Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan Competence Centre for Baltic Sea Region

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Abbreviations

- SUMP – Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan;
- PT – public collective transport;
- CC – Competence Centre
- BSR – Baltic Sea Region
Baltic Sea Region

- Long tradition of cooperation (Hanseatic League);
- First EU’s “macro-region”;
- Competitive economies (according to The Global Competitiveness Index 2012-2013: Finland – 3rd, Sweden – 4th, Germany – 6th, Denmark – 12, Norway – 15th, Estonia – 34th, Poland 41st, Lithuania 45th, Latvia 55th, Russian Fed. – 67th);
- Different level of maturity of economic, planning and urban transport systems;

Source: http://www.nordregio.se
SUMP and required actions at the level of Baltic Sea Region

“Many challenges require action at the level of BSR. Responses at national or local level may be inadequate. Four key challenges have been identified as requiring our urgent attention. They are:

• to enable sustainable environment;
• to enhance the region’s prosperity;
• to increase accessibility and attractiveness;
• to ensure safety and security in the region.”

A need for SUMP? A Polish perspective

Prerequisites for SUMP in Poland

- Complexity;
- Political support and acceptance;
- Social support based on vast involvement and consultations with different stakeholders;
- Specificity of modal split of CEE cities (still high share of PT);
- Need for change in legal environment to achieve mass effect;
- Limited direct transferability of foreign examples (adjustment to local conditions required).
Two competence centres for sustainable urban mobility planning were established within CIVITAS-DYN@MO. The first one covers the Baltic Sea Region (BSR) and another is established for the South-Eastern Europe (Koprivnica). In addition, a Competence centre on electromobility was established in Aachen.

The activities of the competence centre (CC) focus on:
• helping cities in developing their SUMPs;
• Forming additional learning opportunities and knowledge exchange in the project and beyond;
• Trainings and learning facilities.
CC on SUMP in BSR action plan

The activities of the CC includes:

- establishing an online platform;
- awareness raising events for local politicians;
- technical trainings for experts/administrative staff in cities;
- thematic seminars & workshops on special challenges e.g. through peer reviews;
- bringing best practices from the BSR to the online platform;
- collecting information to the online platform in different BSR languages (all partners);
- promoting the CC and the services to cities in the region (UBC EnvCom and TransCom);
- preparing a plan for the continuation of the competence centre after the project.
Our activities

- Seminar „Transport plans and sustainable urban mobility planning in Poland”, Sopot, May 2013;
- Workshop on SUMP in the framework of 21st Conference „Transopot, Challenges of transport development in 21st century”;
- Data base on public transport development plans in Poland;
- Formal letter of cooperation to be signed in Koprivnica in October 2014;
- Research on willingness to transform public transport plans into SUMP (starting in June 2014) – Poland and Croatia.
Thank you!

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