

## Minutes of the Fifth Coordinating Group meeting of EU-supported action on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans

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### 1. ATTENDANCE

The first day of the meeting was attended by the following people: **Rob Jeuring** (Ecorys, Techn. support for the promotion of sust. urban mobility in third countries), **Thomas Mourey** (Polis, SUMP award), **Olav Lewald** (City of Bielefeld , citymobilnet), **Guy Hitchcock** (Ricardo-AAE, Urban Roadmaps Tool), **Fabio Tomasi** (Trieste Area Science park, SIMPLA), **Madeleine Kelly** (DG Move) , **Nicolas Hauw** (Polis, SATELLITE), **Robert Pressl** (FGM-Amor, PROSPERITY), **Susanne Bohler-Beadeker** (Rupprecht Consult SATELLITE/SUMPS-Up), **Irinina Rotaru** (PROSPERITY), **Ana Dragutescu** (ICEI, SUMPS-UP), **Andree Woodcock** (University of Coventry, SUITS), **Dima Fadda** (Arcadis UK, EVIDENCE), **Robert Szmigielski** (SUMPS-up, ELTIS), **Christof Marx** (EASME).

### 2. OPENING BY THE CHAIR

(Teije Gorris (DTV Consultants), Madeleine Kelly, (DG MOVE))

- Welcome and introduction by the chair (Teije Gorris)
- Short introduction round

### 3. UPDATES ON THE EC URBAN MOBILITY POLICY

(Madeleine Kelly, DG Move)

- There was a reorganisation at DGMOVE. Urban Mobility has moved to **Directorate B – Investment, Innovative & Sustainable Transport**, within **Unit B4 – Sustainable & Intelligent Transport**. Isabelle and Madeleine are in close contact with regard to the handover of the SUMP dossier.
- The central element of the Urban Mobility Package is the Communication "Together towards competitive and resource efficient urban mobility".
- It is complemented by an annex that sets out the concept of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans, as well as four Staff Working Documents on urban logistics , urban access regulations , deployment of Intelligent Transport System solutions in urban areas , and urban road safety.
- Recently several new policy notes were released by CIVITAS WIKI and CAPITAL (available on [www.civitas.eu](http://www.civitas.eu) ).



- European mobility week last September had a record breaking participation rate of 2.427 cities from 51 countries.

Link to Member States Expert Group on Urban Mobility: <http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=3165> Last July the EC low emission mobility strategy was adopted. Main elements of the Strategy:

- **Increasing the efficiency of the transport system** by making the most of digital technologies, smart pricing and further encouraging the shift to lower emission transport modes,
- **Speeding up the deployment of low-emission alternative energy for transport**, such as advanced biofuels, renewable electricity and renewable synthetic fuels and removing obstacles to the electrification of transport
- **Moving towards zero-emission vehicles.** While further improvements to the internal combustion engine will be needed, Europe needs to accelerate the transition towards low- and zero-emission vehicles
- CIVITAS H2020 calls are out (mobility for growth) – three interesting topics: urban innovation , smart electric mobility in cities and innovative process of integrating urban nodes in TEN-T network corridors.

## 4. PRESENTATION ABOUT THE SUMP COORDINATION GROUP

(Christof Marx from EASME) (*Presentation available*)

- Christof used to manage the IEE program (focus on energy efficiency) and was involved in the initiation of the SUMP platform.
- Christof explains the history of the group.
- Transport is a shared responsibility between EU and the member states. However, local authorities should not be left alone and supported where possible. This was the rationale for the Urban Mobility Package that was launched in 2013. This brought together:
  - o Calls for action from member states.
  - o Commitment to reinforce EU support.
  - o Outline of the concept of SUMP to support a new approach to mobility planning.
  - o Support for cities to develop SUMP.
  - o Recommendations for coordinated action.
  - o Commits to setting up a platform on support to coordinated EU action and to provide a one stop-shop-portal (this group is part of this).
- Consecutive actions of the UMP resulted in a plethora of SUMP related projects – a platform was needed to coordinate between projects.
- Objectives of the platform:
  - o Support the further development of SUMP.
  - o Provide a one-stop-shop.

