

LEPT eBulletin – October 2019

Welcome to the LEPT eBulletin!

SPOTLIGHT ON

The car-free day that took place across the European Union on Sunday 22 September for the final day of the [European Mobility Week](#).

[London saw 27km of its streets closed off](#) for the event with a number of special events taking place. Fifteen boroughs ran specific activities and events. Many, such as Islington encouraged residents to organise [play streets whilst others](#) encouraged roads closures like Westminster [with Regent Street](#) or Brent with [Coronet Parade](#). The event led to major press coverage, from [BBC News](#) to [the Guardian](#) or [Wired](#).

EU FUNDING & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding opportunities

In September 2019, [Urban Innovative Actions](#) launched 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 still looking for cities to host peer exchange activities](#)

CIVITAS have extended the deadline to apply to become a host city until 18 October. This is a chance to have policymakers from across the EU come to your authority for a study tour and facilitate an exchange on common policy challenges.

[MUV \(Mobility Urban Values\) is looking for cities to join its second ‘Sustainable City Tournament’](#)

Mobility Urban Values (MUV) is a Horizon 2020 funded project. The consortium has developed a gamification element aimed at tracking mobility and nudging users towards more sustainable choices. The project is now looking for cities to take up the ‘game’ and join an international cities competition. Applications are open until 15 December.

[Traffic Management as a Service \(TMaaS\) project looking for interaction cities](#)

After their call for replication, TMaaS will be looking for local authorities to join their project as interaction cities, which would receive first-hand news on the development and fallbacks of the solution developed by the city of Ghent. It would also provide an opportunity to discuss traffic management with other authorities across Europe.

Calls for abstracts

[VeloCity 2020](#)

VeloCity 2020, which will take place in Slovenia, is calling for presentations on [cycling inclusion](#), regarding tech, social innovation or sharing public space. Abstracts can be submitted until 9 November 2019.

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.

Urban Road Safety Award

Launched during the 2019 European Mobility Week, this new award aims to reward authorities who are implementing bold measures to improve road safety. The call for application is open until 16 December 2019.

NEWS

UK charity launches a campaign for cycles to be recognised as mobility aids

Following a study that they published last year, [Wheels for Wellbeing](#), a charity based in South London launched a campaign to raise awareness on barriers disabled cyclists face. According to their data, up to three quarters of disabled cyclists find cycling easier than walking and/or use their cycle as a mobility aid. The campaign is called 'My Cycle, My Mobility Aid'.

The EU wants to know your priorities for urban mobility

The EU has launched a [consultation](#) to feed into its future urban mobility package. Urban air mobility, road safety, active travel: have your say on what should be prioritised tomorrow.

20mph moving forward across boroughs

London local authorities and Transport for London are moving forward with 20mph speed limits as the latter has just published a [report outlining the support of the public](#). Similarly, Westminster has just [launched a consultation](#) for the roll-out of a borough-wide 20mph limit.

EU project MORE to investigate increased flexibility of road space usage

This brief article outlines what is at stake for the Horizon 2020 funded [MORE project](#): to plan for and understand what the roads of tomorrow will look like. [As part of their research](#), the consortium members will be developing tools such as a road design option generator or a specific web-based appraisal tool.

New insights into e-scooters usage and impact

Led by Brussels Mobility, [this study published in September](#) is revealing similar results to those led in Paris earlier this year: 60% of the users are men (which is similar to cycling), the typical user is young and male, and the typical journey lasts between 5 and 10mn. A total of 1,259 users were interviewed.

40 EU transport organisations call for additional budget for transport

In early October, EU organisations came together and published a [call for the EU to release additional funds](#) for the Connecting Europe Facility programme.

First micromobility monitoring platform launched in Germany

Hamburg just [launched a platform](#) to understand the effects of micromobility on the city's mobility patterns and mode usages. The project will partially be focusing on e-scooters.

WHAT LEPT IS READING

Achieving lower speeds: the toolkit – Transport for London

A new publication by Transport for London with practical recommendations on how to build favourable conditions for lower speeds in urban areas.

Mission Possible: How carmakers can reach their 2021 CO2 targets and avoid fines – Transport and Environment

As the 2021 target set by the EU for a reduction in car emission approaches, car manufacturers are still lagging and risk not meeting the target. The report underlines the role that growing SUV sales has in the failure to achieve substantial emissions and offers solutions.

Correlates of Walking for Travel in Seven European Cities: The PASTA Project

This newly published paper looks at the impact of built environment on levels of walking, showing that to enhance walking levels, the characteristics of dense urban areas such as connectivity, good public transport and diverse facilities are key.

Pavement parking – House of Commons Transport Committee

In London, pavement parking has been banned since the 1970s. In this report, the Transport Committee recommends extending that measure to the whole of England.

Micromobility potential in the US, UK and Germany 2019 – INRIX

According to this report produced by the private firm INRIX, shared bikes and scooters have the potential to replace 70% of short-distance vehicle trips in the UK.

EVENTS ATTENDED

In September and early October, LEPT representatives attended a working group on [Clean Vehicles and Air Quality](#) organised by the Polis network and the [CIVITAS Forum](#). Reports on those will come out soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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