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NEWS

LEIPZIG LOOKS AHEAD TO 2030 – UNANIMOUSLY!

'Leipzig Komm!' or 'Leipzig hat Zukunft' were monikers seen dotted on posters around the city in the early 1990s. Once again, it is experiencing strong population growth, as over a century ago. But with many new residents counting on being able to continue driving their cars, the city authority foresees gridlock within years. For this reason, Stadt Leipzig has adopted a new strategy to tackle the growing crisis, seeking to guarantee 'Mobility is safe, reliable, clean, affordable and should ensure that every population group has the opportunity to participate in.' On Thursday, September 27, 2018, it was welcomed by the city council - unanimously. Read the full article [here](#).



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PARMA ROAD-TESTS E-BUSES AS ACTION PLAN TAKES SHAPE

During July, Parma's TEP took the first Chinese e-bus manufactured in the EU to the roads and tested its energy consumption and approximate recharging times under different conditions (empty, with air-conditioning, etc). Media interest was high and during EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK (see separate [story](#)), Parma's citizens were invited to share their views. The results of the 'Line 8' tests, which connects the city's eastern suburbs, are already feeding into an action plan for multi-purpose charging infrastructure for public transport e-services, to be completed by May 2020. The end result? Seamless multimodal local zero-emission mobility in Parma!



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TOWARDS A LOW-CARB ACTION PLAN IN KOPRIVNICA

Koprivnica recently advanced its mobility plan for the city's functional urban area by tackling head on the issue of integrated coordination. In a bid to strengthen institutional cooperation, in October its surrounding municipalities became stakeholders of the communal utility company, Komunalac Koprivnica, which hosts the e-bus public transport network, the (e-)bike share system and maintains cycle and pedestrian infrastructure. LOW-CARB's take is that multi-stakeholder collaboration, data sharing and joint financing of public investments is key to the success of any functional urban area's SUMP and low-carbon action plan, something Koprivnica is on track to demonstrate.

PROJECT NEWS

LOW-CARB 'AT LARGE' DURING MOBILITY WEEK

With EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK participation reaching record levels for a third straight year, LOW-CARB played its part from September 16-22! All partners, including [Koprivnica](#), [Brno](#), [Szeged](#), [Skawina](#) and [Parma](#) undertook specific activities and measures, while [Leipzig](#) led the way, engaging employees at their worksteads in the northern industrial area and beyond as they were informed about its public transport offer. Not only in Leipzig were consultations hosted to help identify future public transport investments and improvements. In Parma, e-transport services, including electric scooters, moved up the city's mobility agenda, Tiziana Benassi, the Deputy Mayor for Environmental Sustainability, launching pilot tests. Read more [here](#).



EVENTS

LOCAL TRAINING SERIES KICKS OFF IN POLAND

Together with Partnerska Inicjatywa Miast, Skawina hosted would-be low carbon mobility planners between October 15–17 to discuss e-mobility and #VisionZero. The workshop included two site visits: Jaworzno's velostrada and e-bus infrastructure and to see e-mobility solutions in Wola Duchacka. Experiencing mobility measures gives a big boost to those exploring alternatives, and so site visits and training are key to motivating transport practitioners. Twenty one such local language events are planned in 2019 and 2020 to improve skills, foster exchange and provide insights into LOW-CARB's pilots' results. Details will be in the Interreg calendar [here](#).

PEER-TO-PEER EXCHANGE CALL EXTENDED

LOW-CARB's 'Follower City Programme' has already wowed interest from as far afield as Batumi, Krakow's Metropolitan Area and Muszyna, the intermunicipal community of Oest, Porec and Tirana. But for the five envisaged peer-to-peer exchanges to succeed, LOW-CARB seeks to fill "all" free places. Our deadline has therefore been extended to March 1, 2019, so if your region, city or town lies within the [Interreg Central Europe](#) region and develops a SUMP for its functional urban area and/or foresees or undertakes a low-carbon mobility pilot measure, this is for you! [Apply](#) today to become one of our 18 exclusive followers!



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INTERVIEW

REALISING A LOW-CARB FUTURE

Following interviews with Szeged's [Sandor Nagy](#) and [Antonio Rizzi](#) of TEP Parma, the LOW-CARB Digest recently spoke to Ronald Juhrs, Managing Director of Technology and Operations at LVB, Leipzig's public transport company, about the city's new '2030 Strategy' and its forthcoming LOW-CARB action plan. Given that the company sits at the helm of the LOW-CARB project, we also asked him to share his views on the project at the midway stage. His [responses](#) make for a fascinating read.



BEYOND LOWCARB

SHARED MOBILITY SOLUTIONS

Shared bikes are lauded as a clean and effective alternative to motorised transport in urban areas, and indeed the LOW-CARB project will make its own investments into station-based systems. However, the advent of competing 'free-floating' schemes has brought 'bike litter' to city streets and forced the introduction of new regulations. A thought-provoking 'Innovation Brief' on the pros and cons of dockless-bikes by Hungary-based Mobilissimus was recently released by CIVITAS PROSPERITY and compares how Vienna in Austria and New York City have managed their entry into the rapidly evolving marketplace. The secret it seems, is to introduce them as last-mile solutions in the peripheries of functional urban areas. But dedicated bicycle racks, marked hubs (see picture) or 'geofenced' spaces are solutions too. Download '[Regulating dockless bike sharing](#)'.