- Realise synergies from coordination and cooperation across different actions.
- Increase the visibility for the EU supported actions on sump.
- Led by DGMOVE, involves relevant actors
  - INEA involved as management of several projects.
  - REGIO.
  - EIB/JASPERS.
  - Projects.
- Membership: projects are invited to be represented for the time they are running
- Different elements of the platform:
  - Common visual identity is available to brand deliverables from the individual projects. The outside world identifies the key documents of the individual projects as related to the SUMP topic
  - ELTIS website is available since 2000 to draw all information together from different projects
  - Annual conference (Started small, but now one of the successes)
  - Coordinating group
    - Overview of activities, coordination cooperation, promotional opportunities,
    - identify key-publications, topics, tools. data, platform review
    - Sounding board feedback and comments
- DISCUSSION: How can interaction between group members be facilitated? The group meets twice a year. The secretariat coordinates the agenda and follow-up of the action. Contact details of current and former members are available to the group enabling members to contact each other directly. The Eltis portal provides a members area for the Coordinating Group for document sharing. **Action:** Secretariat will look into different ways to facilitate tooling for exchange between members of our group. To be discussed next meeting. Group is invited to provide input and very much welcomed to coordinate this.

## 5. ROUNDTABLE PROJECT UPDATE

- **Rob Jeurig - The third countries cooperation project (DGMOVE):** Project is almost finished. In September the project organised a final study tour on urban logistics. The final newsletter is coming soon and the study visit report is almost finalised.
- **Guy – Urban Roadmaps project:** The tool was launched in April (SUMP conference in Bremen), 7 online training webinars were hosted. The tool is available and being used. promotional activities are going on (e.g. on the polis conference), final conference is coming-up in Sept 2017 (still looking for a way to cooperate on the final event in September, so if you have or know a similar event to team-up with Guy is interested).
- **Susanne – Satellite:** performed an analyses of sump related activities and topics of CIVITAS projects. Challenge produced a final brochure that contains city examples. Susanne can contribute and/or make contact. CIVITAS CAPITAL –SUMP advisory group presented results in June to the National member state representatives group.
- **Dima – Evidence:** project deliverables on website. Evidence was presented in a number of meetings, amongst others: the CIVITAS forum, in Australia, etc. The results were published in scientific journal: transport policy and practice. Planning

workshops and a final dissemination conference will take place end of February 2017.

- **Fabio – SIMPLA** – working on guidelines harmonization of SEAPs and SUMP. Past months SIMPLA organised focus groups for municipalities, regional and national agencies (results expected in 2 months). Now sharing the first drafts with stakeholders. Next year trainings will be launched.
- **New projects (PROSPERITY, CITYMOBILNET, SATELLITE, CIVITAS DEMO PROJECTS, SUMPS-UP)** – presented on the second day.

## 6. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE EU CONFERENCE ON SUMPS'S

(Robert Pressl) *(Presentation available)*

- PROSPERITY is in charge of the organisation of the 4<sup>th</sup> SUMP Conference, Dubrovnik (Croatia), 29-30 March.
- Programme will follow same structure as last year. This means the program will have plenary sessions and parallel sessions in 4 streams. The following topics are suggested for the themes.
  - o The big picture.
  - o External support.
  - o The integration and innovation challenge.
  - o Planning techniques.
- The group is invited to provide suggestions for items for the consecutive streams. These will be considered in the programme development.
- The theme for the conference has not yet been decided upon. A brainstorm about the title resulted in: INTELLIGENT PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

