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**NEWS**

**TOWARDS A REGIONAL LOW CARBON MOBILITY PLAN IN LEIPZIG**



On March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the City of Leipzig brought together key stakeholders to discuss the project's pilot area of northern Leipzig. The city, the regional transportation company (Mitteldeutscher Verkehrsverbund or MDV) and Leipziger Verkehrsbetriebe (LVB, the city's public transport company) brainstormed synergies regarding current and foreseen activities in regard to future car-use, smart mobility services, e-mobility, public transport, demand management, cycling, and multi- and inter-modality.

The results now feed into the development of the region's integrated low-carbon mobility plan.

**NEWS**

**BUILDING CAPACITIES TO LOWER CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS**



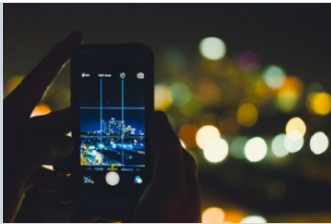
On May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the first of two 'transnational workshops' on Regional Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning for Functional Urban Areas took place in Brno, Czech Republic. The workshop explained to mobility planners from regional authorities, cities and public transport companies, novel concepts and measures to lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Participants profited from best practices presented by the project's Advisory Board members (which met in the margins of the event), including Mr. Luka Mladenović of the Urban Planning Institute of Slovenia. Sharing the experiences of the implementation of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans for functional regions in Slovenia, he indicated that over 60 of its municipalities have now adopted 'SUMPs', covering over two-thirds of Slovenia's population (see more on the challenges and future in this newsletter's featured article). Mr. Jörg Fellecke of Nahverkehr Rheinland gave guidance on the planning and implementation of multimodal public transport services by reflecting on experience in Germany's region of Nordrhein-Westfalen while Ms. Katja Karba of Slovenia's Development Agency Sinergija, representing the Interreg CE sister project MOVECIT, spoke of including low-carbon multimodal services into company-based mobility planning. To round out the event, Jerome Simpson encouraged participants to use EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK.

To access all of the workshop's presentations, click [HERE](#).

**PROJECT NEWS**

**OPEN CALL FOR LOW-CARB 'FOLLOWERS'!**

If your region, city or town is developing a sustainable urban mobility plan (SUMP) for its functional urban area or is implementing or planning to implement a pilot measure for low-carbon mobility, you are warmly invited to apply to become one of 18 selected towns, cities or regions in the Interreg Central Europe region to benefit from the LOW-CARB 'Follower City Programme.' Selected followers will profit from a knowledge transfer scheme which includes mentored site visits to LOW-CARB's partner cities (each open to 2-4 persons), workshops and tool-testing. Moreover, a granting scheme of up to EUR 2,000 per city/region will be available for the reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs. The full call and application form is available [here](#). Proposals must be submitted by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Mentoring visits will start in early 2019 and run until mid-2020.



**EVENTS**

**ON THE ROAD**

The LOW-CARB project was present during the 5<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans, organized by the European Commission and held in Nicosia, Cyprus, on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (to have access to the presentations, go [here](#)). But we don't stop there! We will also be at the CIVITAS Forum 2018 on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, in Umeå, Sweden, which will deal with topics surrounding sustainable urban mobility and the pioneering solutions for a cleaner transport in Europe. And on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will also be present in Manchester, UK, for the 2018 Annual Polis Conference, focused on transport innovation for sustainable cities and regions. So, come and join us!

**BRNO BRIEF**

The City of Brno welcomed the LOW-CARB partners on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, for the second Partner Meeting of the project. Brno indicated that the development of the SUMP Monitoring Tool — which will support low-carbon mobility planning — will start during this Summer, while the pilot operation and testing of the tool will commence in Autumn. Its finalisation and operativity is expected for January 2019. Also, further discussions allowed to move forward on the development of the Central European SUMP Centre, task carried out by UNIN. The Centre will have both a portal and a platform approach, including links to city databases, best practices, country-by-country legislative SUMP information, LOW-CARB Tools and training material and more. And to boost its convenience in the region, it will aim to provide the information in the CE languages.

**INTERVIEW**



**THE SZEG(ED)WAY**



Szeged, in Hungary, is ready for change. And the city embraces it wholeheartedly, being currently involved in two major EU-funded projects addressing mobility. Within LOW-CARB, the Szeged Transport company, SZKT, focuses on encouraging the development of company travel plans as well as a CO<sub>2</sub> trip calculator. The city's Vice Mayor, Sándor Nagy, took some minutes to further explain Szeged's horizon of actions and expectations.

**BEYOND LOWCARB**

**COMMISSIONING THE LOW CARBON CHANGE**



The European Commission recently undertook the third and final set of actions to modernise Europe's transport, aiming towards a mobility system which is safe, clean, connected and automated, whilst keeping an eye on the competitiveness of EU industry. Entitled 'Europe on the Move', the EU's Third Mobility Package foresees a low-emission mobility system bound, inter alia, by the first ever CO<sub>2</sub> emissions standards for heavy-duty vehicles. Thus, by 2025, the average CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from new trucks will have to be at least 30 percent lower than those compared to 2019, while by 2030 it will be 30 percent less. The EC will also be addressing aerodynamic patterns, tyre labelling and a common methodology for fuels price comparison, thus taking decisive steps towards the long-term commitment to reach zero fatalities with initiatives on vehicle and pedestrian safety and on infrastructure security management.

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funding from the European Regional Development Fund, the programme supports institutions in working together beyond borders to improve cities and regions in Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.

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