quick Look at... Funding

### England

#### LTSF 2015/16

Local Transport Minister Norman Baker announced £78.5m of resource funding in July – in addition to £100m of capital LTSF that is being channelled to the country's 39 Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) via the new Single Local Growth Fund (see below).

#### Single Local Growth Fund (SLGF)

In 2015-16, more than £800m of local major transport funding will be transferred to the Single Local Growth Fund - which pools local transport, skills and housing cash. Local Enterprise Partnerships will effectively "compete" for money, although it is the Government's expectation that all LEPs will receive some funding. The fund will also have a further £5bn of transport funding from 2016-17 to 2020-21 to 'enable long-term planning of priority infrastructure'.

### Wales

Sewta (South East Wales Transport Alliance) has a budget of £100k and offers cash incentives to organisations that help their staff travel in more sustainable ways incorporating transport strategy, plans and programmes for the 10 local councils. A similar initiative exists in North of Wales administered

by TAIHW (North Wales Integrated Transport Consortium) with a capital budget of £50k in 2013/14. The Active Travel (Wales) Bill currently being prepared for the Welsh Assembly may also be a source of future funding for specific activities related to cycling and pedestrians.

### Scotland

The Future Transport Fund provides opportunities to invest further in low-carbon transport, working with a range of delivery bodies across Scotland. Through this capital investment package totalling £11m between 2012 and 2014, Transport Scotland is taking forward a range of sustainable transport initiatives, including cycling infrastructure, freight modal shift and low carbon vehicles reducing the impact of transport on the environment.

### Northern Ireland

Travelwise NI is an initiative to encourage the use of sustainable transport options such as walking, cycling, public transport or car sharing. It funds a number of sustainable travel initiatives including WOW (Walk Once a Week) and cycling schemes.

### Republic of Ireland

In 2012, a five year multi-annual funding support programme named "Active Travel Towns" was initiated principally for the strategic development of strategies and

infrastructures to support walking and cycling in towns outside the Greater Dublin Area. A further competitive round of funding is currently available under this programme with a closing date of October 15 2013 for delivery between 2014 and 2016.

### And a few more options...

- Our recent newsflash highlighted the new £10m competition for funding for UK transport demonstration projects in cities – part funded by the Technology Strategy Board. For more information, contact Mark Fell at TTR on 020 7953 4069
- There's new opportunities as part of the CIVITAS CAPITAL Activity Fund – More shortly on this.
- And finally – coming soon: we are expecting the first call for proposals for the EU 'Horizon 2020' initiative before the end of the year. We'll let you know more soon.

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