## 7. PRESENTATION ABOUT THE SUMP AWARD 2017

(Thomas Mourey, POLIS) *(Presentation available)*

- The SUMP Award is part of the European MobilityWeek. The Objectives are to encourage adoption of SUMPs, showcase successful cases and to
- reward cities that are doing well. It is targeted at local authorities in the EU.
- Theme for the SUMP Award 2017: Freight in Sustainable Mobility Planning. Integration of urban freight transport in sustainable urban mobility planning.
- Why: urban freight has a significant impact on economy and freight transport has an significant impact on urban traffic related impacts.
- 12 applications have been received of which 11 proved to legitimate. These are currently evaluated. The reward will be handed over during a ceremony in March 2017.
- Next year's European Mobility Week theme: clean, shared and intelligent mobility.

## 8. TOOLS TO SUPPORT THE SUMP PROCESS

(Guy Hitchcock, Ricardo) (*Presentation available*)

- Quite some tools have been developed to support sustainable urban mobility planning. For users it is not always clear which tools are available, when in the process to use them and how to use them. Developers of the tools face the challenge in bringing the tools to the users and having the tools actually being used.
- Eltis.org has a section hosting tools and a particular section dedicated to tools to support the SUMP process. There might be room for improving how the tools are presented.
- A discussion on the available tools and experiences with the tools follows. Conclusion: the presentation of the tools could be improved by explicitly linking them to steps in the SUMP cycle. **ACTION:** Eltis Secretariat will explore the possibilities/limitations together with Guy.
- In general: project coordinators are requested to promote the Eltis portal and its content to cities involved in their projects and networks.

## DAY 2

The second day of the meeting was attended by the following people: **Claire Depré** (MOVE), **Rob Jeuring** (Ecorys, Techn. support for the promotion of sust. urban mobility in third countries), **Thomas Mourey** (Polis, SUMP award), **Olav Lewald** (City of Bielefeld , citymobilnet), **Guy Hitchcock** (Ricardo-AAE, Urban Roadmaps Tool), **Fabio Tomasi** (Trieste Area Science park, SIMPLA), **Madeleine Kelly** (DG Move), **Nicolas Hauw** (Polis, SATELLITE), **Robert Pressl** (FGM-Amor, PROSPERITY), **Susanne Boehler-Beadeker** (Rupprecht Consult SATELLITE/SUMPS-Up), **Irinina Rotaru** (PROSPERITY), **Ana Dragutescu** (ICEI, SUMPS-UP), **Andree Woodcock** (University of Coventry, SUITS), **Dima Fadda** (Arcadis UK, EVIDENCE), **Walter Mauritsch** (INEA), **Chirstof Marx** (EASME), **Joachim Schneider** (EIB-JASPERS), **Vincent Leiner** (DG REGIO).

## 9. OPENING OF DAY 2 BY THE CHAIR

(Teije Gorris (DTV Consultants), Madeleine Kelly, (DG MOVE))

Welcome to the head of Unit Sustainable Intelligent transport, Claire Depré.

Claire – explains the importance of the SUMP concept for the EU’s policy. She highlights the importance of learning for the commission – The EC would like to learn what works in the projects and what does not work. Lessons learned should be exchanged. She looks forward to working with the group.

## 10. SUMP IN THE NETHERLANDS

(Teije Gorris, ELTIS) (*Presentation available*)

