Urban Mobility within Sustainable Urban Development – supported by the European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020

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Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

- 351,8 billion Euros for investment in Europe’s regions and cities
  - Targeted at 274 Regions

- Objective: deliver growth and jobs EU-wide

- Cohesion policy is delivered under shared management of the European Commission and the Member States:
  - Partnership Agreement as strategic document on national level
  - Operational Programmes for concrete measures on regional level
Eligibility map 2014-20

Less developed region (GDP/head: less than 75%)
Transition regions (GDP/head between 75% and 90%)
More developed region (GDP/head: more than 90%)

Thematic dimension: **Concentration on Europe 2020 priorities**

**Smart growth**
- Research & Innovation
- ICT
- SME

**Sustainable growth**
- Low-carbon
- Resource-efficiency
- Risk-prevention
- Transport

**Inclusive growth**
- Employment
- Social inclusion
- Education

Territorial dimension: **Integrated strategies and actions**

- Urban neighbourhoods
- Cities and towns
- Functional urban areas, metropolitan regions
- Other functional economic or geographic areas
- Rural areas

Urban ⇔ rural linkages

**Regional & Urban policy**
Funding Sustainable Urban Mobility

- 2007-2013: 7.9 billion Euros (9.6% of the ERDF and Cohesion Fund for transport) was allocated to urban transport and the promotion of clean urban transport.

- The development of a sustainable multi-modal mobility is still one of the key challenges for European cities.

- This is reflected in the architecture of the European Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 where urban mobility plays an important role for the objective of achieving a shift to a low carbon economy in Europe.
European Structural and Investment Funds for Urban Mobility (2014-2020)

- The use of funds is possible for investments in urban mobility when contributing to low carbon strategies.

- A multi-modal urban mobility needs to be taken into account.

- Strategies should focus on making non-car mobility and public transport more attractive. This should include an accessible public transport for all users.

- Investments in urban mobility should be accompanied by additional measures to ensure a broad take up of supported new transport systems.
European Structural and Investment Funds for Urban Mobility (2014-2020)

- Urban mobility measures can be funded as part of an integrated, sustainable urban development (Article 7 ERDF regulation).

- Investments in urban mobility then need to be part of an integrated urban development strategy addressing economic, environmental, climate, demographic and social challenges in urban areas. This should also include transport.

- When preparing plans for a sustainable urban mobility it is important to address functional urban areas and a linkage between urban and rural areas.
Developing a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP)

- There is no ex-ante conditionality to have a SUMP but it is strongly recommended when applying for funds.

- The development of SUMP s can be funded by European Structural and Investment funds 2014-2020.

- Implementation of projects based on mobility plans can be funded if they are in line with the Operational programme and address the relevant thematic objectives.

- Contact the Managing Authority in your region: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/manage/authority/authority_en.cfm
Urban Development activities from DG REGIO

- **Innovative actions in the area of sustainable urban development (Article 8 ERDF regulation)**
  - To promote innovative and experimental demonstration projects of EU interest
  - 330 Mio. Euros (7 years), first call 2015

- **Urban development network (Article 9 ERDF regulation)**
  - Direct dialogue between European Commission and cities implementing integrated urban development and innovative actions
  - Conference on 9th October 2014 in Brussels

- **URBACT III** ([www.urbact.eu](http://www.urbact.eu))
  - Programme within European Territorial Cooperation programme will continue, first call 2015
Time planning

- All Partnership Agreements between the Member States and the European Commission have been submitted.

- The Partnership Agreement with Poland was adopted on 23th May 2014.

- In parallel negotiations with regions about Operational Programmes continue.

- The adoption of all programmes is planned under the current Commission.
Further Information

Regional Policy – Inforegio

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/index_en.cfm

Urban Mobility Guidance

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/information/guidelines/index_en.cfm
Thank you very much for your attention!

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Special Report of the European Court of Auditors

Effectiveness of EU-supported public urban transport projects

- Audit of 26 public urban transport projects in 11 cities in 5 Member States
- Problems: Underutilisation of projects, implementation delays, cost overruns

Recommendations:

- Monitor quality of services with indicators and surveys
- Better estimation of expected users
- Comparison of different modes of transport
- Urban transport projects should be included in a sound mobility policy
Cohesion policy

Allocations in 2007-2013 by category

Another €6.3 bn are allocated to clean urban transport under the environmental protection and risk prevention priority theme.

Total allocations for transport: €75 bn, or some 22% of the budget.

This compares to approx. €50bn in 2000-2006 ERDF & CF (some 54% for roads and 25% for rail).
What kind of investments can be supported by European Structural and Investment Funds?

Cities/regions select operations, but funding can be used for:

- **Clean fuel and vehicles** (e.g. electric, gas, hydrogen) to reduce transport related air pollution
- **Intelligent urban transport** covering a functional urban area, in order to improve urban-rural linkages
- Integrated, sustainable and accessible **urban mobility concepts/plans** including public transport, cycling and walking (f. ex. also a sustainable urban mobility plan, SUMP).

- Investments should be focused on urban areas and need to contribute to the specific thematic objective.