



# **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<sub>2</sub> 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 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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ANNEX 1

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**A CONCEPT FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY PLANS**

to the

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN  
PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

**Together towards competitive and resource-efficient urban mobility**



European  
Commission

*Planning for People*



**Practical tools  
that help apply the SUMP  
concept in practice**

## **GUIDELINES**

DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A  
SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY PLAN



## 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](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/urban/ump_en.htm)