- Planning practice in the Netherlands is extensive and has a long history. The question is what does SUMP add?
- As part of CIVINET Netherlands/Flanders this was investigated. A student (bachelor thesis) analysed planning practice in 10 municipalities. The SUMP self-evaluation tool was used for assessment.
- On average the Netherlands scores okay on the six different aspects on SUMP.
- The results of the SUMP classification score. Avg scores are between 42-64 however 6/10 lack 1 or 2 essential questions so cannot be classified as a SUMP. Most common questions missing and that should be improved were: Long-term vision, cooperation horizontal, and cooperation with other authorities. Nuance must be put here. Applying the assessment tool, the questions about 'cooperation' were interpreted in a strict way. Only if there was a structural cooperation this question was answered positively.
- Aim of these insights is to get best of both worlds (Dutch planning legacy and the SUMP methodology). A process was designed to support municipalities in assessing how to use the SUMP guidelines in such way that they fit the local circumstances, ambitions and priorities:
  - o Start with a check on the essential questions.
  - o Conduct a self-assessment to obtain insights points that need improvement.
  - o For common focal points suggestions are provided by means of free tools that could be used (scenario analysis, indicators, impact analysis, evidence).
  - o The guidelines is there to provide further guidance.
- Conclusions:
  - o Large overlaps between practices, guidance is necessary .
  - o Questions leave (too) much room for interpretation.
  - o Some questions are multi-aspect (too) difficult to answer with a yes/no.
  - o Difficult to use as self-assessment tool (due to language knowledge on SUMP guidelines, interpretation of questions, etc).
- Susanne explains that the self-assessment tool will be improved. The issues mentioned are being recognized. The tool works and serves its purpose, however the multi-dimensionality is an issue and it will be further improved. This assessment can help improving it.
- Nicolas: How are multi-level-government issues addressed in the tool. These are not addressed in the tool. Susanne explained that this is difficult because of several reasons but mainly because it will become too complex.

## 11. JASPERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME ON SUMP

(Joachim Schneider, EIB-JASPERS)

- JASPERS' involvement is focused at the countries that draw heavy on the structural funds (the new member states, Greece, Italy and Spain).
- JASPERS was initiated on an informal request of DG MOVE and DG REGIO. Currently a SUMP training programme on SUMP is provided. Reason was a time gap between the projects providing the trainings in the past and these that will do that in the future: e.g. PROSPERITY and SUMPS-UP.

- 9 countries applied for the training, Slovenia and Bulgaria already received the trainings, the remaining countries will receive the training before Christmas (If not before January).
- 6 of the training workshops take 2 –days, three take 1 day. Which can be attended by max 20-25 people and evaluated afterwards.
- Detailed training materials were developed:
  - o Contains a Case study (Any-town).
  - o Presentations (for each of the modules, included introduction into the topics based on Eltis).
  - o Worksheets with questions.
- One of the lessons learned is: trainings need to be customized per country. E.g. in Slovenia a train-the-trainer approach was developed. One of the issues in Slovenia was that concerned a sump cannot be done for smaller cities (e.g. with 5.000 inhabitants) a solution could be a SUMP on a more regional level).
- Second training was in Bulgaria. This also had also be given in Bulgarian. A challenge here was to translate the whole set of materials in Bulgarian (English was not an option). Materials are published on the website of the ministry.
- Experience with the Self-assessment tool: The tool is not used because: 1) time is too short to be used, 2) the tool is designed in such a way that only municipalities that have a plan are addressed (all questions are in past tense) 3) English/terminology is hard to use.
- Joachim can give a presentation of all the lessons learned at the SUMP conference in Croatia.

## 12. PRESENTATIONS OF THE NEW PROJECTS

**Walter Mauristch (INEA) (*Presentation available*)**

Explanation of the CIVITAS demonstration projects:

- PORTIS – Test innovative and SUM solutions in five EU port cities (Antwerp, Aberdeen, Trieste, Constanta, Klaipeda), Coordinated by: Stad Antwerpen, investment: 17,687M€, EC contribution: 16,702M€, start date: 01/09/2016, duration: 48 months.
- DESTINATIONS – Demonstrate and evaluate integrated packages of measures for enhancing sustainable mobility in small and medium cities facing a high touristic demand. Coordinated by: Horários do Funchal, investment: 19,9M€, EC contribution: 17,8M€ start date: 01/09/2016, duration: 48 months.
- ECCENTRIC - To relieve central areas through clean and efficient urban logistics, as well as to increase the attractiveness and sustainable mobility of suburban districts. Coordinated by: City of Madrid (ES), total investment: 19,3M€, EC contribution: 17,4M€, start date: 1/9/2016, duration: 48 months.

