

LEPT eBulletin – November 2018

Welcome to the LEPT eBulletin

NEWS

Second DiscoverEU launched

After the success of its first edition with 15,000 free Interrail passes, the European Commission announced recently the launch of a second edition. Applications will be opening on 29 November and closing on 11 December 2018. A great opportunity to discover Europe for free for all 18-year-olds! [More info here](#).

New European Coordinator for Road Safety announced

Matthew Baldwin [has been appointed as European coordinator for road safety in October 2018](#). He will continue his role as Deputy Director General in DG MOVE, combining his new responsibility with work on sustainable urban mobility, and in relation to vulnerable road users.

Athens named European Capital of Innovation 2018

Read the European Commission's full press release [here](#).

European Mobility Week – Car free day reaches peak

The 2018 [European Mobility Week](#) took place in September with a record attendance of 2,800 towns from over 50 countries. The car-free day, the flagship initiative of the event, was carried out by 1,145 participants and over 1,200 declared they had taken permanent measures in relation to it.

Three new CIVITAS Innovation Briefs

CIVITAS recently published three briefs:

on a possible [regulation of dockless bike-sharing](#), including examples from Vienna and New-York

on the use of [digital tools to gather urban data](#)

on [cultural and recreational activities as catalysts for sustainable urban mobility](#)

Public consultation on Connected and automated mobility launched by the EU

This [public consultation](#) aims to identify the main challenges linked to the deployment of connected and automated vehicles today from the general public and relevant stakeholders, amongst which local authorities.

Key takeaways from European Cities leading innovation for urban development published

During the European Week of Regions and Cities, UITP organised an event aimed at sharing urban innovation ideas. The key themes that emerged are gathered [here](#).

EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Horizon 2020: 2019 Calls for Proposal

There are currently 9 open call for proposals that correspond to Borough priorities. They identify topics such as: noise monitoring, low-emission logistics operations, safety in transport, supporting an inclusive digital innovation ecosystem, improving connectivity, developing automated vehicles fleets and updating charging infrastructure for electric vehicles.

The timescale for bidding varies according to the nature of the call: 16 January 2019 or 25 April 2019. Further information on calls for proposals and details on how to apply are available on the [programme's website](#), and LEPT has also produced a [briefing](#) regarding those opportunities.

Urban Innovative Actions: Fourth Call for Proposal

The fourth call opened on 15 October 2018 and will close on 31 January 2019. It focuses on four topics: [digital transformation](#), [sustainable use of land and nature based solutions](#), urban poverty and urban security. The first two can be of relevance to transport teams in Boroughs.

Some of the key topics for digital transformation include implementing smart city solutions, enabling citizen-centric eGovernment, encouraging open data or modernising city's infrastructure and services. The sustainable use of land and nature-based solutions call could also be of relevance. Amongst others, it encourages the incorporation of green infrastructure in urban regeneration, re-use of vacant land, mitigating climate change through renaturing of spaces, or tacking urban sprawl.

Further information on calls for proposals and details on how to apply are available on the [programme's website](#).

INTERREG NORTH-WEST EUROPE: Closing of Eight Call for Proposal

The eight call for proposal had opened in June and its second stage bidding will be closing on 22 November 2018. Although the process is coming to an end, there might be opportunities to join an already established proposal as a partner. More information on it can be found on the [programme's website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

27 November 2018, [How to attract women in the transport sector?](#), Brussels, Belgium

28-29 November 2018, [Results from road transport research in H2020 projects](#), Brussels, Belgium

06 December 2018, [Transport Day 2018](#) at [COP24](#), Katowice, Poland

17 December 2018, [Multimodal sustainable transport - which role for the internalisation of external costs?](#), Brussels, Belgium

The above events are free. Details of both free and paid conferences can be found on [LEPT's website](#).