

LEPT eBulletin – May 2019

Welcome to the LEPT eBulletin!

SPOTLIGHT ON

This year's [European Mobility Week](#) will be taking place from 16 to 22 September 2019. The website is now open for cities, NGOs, businesses and schools to register their actions. The chosen theme is 'Safe walking and cycling', and European local authorities are encouraged to take this opportunity to test out solutions and showcase achievements. Last year, the whole of London went car free for a day!

NEWS

Hackney Council awarded £200k to improve air quality

Following a successful application, [Hackney had been awarded a £200k grant from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' Air Quality Grant Scheme](#). The borough intends to use that money to extend its existing Zero Emissions Network to allow businesses and residents to switch to less pollutant modes of transport.

Polis and CIVITAS call for speakers

Both organisations are looking for speakers for their annual conferences, on a range of urban mobility topics (SUMPs, cycling, walking, freight, e-mobility, parking, safety, urban access regulations, automation, digitalisation...). The [Annual Polis Conference](#) will be taking place in Brussels on 27-28 November, and the [CIVITAS conference](#) in Graz from 2 to 4 October 2019.

More than 1,000 charge points installed on London lamp posts

Using seven suppliers and existing lamp post columns, [1076 charging points having been installed thanks to the Go-Ultra Low City Scheme](#), a joint programme between Transport for London, the Greater London Authority and London Councils.

American start-up launches open data platform for kerb data

[Coord](#), backed by Google's Sidewalk labs project, [digitalises and standardises kerbside data](#) (parking signs, markings, access restrictions, fire hydrants). For the firm, the tool can help cities radically improve the way their road space is used. It has launched in a few neighbourhoods across the world in cities such as Denver, Paris and Milan.

Uber integrated public transport data in its app

[Uber integrated a new feature in its app at the end of April](#), showing options from TfL in addition to its private hire cars. The firm's intention is to become the key player in transportation and operate as a one-stop shop.

Parisian transport operator RATP orders 800 new electric buses to be delivered by 2024

As part of a plan to clean up Paris' air for the 2024 Olympics, [the RATP ordered 800 new 100% electric buses](#) to be serviced by then.

EU parliament approves new rules for safety features in vehicles

[A range of new safety features will be required to be installed in new vehicle models from 2022 on](#), and as of 2024 for existing models (emergency braking system, emergency lane-keeping system, intelligent speed assistance). Trucks and buses will have to be equipped with direct vision technology from 2025 and 2028 for existing models.

London ULEZ launched on 8 April 2019

On 8 April, the [new 24h Ultra Low Emission Zone was launched in Central London](#). Motorists who do not respect the new emission standard (Euro 4 for petrol, Euro 6 for diesel) now must pay a daily fine, £12.50 for cars and £100 for lorries, buses and coaches.

E-bike firm Lime partners with Octopus Energy

[The e-bikes will now be powered by 100% renewable energy](#) delivered by Octopus.

Google Maps displaying EV charging point locations

[Electric vehicle charging stations are now featured](#) on the tech giant's mapping tool, with information on available ports and charging speed.

WHAT LEPT IS READING

Mobility Management Policy Brief – CIVITAS

Stemming from the TRACE project, a useful account of findings on the potential of ICT-based tracking services for mobility management as well as some policy recommendations (strong public awareness, stakeholder participation).

Civic crowdfunding reduces the risk of 'bikelash' – The Conversation

Civic crowdfunding, a type of fundraising that allows community organisations to raise funds for local infrastructure projects, is increasingly being used in the US to build protected cycle lanes. Rather than being an important financial stream, it allows for community support to be built around the infrastructure.

How Dutch railway stations encourage multimodality – Eltis

A story of how the Dutch Government's multi-stakeholder bicycle parking actions plans and its strong focus on multimodality led to a rise of trips combining public transport and cycling.

Integrating urban public transport systems and cycling – International Transport Forum

This report highlights key recommendations for a successful multi-modal mobility plan: a better design of interchange stations, bike parking, integration of ticketing systems and a focus on consensus building.

How can we bring transparency to urban tech? These icons are a first step – Sidewalk project on Medium

Google's Sidewalk Labs, which is building a controversial new neighbourhood in the Canadian city of Toronto, has created a visual language to make the presence of technologies in urban spaces visible. The purpose of the technology and who is operating it are readable and a QR code accompanies the signage.

EU FUNDING & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Learning and exchange opportunities

Interreg Europe peer review programme

As part of its Policy Learning Platform, the Interreg Europe programme has developed a peer review programme, which allows local public bodies to receive feedback and advice from other European authorities. These outside stakeholders are invited for a two-days on-site visit for an exchange, based upon which they provide recommendations.

In terms of topics, the four programme priorities are covered, with [low-carbon economy](#) (electric mobility, active travel, sustainable urban mobility plans) and [environment and resource efficiency](#) (green procurement) being of interest.

Other opportunities

The **AVENUE** (autonomous mini shuttles) and **TmaaS** (traffic management) replication programmes are still open, for information please [contact us](#).

Funding opportunities

Interreg North West Europe

Read more [here](#). The call is open until 14 June 2019. On 2 April, LEPT attended a workshop where project proposals were presented. If you wish to receive a summary, please [contact us](#).

LIFE Programme

The **Environment and Resource Efficiency** priority area provides action grants for pilot and demonstration projects to develop, test and demonstrate policies. Relevant topics for this call are relating to noise, air quality, sustainable road transport as well as urban public transport. It is open until 17 June 2019.

The **Governance and Information** priority area co-finances action grants for information, awareness and dissemination projects that aim to promote awareness raising on environmental matters. It also supports actions that aim at improving the quality of public administration for planning, analysing or reviewing activities to reduce administrative burden (ex. Review of a regional air quality plan). It is open until 19 June 2019.

Read more [here](#).

EU EVENTS ATTENDED

LEPT officers recently attended two workshops around funding opportunities:

- the **Interreg North-West Europe Projects Idea Lab** on 2 April
- the **LIFE Info-Day** on 30 April

Please contact us if you wish to receive more information on those events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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