Central question is, who is willing to help the new projects with the SUMP related aspects (specific SUMP support needs are mentioned on the slides).

**Robbert PRESSL - CIVITAS PROSPERITY (*Presentation available*)**

- Broad the uptake of SUMP by involvement and activation of the national level by addressing their cultural level.
- Projects are invited to join the meetings organised as part of the PROSPERITY PROJECT

**Ana Dragutescu – SUMP's Up (*Presentation available*)**

- Project aims to accelerating momentum for SUMP's using a 4-step approach (validate, systemise, accelerate and secure).
- Focus on places where take-up is slow and externalities due to transport are severe.
- How to make sure that cities are not contacted multiple times? (this has the attention and is being addressed by the projects).

**Andree Woodcock – SUITS (*Presentation available*)**

- Aims to increase the capacity of S-M local authorities to develop and implement sustainable, inclusive, integrated and accessible transport strategies, policies, technologies, practices, procedures, tools, measures and intelligent transport systems
- Main interest is socio-technical systems – how do SUMP's integrate into the authorities? Understanding needs, develop resilience and developing soft skills.
- Developing a learning culture.

**Nicolas Hauw (Polis) – SATELLITE (*Presentation available*)**

- Organisation of the CIVITAS Forum, exchange Hub, and the website.
- All the tools mentioned are also dedicated/related to SUMP's.

**Olav Lewald (City of Bielefeld) - City Mobil Net (*Presentation available*)**

- City of Bielefeld is growing (like other cities in Germany). However the geographical layout of the city (divided by a forest) this requires special attention when planning for expansion.
- Bielefeld wanted an SUMP but only if there was funding for the development of a SUMP.
- UrbAct programme allowed for this, City Mobil Net has 11 partners, 10 countries and 600K funding, project runs from May 2016 – April 2018
- Philosophy is work locally, with local players, on local roundtables.

## **13. DISCUSSION ABOUT SYNERGIES**

Walter Mauritsch – discussion leader

- The new projects reach many cities by organising many workshops, trainings, guidelines, etc.
- Need for coordination of the outreach to stakeholders/cities/etc.
- Workshop in Gdynia - result was a first plan for coordination and the plan to make the MG 5.4 call projects form a comprehensive centre of gravity with an overall impact.
  - Ana – explains the results of the workshop. The following points for coordination were identified

- 1) One visual identity:
  - Cooperation with the SUMP coordination group.
  - Suggested name: The EU SUMP INITIATIVE.
  - No individual logo for the individual projects.
  - Branding of ELTIS.
  - Project websites under CIVITAS branding and linking from ELTIS to this EU SUMP initiative portal.
- 2) Joint development of new materials / new topics.
- 3) Joint training activities .
- 4) Joint management committee meetings.
- 5) Joint timing overview with milestones and deliverables.
- 6) Joint user assessment phase.
- 7) Ethics: joint strategy.
- 8) Joint coordination with other CIVITAS projects.
- 9) Geographical distribution of activities.
- 10) Track city contacts.
- 11) Cooperation in the identification of innovation in SUMP.
- 12) Sort out options for one joint SUMP assessment tool.
- 13) Joint dissemination.
- 14) Memorandum of understanding.
- 15) Standing agenda items.
- 16) Deliverables and milestones.

