Metropolitan regions

Sustainable urban mobility planning and governance models in EU metropolitan regions

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What is a metropolitan region? (and why do we need a dedicated guide?)

- 28 capital city metropolitan regions
- 249 other metropolitan regions
- 59% of the EU population
- 62% of EU employment
- 67% of EU GDP
Metropolitan regions’ guide

- Offering support for sustainable urban mobility planning at metropolitan scale
- Providing a common definition, examples and guiding principles on different aspects and steps of the planning process
- Taking into account different institutional context conditions and governance structures
A variety of governance models

- informal/soft coordination
- inter-municipal structures
- supra-municipal authorities
Lessons learned (an extract)

Governance and working structures

• Institutionalisation of the role of metropolitan regions

• Supra-municipal authorities must develop SUMP in close cooperation with the local administrations;

• When no metropolitan governance exists, specific cooperation schemes are needed to supervise and guide the process
Lessons learned (an extract)

Integrated and participated strategy development

• Integration with other sectorial strategies is fundamental
• Use of targeted and tailored participatory approaches
• Different measures and policies for specific sub-areas (municipalities or even micro-areas)
Lessons learned (an extract)

Assess of current and future performance

• Common sets of performance indicators, the development of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and data observatories under the close cooperation between metropolitan and all the other relevant authorities will provide all the data needed throughout the SUMP process.
Lessons learned (an extract)

Measures implementation

• Develop formal or informal cooperation schemes for a harmonised SUMP implementation;

• Package measures smartly, and ensure complementary with spatial planning strategies to meet objectives more effectively;

• Ensure long-term and cross-party funding schemes for the implementation of sustainable transport infrastructure across the metropolitan region;

• Ensure a realistic and detailed budget calculation for each proposed measure and their correlation with the national, regional and local funding schemes
Your contribution

- Share your experience with sustainable urban mobility planning at metropolitan scale
- Share your challenges on planning at metropolitan level
- Feedback on the presented main messages
Thank you!