

## LEPT eBulletin – September 2019

### Welcome to the LEPT eBulletin!

#### SPOTLIGHT ON

The LEPT **borough forum** on 17 September 2019, that will take place between 14.00 and 16.00 at the London Councils offices, 59½ Southwark Street SE1 0AL.

We will introduce the upcoming funding streams in more detail and the European network Polis will be presenting opportunities to join consortiums. Beyond the funding programmes, there will be presentations by two ongoing EU projects based in the UK.

You can register through the [following link](#).

#### 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. They are looking for projects touching upon any air quality related issue, be it a focus on citizen science, clean commuting or multi-level governance.

Two Horizon 2020 ‘[Smart, green and integrated transport](#)’ opportunities have also opened on 3 September 2019, MG 1-12-2020 IA (cities as resilient places and testing grounds for innovative mobility solutions) and MG 2-11-2020 (network and traffic management).

You can find [detailed briefings here](#).

##### 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. The deadline to apply is 15 September 2019.

##### [SUNRISE Online course on co-creating sustainable mobility at the neighbourhood level](#)

SUNRISE is a project that experiments with urban mobility labs at neighbourhood level. They are offering a free and self-paced e-course for any practitioner wanting to put in place a co-creative process in a neighbourhood. The course is taking place from 2 to 30 September.

##### [SUNRISE Take-up cities group](#)

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. The deadline to apply is 7 October 2019.

#### Awards

##### [8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## NEWS

### **National government updates guidance on street closures**

The Department for Transport has published [updated guidance](#) to make it easier for councils and residents to introduce temporary road closures, to allow for example roads to change into play streets.

### **Berlin makes public transport free for school children**

The measure, that has taken effect from 1 August 2019 and was introduced by Berlin's transport operator, BVG. [Over 350,000 pupils](#) will benefit from the scheme, which will partly be subsidized by the German federal government.

### **Publication of a survey on reasons people avoid public transport in London**

The Transport Committee has published the [results of a survey](#) they had commissioned to enquire about the reasons people don't use or dislike public transport. The overcrowding is the leading reasons, with 52% of respondents quoting it as the thing they dislike most, followed by temperature (38% think it's too hot or humid). Prices are only the 3<sup>rd</sup> lead reason, with 23% of answers.

### **World's biggest cycle parking opens in the Netherlands**

Twitter and [media](#) coverage was massive around the opening of the world's biggest multi-storey bicycle parking in Utrecht. It provides spaces for 12,500 bikes at the city's train station. In the Netherlands, a vast percentage of journeys are multimodal, and often involve a bicycle and a train.

### **Transport for London (TfL) introduces Healthy Streets Officers to support boroughs' Local Implementation Plans**

The [programme will be managed by Sustrans](#) and should help boroughs meet their walking and cycling targets by providing targeted support through dedicated officers.

### **European financed study finds that citizens need to be involved in air quality research**

Under the project [iSCAPE](#), the [University of Surrey](#) together with EU partners found that involving citizens in the scientific process of research helps them develop a better understanding of air pollution issues and creates greater involvement.

## WHAT LEPT IS READING

### **[EU transport research & innovation status assessment report](#) – European Commission**

An assessment of the current landscape of transport R&I. The report also provides country per country fact sheets regarding investment and employment in the transport sector.

### **[Transport investment should not be an 'either/or' debate](#) – Centre for London**

This opinion piece by a lead researcher at the Centre for London calls for a more balanced view on investment disparities in transport in the UK and was published following the IPPR North report.

### **[How Horizon Europe can deliver a zero-emission transport sector](#) – Transport & Environment**

The Brussels based organisation has published a position paper calling for the EU to prioritise sustainable modes of transports in its future new research framework, Horizon Europe, that will span from 2021 to 2027.

**Better planning, better transport, better places – Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT)**

An advice document for city and policy makers in the UK to deliver better transport and healthier environments for new developments. The document highlights key recommendations for improved delivery, starting with the need for a clear vision for local plans.

**Councils in charge. Making the case for electric charging investment – Local Government Association**

LGA's recent publication gives an overview of current trends in electric charging across the UK, studying some specific cases of successful deliveries in Leeds or Oxfordshire. It was written in partnership with the Energy Saving Trust.

**Stop that car, and plan cities around bikes to make cycling a real option for more women – The Conversation**

An article by PhD candidate Katja Leyendecker, whose work on cycle activism shows how cities are mostly designed by men, and how cycle is no exception to that.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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