Teije asks the projects what synergies can be between their projects and the new projects and what their comments are:

- Vincent: Impressive that the projects came together. Branding remains an issue: CIVITAS was designed as an overarching brand like ELTIS/(European Platform on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans platform: we should not give this up. Vincent strongly suggests to keep the one-stop-shop idea. A discussion emerged between MOVE, INEA and REGIO about the suggested positioning and visual identity. Teije requested the Madeleine, Walter and Vincent to settle this matter trilaterally in a separate meeting.
- Joachim: The time has come to bridge gap between research and development and implementation. Jaspers is at the implementation site. Information and communication needs to be simplified – the platform is a good tool. It is the core source of information and is useful and especially useful for the implementation phase.
- Guy: making sure that the coordination effort keeps on going after the project ends.
- Dima: continuity – EVIDENCE wants to share their results with the new partners.
- Olaf: good access to the existing tools is very important. We have to face two types of cities: cities that are aware of SUMP and want to take initiative, and cities that need to be involved. One central point of entry for information is very important.
- Thomas: new projects increase the number of cities that can be reached.
- Fabio: Branding should be clear.
- Susanne – Challenge – the definition of key deliverables is important and could be a main bridge to the platform. The number of deliverables with Eltis Branding should be increased. This also strengthens the ELTIS brand.
- Teije – This starts with identify what we are doing:
  - We need to update the Excel sheet with the key deliverables
  - Activities: We need to update the list of activities.
  - City database: update the city database.



- Cities need to be aware of ELTIS – raise awareness.
- **ACTION:** the secretariat will coordinate the process by means of providing formats for deliverables and activities.
- **ACTION:** project coordinators will fill out formats and inform cities in their projects/networks.

## 14. UPDATE FROM DG REGIO - VINCENT LEINER

- Previously worked on the establishment of the SUMP platform at DG MOVE – shared a note that established the SUMP Platform, ie which basically describes how the platform (as announced in the Urban Mobility Package) would be set up in practice, and its aims (see Annex). Concept of SUMP is taking hold and is gaining momentum.
- NB also document (4-pager annexed to the Urban Mobility Package) that explains what a SUMP is. Elements that define a SUMP, the SUMP cycle is a process a way to get a SUMP. The annex is the benchmark it contains the elements.
- Main financing source: EU structural funds (REGIO) - 12 billion euros for urban transport development. What happens top-down should come together with what is happening on the ground (Projects in cities). DG REGIO wants projects to be involved in this platform.
- DG REGIO also needs insight in what are cities doing (>100.000 cities). The Eltis city database is often used and very useful. Appeal is to continue the effort on the database. Vincent forwarded a table of funding opportunities for cities from DG REGIO (see Annex), which shows which cities have access to which programmes, can this be integrated into Eltis.
- DG REGIO wants to urge the partners to keep filling-in the database.
- The country profiles are not available for all countries yet. Is anything foreseen on adding the country profiles. – recently updated based on information from Isabelle and her intern.
- The European Commission (DG REGIO and DG MOVE) is organising an URBAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK event bringing together cities to exchange knowledge and experiences in Smart, Innovative & Sustainable Urban Mobility on 23 November 2016 at Les Tanneurs in Brussels. This opportunity can be used to highlight the platform.

## 15. GROUP DISCUSSION ABOUT CASE STUDIES

Teije Gorris

- Due to time reasons this agenda item is only briefly addressed. Teije explains the need for in depth case studies on the different steps in the SUMP cycle, materials and a request for best practices will be send around. **ACTION** Teije

## 16. BRAINSTORM ABOUT SUMP INNOVATION

Robert Pressl

- How can we motivate cities that are already interested and working on SUMP to keep these involved and motivated?

- How can we increase quality of existing SUMP?
- Guy: innovation is important but what does innovation get you, and what is in it for the city?
- Vincent: Keep the cycle stable, instead of assessing the SUMP cycle again, keep it for the sake of stability.
- Discussion will be done over the mail due to time constraints.

## 17. AOB

- Fabio: the INTERREG MED programme – sustainable transport most of them are dealing with the SUMP topic. There could be possibilities for synergy there. Fabio will send the list with the abstracts of the INTERREG MED programme.
- GUY understanding urban accessibility, final deliverable is available by the end of the year. If you are interested in the seminar you can join (6th December Brussels).

