

LEPT e-bulletin – December 2019

Welcome to the LEPT e-bulletin!

SPOTLIGHT ON

The new discussion paper published by the Polis network on micromobility, ‘[Macro managing micro mobility. Taking the long view on short trips](#)’. This extensive document provides insights on the changes that cities are facing today with new mobility services (shared, free-floating...). It gives an overview of regulations and agreements put in place across the EU as well as some recommendations. A good read for anyone keen on knowing more on how to interact with these emerging transport modes!

EU FUNDING & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding opportunities

The fifth [Urban Innovative Actions](#) call will be closing this month. One of the four areas the call was focusing on was air quality. If you wish to submit a proposal, please note the official closing date is on the 12th.

New **Horizon 2020** calls have opened on 3 December 2019 and will be closing on 21 April 2020. These are single stage calls.

- MG-1-12-2020 Cities as climate resilient, connected multimodal nodes for smart and clean mobility: demonstrating and testing innovative solutions sub-topic 2: fast track and mainstream the replication of innovative, urban, peri-urban and rural mobility solutions (CSA);
- MG-1-12-2020 Cities as climate resilient, connected multimodal nodes for smart and clean mobility: demonstrating and testing innovative solutions sub-topic 3: Prepare for the deployment of Urban Air Mobility in urban and peri-urban areas (CSA);
- MG-2-13-2020 Coordination and support for an integrated freight transport and logistics system (CSA);
- MG-3-6-2020 Towards sustainable urban air mobility (RIA);
- MG-3-8-2020 ‘First of a Kind’ solutions for sustainable transport and mobility: EU initiative for accelerating EU-wide market access, scale-up and derisking (CSA);
- MG-4-7-2020 Digitalisation of the transport system: data sharing (RIA);
- MG-4-8-2020 Advanced research methods and tools in support of transport/mobility researchers, planners and policy makers (RIA);
- MG-4-9-2020 The European mobility culture of tomorrow: re-inventing the wheel? (CSA).

If any of these topics are of interest to your borough, please get in touch, we can give additional information as well as support you in the bidding process.

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

Opportunities to engage with projects

[Galileo 4 Mobility](#), a project supporting the adoption of Galileo (new satellite navigation system developed by the EU) for Mobility as a Service (MaaS) is looking for small scale pilots. This is a chance to benefit from innovations in geolocation through on-board units or an on-demand bus platform. Funding will be made available for participants. [You can apply here until 20 December](#).

ReVeAL, a recently launched European project looking into urban vehicle access regulations, is creating a reference group. They are looking for 30 stakeholders to join and engage with the project, which would allow them to gain knowledge of UVARs, benefit from tools developed by the project and participate in face-to-face meetings. [You can apply here until 20 December](#).

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.

Learning opportunities

SUMI e-course

This online course is focusing on performance tracking for sustainable mobility, with a focus on data. It is active until 13 December and can be accessed through the above link.

Webinar on electric vehicles and their impact on the grid

This webinar organised by Interreg Europe will look into the impact of transport electrification on the local grid. Experts and policy makers will discuss flexibility markets, smart charging platforms and other good practice. It will take place on 10 December from 14.00 to 15.30 GMT.

Webinar on financing and funding for sustainable urban mobility

Organised by CIVITAS Sumps-Up, this webinar will look into innovative means for sustainable urban mobility planning financing. It will take place on 10 December from 09.00 to 10.30 GMT.

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

TfL finds Uber to be unfit to operate in London

After granting the private hire vehicle (PHV) company a two-month licence in September, [the London transport authority has decided that it would not renew it](#) due to safety concerns. The main issue was found to be the fact that unauthorised drivers were able to make trips due to the app allowing for their picture to be uploaded to other Uber drivers accounts. The company has decided to appeal. During this process, which could take weeks or months, Uber continues to have the right to operate in the cities' streets.

Study shows that ride-hailing companies are causing additional pollution and congestion in European cities

A [new study by a coalition of green NGOs](#) shows that the increasing number PHV companies such as Uber strongly correlate with an overall increase in CO2 emissions in two European cities, London and Paris. The NGOs have launched a campaign calling on PHV companies to switch to 100% clean vehicles by 2025.

Bristol becomes the first British city to ban diesel vehicles in the city centre

The city council's cabinet has approved a [proposal that would introduce a diesel ban](#) for private cars in selected city areas, operating daily from 7am to 3pm. It will start in 2021 subject to government approval.

Estonia experimenting with new ways of fining speeding motorists: force them to stop for a set period

The Eastern European country is experimenting a [new way of fining motorists](#) to examine time perception. Motorists caught speeding are given a choice, they can either stop for a set time or pay a fine.

MIT study on electric car growth balances out more optimistic scenarios

In a report published in November, the MIT Energy Initiative warns that [EV costs might take longer than anticipated to align with regular car prices](#), which would mean subsidies would have to be kept in place to keep incentivising private purchases.

France reforms its mobility laws to include e-scooters, reduce diesel and counter the 'Yellow Jackets' crisis

In November, France passed a [bill revamping its transport rules](#), which hadn't been revised since 1982. Along commitments on diesel reduction, the bill allowed for local authority management of new mobility services on their streets. Cities can limit the number of vehicles on their streets as well as impose safety requirements.

WHAT LEPT IS READING

[The importance of user perspective in the evolution of MaaS – Lyons, Hammond & Mackay](#)

This academic article gives insights into levels of preparedness for Mobility as a Service from a user perspective. It details the levels of effort required by users according to the level of integration of the transport system.

[The city that cycles with the young, the old, the busy and the dead – The New York Times](#)

A portrait of a city, Copenhagen, where cycling is an integrated part of the mobility culture, with enthusiastic inhabitants and mostly safe and separated infrastructure for cyclists to use.

[Cross-border, but not national, EU interregional development projects are associated with higher growth – Bruegel](#)

The research was undertaken by Bruegel, a pro-European Brussels-based think tank with a focus on economic policy. It shows that cross-border regional projects in high GDP areas are correlated with higher levels of growth – which is not necessarily the case for non-cross-border ERDF funded projects.

[Transport Connectivity: A gender perspective – International Transport Forum \(ITF\)](#)

This publication by the ITF looks into case studies from across the OECD that have had positive inclusiveness results. It also presents the results of some specific studies on topics such as airports/ports and gender.

[How our home delivery habit reshaped the world – The Guardian](#)

In the age of the last-mile delivery problem, an interesting (but long read) on how home deliveries have resulted in shifting practices for the industry and cities alike.

EVENTS ATTENDED

In November 2019, two representatives from LEPT attended the Annual Polis Conference. A place was also funded for an officer from Southwark to attend the conference. Reports on those will be made available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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