

LEPT eBulletin – August 2019

Welcome to the LEPT eBulletin!

SPOTLIGHT ON

The European Commission has published [guidance on implementing cycling measures on its website](#). The guidance builds upon past and on-going European projects and publications. It encompasses successful cycling infrastructure study cases and policy measures as well as evaluation tools.

EU FUNDING & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding opportunities

In September 2019, [Urban Innovative Actions](#) will launch its fifth call for proposals, with a strand focusing on air quality. Some Horizon 2020 ‘[Smart, green and integrated transport](#)’ opportunities will also be opening on 3 September 2019. You can find [detailed briefings here](#).

LEPT is organising a **borough forum** on 17 September 2019 to present these opportunities in more detail. You can already register through the [following link](#).

Learning and exchange opportunities

[CIVITAS Peer exchange programme](#)

Apply to become a host city for the upcoming 2020 CIVITAS peer-exchange activities. If you are selected, you will be able to showcase your sustainable mobility achievements, exchange with peers across the EU, be featured on high-level websites and offered to speak at European events. Apply by 15 September 2019.

[SUNRISE Take-up cities group](#)

SUNRISE is a project that experiments with urban mobility labs at neighbourhood level. The project is currently looking for nine local authorities to take-up the developed solutions. If your authority is selected, you will be involved in three workshops, access webinars and e-learning courses as well as peer-to-peer advice. Deadline to apply in 7 October 2019.

[2019 European Mobility Week](#)

The event will be taking place from 16 to 22 September 2019. 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.

[September POLIS Working Groups meetings](#)

European network POLIS is organising new Working Groups (WG) meetings. Two WG will be meeting in September: Parking and Clean Vehicles & Air Quality. The Parking WG will focus on parking and electro-mobility, and the Clean Vehicles group on developing an integrated vision for the roll-out of charging infrastructure. If you are a borough representative, please [get in touch](#) if you want to hear more about these.

Awards

[8th SUMP Award](#)

This year's edition focuses on the integration of safe active mobility in sustainable urban mobility planning. Applications are welcome until 31 October 2019. Last year, Greater Manchester brought the award home for its work on multimodality and mobility planning.

Access City Award 2020

The price will be awarded to the most accessible European city. Deadline to apply is 11 September 2019.

NEWS

2018 sees cycling distances increase in London, but a lack of diversity is still significant

An [article by the Guardian](#) commenting on cycling figures published by Transport for London. The city has seen an increase in 5% in distance cycled, compared to 1.8% nationwide. But the gap between genders, ages and abilities of cyclists remains wide: for example, only 27% of them are women.

After the Netherlands, Uber to launch freight operations in Germany

As Uber Freight already operates in 48 states in the US, the company hopes to seize the European market. After a launch in the Netherlands, the company is [expanding its European operations in Germany](#).

TfL announces new plan and funding for cycle parking

The London transport operator has announced a [£2.5 investment in cycle parking](#) in the years to come. Current research has shown that half of Londoners do not cycle partly because of the lack of parking. LEPT had produced a briefing on safe [cycle parking](#) back in March.

Charge points to be built in every new UK home

A consultation was launched in England on [changing building regulations](#) to include mandatory EV charging points in newly build homes. The government also announced its ambition for all new charging points to provide debit and credit card payment options by Spring 2020.

New MIT study shows consumer delivery preferences can be nudged through green incentives

An on-going study by researchers at the [MIT's Sustainable Logistics Initiative](#) has shown that 30% of consumers who are not willing to wait for their delivery when shown economic incentives are willing to wait longer if the incentives are environmental (e.g. number of trees cut down due to delivery).

After Sutton, on-demand bus trial launched in Ealing

TfL announced the launch of a consultation on an [on-demand bus service](#) in the West London borough, where currently 40% of residents use cars to get into work. The consultation aims at determining the best route and Londoners' opinion on the future service and covered area.

WHAT LEPT IS READING

Electric surge: Carmakers' electric car plans across Europe 2019-2025 –Transport & Environment

This report shows that the number of EV models on the European market will surge in the upcoming years, with a six-fold multiplication between 2019 and 2025. According to T&E's calculations, that should be enough to comply with new EU standards on car CO2 emissions. The supply of batteries is also estimated to reach sufficient numbers by 2023. T&E do warn that this anticipated success could be brought down if support from national authorities were to fall or strategic plans from manufacturers to change.

Forget robo-taxis: it's e-bikes that are reshaping urban transport – Financial Times

In this opinion piece, the author compares the evolution in the perception of new micro-mobility solutions and autonomous cars. The latter has been a long term topic in the Silicon Valley, but has according to the author been overcome by a new mobility narrative: the one brought by dockless bikes and scooters, which fit the technology ethos of 'learning by doing' and allow for rapid improvement by iteration.

Despite high hopes, self-driving cars are 'way in the future' – The New York Times

This article draws on the same narrative as the previous one. After a decade of celebrating the near arrival of autonomous cars, car company officials are starting to slow promises down. Vehicles are still struggling with the predictability factor of autonomy and decision making when anticipating human behaviour.

Transforming cities with bus rapid transit (BRT) systems. How to integrate BRT? - UITP

This document is an overview of BRT systems across the world. It looks at various case studies to underline the successes and lessons to be learned from BRT implementation.

Active travel: increasing levels of walking and cycling in England – House of Commons Transport Committee

The report draws on two years of work on the British government's active travel policies by the Transport Select Committee. Building on evidence, it suggests several recommendations: increased commitment to active travel by the government, with rigorous targets and evaluation; increased support to local authorities in developing their cycling and walking plans as well as merging current funding streams into a single pot. Finally, the report underlines the role of sharing best practice and demands that more power be given to local authorities.

Invasion of the electric scooter: can our cities cope? – The Guardian

This article illustrates growing concerns on e-scooters across EU cities, focusing on Copenhagen and Paris.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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