## 18. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS 6<sup>TH</sup> CGM

1. **Secretariat** > will look into different ways and needs to facilitate tooling for exchange between members of our group. To be discussed next meeting.
2. **Secretariat** > will look into how we can facilitate the members in how use Eltis profiles. (e.g. how you can upload content, events etc.)
3. **ELTIS and NICLAS** > will see how they can bridge between Civitas Hub to Eltis. E.g. how can we link events, Teije and Nicolas will contact each other.
4. **ELTIS - Rob S** > will interview Guy for the newsletter to plug the Guys tool.
5. **DIMA Fadda** > Evidence deliverables will be checked whether they are also on Eltis
6. **Robert Pressl** > sends out the detailed programme of the coming SUMP conference to the members (10 pager). – before the end of this week. Reaction within the next two weeks.
7. **Robert Pressl** > sends out a new programme and his four questions (everybody can react to Robert).
8. **Eltis - Guy Hitchcock** > to investigate how we can link the tools on ELTIS to steps in the SUMP cycle.
9. **Ana** > will organise a workshop/meeting where lessons learned from the Jaspers training programme can be exchanged with the new SUMP-projects.
10. **Eltis** > will get in contact with JASPERS to see how training materials can be uploaded and disseminated through the ELTIS contact.
11. **ELTIS** > to send out:
  - Template Excel sheet with the key deliverables.
  - Template for the list of activities.
  - City database templates.

### Everybody to:

- Distribute city database template among the cities in their project and return filled in templates to us.
- Fill in the list with key deliverables and send it back to us.

- Fill in the list of activities and inform Eltis.
  - Enhance awareness of ELTIS with the cities.
12. **ELTIS** > To find out how we can incorporate the table that shows to which programmes the cities have access to of ELTIS.
  13. **Eltis** > to send out the specific needs on case studies on specific SUMP steps  
**Everyone** to react on this.
  14. **Robert** > to send around his need for ideas on innovation on SUMP. Everybody to respond to Robert. What are the next innovations in the SUMP Context.
  15. **Eltis** > to send out instructions on updating the member profiles, everybody: to update this.
  16. **Fabio** > will send the list with the abstracts of the INTERREG MED programme.
  17. **ELTIS** > To come with an idea on how can we keep on updating the city-base and the country profiles.
  18. **TEIJE** > (ongoing action from the 4<sup>th</sup> CGM) Check deliverable Alpine Community Check with PierPaolo Pentuci
  19. **TEIJE** > (ongoing action from the 4<sup>th</sup> CGM) Dutch workshop on SUMP NL on Eltis portal > this will be replaced by a news item.

## ANNEX: ABOUT THE SUMP COORDINATION GROUP



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
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Directorate C - Innovative & sustainable mobility  
C.1 - Clean transport & sustainable urban mobility

Brussels,

### European Platform on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans

#### Introduction

The Urban Mobility Package announced the Commission's intention to set up a Platform on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans, to provide a "one-stop shop" for all interested parties and to "support the further development of the [SUMP] concept and the tools required for its successful application by local planning authorities, by coordinating all relevant Commission-supported activities and fostering broader exchange."

The Commission also announced "to develop the present mobility plans portal [[www.mobilityplans.eu](http://www.mobilityplans.eu)] into a comprehensive knowledge and competence centre, which will consolidate information on urban transport planning from across the EU."

#### The present situation: A plethora of EU-supported actions

The Commission has been supporting – through tenders and grants – activities related to the development, promotion and uptake of the concept of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans for many years. (Presently, some ten consortia receive EU funding for working on the topic.) These consortia currently operate rather independently from each other: in implementing their activities, organising events, etc. Each project also has its own visual identity and dissemination channels (such as their project websites.) Several of the actions are managed currently by EASME, others by MOVE.

