EU transport policy and Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans

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The challenges of urban mobility

- Many urban areas suffer from severe congestion
- Urban mobility accounts for 23% of CO$_2$ emissions from transport (continued dependence on oil)
- Cities in virtually all MS struggle to meet legal requirements for ambient air quality
- Urban road accidents account for some 40% of all road fatalities (approx. 11,000 per year)
- Balanced development and integration of different modes
Citizens care

Eurobarometer survey 2013

- A substantial majority of Europeans believe that air pollution (81%), road congestion (76%), travelling costs (74%), accidents (73%) and noise pollution (72%) are serious problems within cities.

- Less than a quarter of Europeans believe that the urban traffic situation will improve in the future (24%) and most believe it will stay the same (35%) or get worse (37%).

- Situation not same across EU: 'Mobility gap'
Meeting the challenge

• We need to address present urban mobility problems

• To ensure that urban areas develop along a more sustainable path and are fit for the future;

• To ensure that key EU objectives in transport and related policy areas are met.

• "Addressing the problems of urban mobility is one of the great challenges in transport today" – VP Kallas

• Organising urban mobility primarily for local authorities

• But action needed across all levels of government
EU support for sustainable urban mobility

EU-wide policy debate

Research and innovation

Platforms for exchange and cooperation

Targeted financial support
Towards "SUMPs"

- Commission facilitated an exchange between relevant actors – city representatives, urban planners, academics, ...

- How to become more effective in developing urban policies for better and more sustainable urban transport?

- What are good practices in modern urban transport planning?

- A concept for 'Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans'
A concept for Sustainable Urban Mobility

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A CONCEPT FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY PLANS

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Together towards competitive and resource-efficient urban mobility
Practical tools that help apply the SUMP concept in practice
What next?

- Keep the EU-wide exchange and cooperation on sustainable urban mobility planning going

- European Platform on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans

- Member States Expert Group Urban Mobility
What next?

- Ensure take up of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans across the Union

- Commission will continue to promote the concept

- Urban Mobility Package calls for action in and by Member States:
  - to adapt the SUMP concept to national and local circumstances and planning practices;
  - to create the right conditions for the successful development and implementation of SUMPs
What next?

- Continued targeted financial support for the development and implementation of SUMP

- Financial support through the instruments of EU cohesion policy (2014-2020)
Thank you for your attention!

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The urban mobility package:
ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/urban/ump_en.htm