LEPT eBulletin – January 2019

Welcome to the LEPT eBulletin, and Happy New Year!

SPOTLIGHT ON…

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology's [Moral Machine](#). One of the main challenges facing automated vehicles is the question of AI and human decision making process. To understand better how humans respond to situations of danger whilst driving, and what choices they make, the MIT is running a website where anyone can participate by comparing situations and making moral choices. The results will help researchers and engineers understand the human perception of moral dilemmas facing the machines.

EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & PROGRAMMES

URBACT: Opening of call
The objective of Action Planning Networks is to make 7 to 10 cities come together to test out common solutions to a specific urban sustainability challenge. They have identified ten main challenges. T04 (supporting the shift to a low carbon economy), T05 (promoting climate change adaptation) and T07 (promoting sustainable transport) are particularly relevant. For this call URBACT has invited authorities that haven't in the past been involved with the programme to join. The call is open until 17 April 2019.
An [information day](#) will be taking place on 5 February 2019 in London.

Interreg North West Europe:
A call has opened in December for proposals around 'innovative products, processes and technologies contributing to CO2 reduction and the green economy'. It will close in June 2019. Read more [here](#).

Urban Innovative Actions (UIA): Closing of call on 31 January 2019
The fourth call for proposals will be closing on 31 January 2019. LEPT produced a detailed [briefing](#) on that call, and more information can be found on [UIA's website](#).

Apply now to join CIVITAS peer to peer exchanges across the EU
CIVITAS, the EU network of cities dedicated to green transport has announced a number of [learning and exchange events](#) for 2019. Budapest, Cascais or Cologne are amongst the destinations.

Opportunities to join ongoing projects or current bids
Please [contact us](#) if you wish to hear more on current opportunities to join calls.

NEWS

EU ministers agree on CO2 emission standards for trucks
For the first time, a standard has been set for heavy-duty vehicles' CO2 emissions. [The Environment Council](#) has announced a planned reduction of 15% on average by 2025, and 30% by 2030.

Mayor of London launches Cycling action plan
Complementing his Transport Strategy, the Mayor of London published in December his action plan to increase the uptake of cycling. Read more about this on [LEPT's website](#).

Barcelona to host a new EU urban mobility centre

The winner of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology competition for Urban Mobility is a consortium of over 45 partners from 15 countries. MOBiLus, Mobility for Liveable Urban Space, will be based in the Spanish city.

Breda (NL) wins 2019 Access City Award
The Dutch city was announced in December to be the winner of the Access City Award. The city had been focusing on improving accessibility for citizens with disabilities.

London Santander Cycles breaks use record in 2018
More than 10.5 m journeys were made using Santander bikes in the past year, with an average of almost 30,000 bikes hired a day. Read TfL's press release here.

Call for contribution for the 20ᵗʰ International Conference on Walking and Liveable Communities (Walk21)
Walk21 has opened a call for contribution around inclusion, health and smart city problematics. Any local authority can submit their project or the initiative they wish to put forward for this conference that will be taking place in Rotterdam in early October 2019.

WHAT LEPT IS READING

Cities in action. Stories of change – URBACT
URBACT's magazine of December presents, amongst others, some urban mobility success stories. Urban freight management in Poland or co-constructed urban mobility in Bielefeld, Germany: an inspiring read.

The battle to be the Amazon (or Netflix) of transport – The Conversation
The article deals with the uptake of urban problems by high-tech companies, and what it could mean for cities and citizens.

Urban air mobility: the future of smart transport – Government Europa
An interview of Dr. Vassilis Agouridas (Airbus, EIP-SCC Urban Air Mobility) on how air transport can have a positive impact on the urban sustainability agenda. Advantages as well as challenges of tomorrow's airborne transport are presented.

European Vehicle Market Statistics – The International Council on Clean Transportation
The ICCT has published its handbook on the EV market in the EU. With Germany and France, the UK accounts for nearly 60% of the EU sales of EVs.

2019: The year of the micro-mobility revolution – Smart Cities World
This opinion piece by the CEO of a transport tech company puts forward possible trends for the year to come. Amongst these: increased autonomy, micro-mobility solutions (e-scooters and such), flexi-buses and new public-private partnerships.

Aarhus encourages residents to trial alternative means of commuting - Eltis
After four years of work on smart mobility, the Danish city has now published the results of its pilot projects, which tried to counterbalance the effects of its attractiveness. This case study for Eltis focuses on 2 of the 22 pilots: '365 days by bike' and 'super commuters'.

The FINAL word on free-floating electric scooters (for now) – The Urban Mobility Daily
They are not in use in the UK, but electric scooters have recently been invading European cities. Read an opinion piece by Ross Douglas, founder of the Autonomy conference on why they should be allowed and regulated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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