#### Rationale for a Platform on Sustainable Urban Mobility

The establishment of the Platform on Sustainable Urban Mobility plans and future development of the mobility plans portal aim at

- increasing the visibility for EU-supported action on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans;
- realising synergies from coordination and cooperation across the different actions; and



- providing interested parties with a "one-stop shop".

### Elements of the Platform

The Platform is being realised with the existing EU projects and tenders. No additional resources are needed to launch the platform

The following main features of the Platform have been or are being established:

- A Platform Secretariat that will support the coordinating group and serve as a central contact point ("one-stop shop") for all inquiries from inside and outside the Platform. The Secretariat is presently provided through the 'Eltis' tender (Contact: Secretariat: Rob Jeurig; [enquiries@mobilityplans.eu](mailto:enquiries@mobilityplans.eu). Commission project officer: Christoph Marx at EASME).
- A coordinating group which brings together representatives from the different actions and Commission staff<sup>1</sup>. Meetings of the coordination group are jointly organised by the Secretariat; EASME; and MOVE. The next meeting is foreseen for autumn 2014.
- The mobility plans portal as a common Platform website ("one-stop shop") to disseminate relevant information, publications, and tools from the various EU-supported actions. The current website [www.mobilityplans.eu](http://www.mobilityplans.eu) will be integrated into the Urban Mobility Observatory Eltis ([www.eltis.org](http://www.eltis.org)) and redesigned to cover all activities of the Platform (i.e. all relevant SUMP) project and not only those carried out by through the Eltis tender (as is presently the case.)
- A common visual identity, replacing the confusing array of present project logos and acronyms;
- Events like seminars, trainings, working groups, etc., managed and disseminated via an shared events calendar (accessible via the Platform website);
- A central conference organised with resources available in the present projects – The European Conference on Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning ("one-stop shop"). The first conference took place on 11-13 June 2014 in Sopot, Poland, organised in joint effort between the ENDURANCE project, EASME, and MOVE. MOVE, REGIO, and EASME attended the event. (For more details see relevant mission report.)
- A "SUMP database" with information on urban transport planning and SUMP-related activities, covering all 28 Member States.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> A first meeting of the group took place on 30 January 2014 in Brussels, which was primarily used to develop an overview of relevant EU-supported activities and what they do, as well as to define possible areas of shared interests and for close cooperation. A list of the present members of this group is provided in the annex.

<sup>2</sup> The Secretariat has provided a proposal for database concept. The database would collect relevant data for cities associated with EU SUMP activities, eventually information covering all cities in EU with more than 100,000 inhabitants (some 400 cities), as well as selected smaller towns and cities. Database information will be made (partly) public via Portal website.



- A Platform newsletter. To avoid a proliferation in newsletters, the monthly Eltis newsletter will be focus every three to four months on SUMPS specifically, thereby becoming the 'Platform newsletter.'
- "Virtual platforms" for online discussion and exchange (via website)

#### Next steps:

- The majority of current SUMP projects and tenders are financed through the STEER programme and managed by EASME. For the future, it will need to be ensured that, e.g. through Horizon 2020, relevant activities will **continue to receive funding**.
- Most importantly, the central Eltis project, which maintains the Eltis website and provides many central services for the functioning of the SUMP platform, will conclude mid-2015. It needs to be explored with C.2 how **continuity** can be ensured through a new tender/project.
- Organisation of **next year's conference**: EASME and MOVE. It is anticipated that the scope of the next two ENDURANCE conferences scheduled for 2015 and 2016 will be widened to enable the hosting of the 2nd and 3rd European Conference on Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning.
- Eltis and EASME, in particular, are working towards setting up the new Eltis website which will also include the central website for the SUMP platform. It has been agreed that the launch of the new website will also mark the **'formal' launch of the Platform on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans** announced in the urban mobility package. Appropriate press material should be prepared.

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## **ANNEX: CITIES WITH PROGRAMMES WITH INVESTMENTS IN SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY.XLS**

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