

LEPT e-bulletin – November 2019

Welcome to the LEPT e-bulletin!

SPOTLIGHT ON

The European Commission's [consultation on urban mobility](#), which opened in September and will close in early December 2019. The EC is consulting to examine how the goals it set itself in 2013 (reduction of congestion, vision zero and improving air quality) should be pursued and which instruments are most appropriate. The consultation is aimed at citizens, city officers, and any stakeholder who wishes to express an opinion. This is a chance to help shape the EU's future agenda on urban mobility.

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. The call will close on 12 December.

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

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.

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

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

EU Road Safety Exchange task force created by 12 EU Member States

The [project](#), funded by the European Parliament and led by the European Commission, is managed by the [European Transport Safety Council \(ETSC\)](#) and aims at working collaboratively across borders to achieve Vision Zero and reduce gaps between the Member States.

London's local authorities to gain more powers to fight air pollution

Backed by London Councils, [the proposal drawn up by the City of London](#) would allow local authorities to designate 'Air Quality Improvement Areas' and enforce stricter air quality rules in those.

Uber to take LA DOT to court to challenge MDS requirements

Since Los Angeles' Department of Transportation has introduced specific micromobility measures and their Mobility Data Specifications (MDS), [Uber has been challenging the right of the transport's operator to access their vehicles' data](#), using privacy concerns to make their case. In the latest development, the Californian firm has launched a lawsuit and a restraining order against the city's transport agency.

First data on the impact of ULEZ revealed

Six months after the introduction of the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in central London, [some initial results have been published](#) by the Mayor. A drop of 38% of non-compliant vehicles detected in the zone was observed, NO2 pollution has reduced by 36%, and more widely traffic flows have reduced by 3 to 9% when comparing to the same period in 2018.

Eurobarometer finds that citizens' knowledge of EU financed projects in their region has increased to reach an average of 40%

In the UK and Ireland, that number has fallen, respectively to 16% and 25%. Among the EU citizens that have heard of an EU funded project in their region, [81% think that the EU's support has had a positive impact](#).

UK government to consult on green plates for electric vehicles

[The measure has been proposed](#) as part of DfT's Road to Zero Strategy, in the hopes that more easily recognisable electric vehicles might help citizens make the switch to EVs.

WHAT LEPT IS READING

Why is the difference in cycling between Copenhagen and Stockholm so substantial? – Eltis

This article is based on [academic research](#) by Haustein & al., and looks into the gap between cycling levels in Copenhagen (27%) and Stockholm (3%). They look at cyclists' perceptions, infrastructure levels or whether cycling is a policy priority. Their results show citizens in Stockholm think of their city as public transport oriented, with little focus on cycling culture – whereas Copenhagen has emphasized it since the 1970s.

Uber and Lyft are behind a sharp rise in US traffic deaths – MIT Technology Review

According to a [study by researchers](#) from the University of Chicago and Rice University, in American cities traffic deaths have increased by 2 to 3% because of ridesharing services since their emergence.

Two-thirds of car passengers have felt uncomfortable with speed when driven by a friend or family member – Transport for London

A YouGov poll on 564 people commissioned by TfL and published in October shows that among those who are passengers at least one month in a friend or family member's car, 61% had already felt

uncomfortable about the speed they were driven at. 29% felt uncomfortable telling the driver to slow down.

How are cities putting sustainable urban development into practice – URBACT Knowledge Hub

This paper summarizes findings of an event held in Brussels in June 2019 as part of URBACT's City Labs meetings – which aim at looking at the renewal of the Leipzig Charter principles from a city-level point of view. One of the themes the workshop focused on is air pollution and mobility, looking into a range of case studies from Gdynia to Helsinki.

INCLUSION Project – Compilation of 51 case study profiles; overview and in-depth investigations - Towards more accessible and Inclusive Mobility solutions for European prioritised areas

London Freedom Pass scheme, Bürgerbuses in North-Rhein Westphalia or accessible public transport stops in Krakow, this document by EU funded project [INCLUSION](#) lists inclusivity measures in transport, covering areas such as gender, route planning, design, sharing or payment schemes.

EVENTS ATTENDED

In October, LEPT representatives attended two working groups organised by Polis: one on [Traffic Efficiency, focusing on Mobility as a Service and Data](#) and another on [Road Safety](#). Reports are available, get in touch to receive them.

Representatives also attended the Horizon 2020 info-day, as well as the AUTONOMY Conference in Paris.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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