

LEPT e-bulletin – February 2020

Welcome to the LEPT e-bulletin!

SPOTLIGHT ON

UK government has updated its guidance on access to European funding. You can find it along with other Brexit related information on [our website](#).

If you are a borough officer and want to know more on current European opportunities, working groups or reports regarding sustainable mobility, the LEPT team is happy to come and discuss with you on a one-to-one basis. Please get in touch with us by emailing [Andy](#) or [Heloise](#).

EU FUNDING & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding opportunities

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;
- 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;
- MG-2-13-2020 Coordination and support for an integrated freight transport and logistics system;
- MG-3-6-2020 Towards sustainable urban air mobility;
- 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;
- MG-4-7-2020 Digitalisation of the transport system: data sharing;
- MG-4-8-2020 Advanced research methods and tools in support of transport/mobility researchers, planners and policy makers;
- MG-4-9-2020 The European mobility culture of tomorrow: re-inventing the wheel?

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](#).

Learning opportunity

[Webinar on mobility innovations and how they affect cities](#)

The Horizon 2020 project SPROUT looks into creating new policy responses to transport innovations in an urban context. The first results will be presented during this webinar held on 24 February at 14.00 GMT.

[Call for speakers](#)

[Urbanism Next Europe](#)

The Urbanism Next Europe 2020 will be held in Rotterdam in June 2020 and the conference is currently looking for speakers. Topics range from new mobility services to urban freight or decarbonisation. You can submit your presentation idea [here](#).

Awards

[Procura +: apply for a sustainable procurement award](#)

This award is designed to highlight sustainable procurement initiatives that have high potential for replication and can inspire better procurement elsewhere. Last year, the Belgium city of Ghent won for developing a toolbox around procuring responsible workwear. Applications are open until 31 March.

NEWS

7,800 new cycle parking spaces to be created in London

Transport for London (TfL) has awarded [funding to 30 boroughs](#) to build new spaces across town centres, residential areas and schools. The first spaces should be ready for use in the spring.

According to the European Environment Agency (EEA), walking, cycling and public transport remain the best way to improve sustainable mobility

[The agency has published a briefing](#) looking at greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector. They find that for short city journeys, walking, cycling or public transport present more benefits when looking at emissions than app-based vehicle sharing schemes (e.g. ride-hailing, car sharing, e-scooters...).

Zero pedestrian fatalities recorded in 2019 in the Finnish capital

[No pedestrian fatalities](#) in road traffic took place in 2019 in Helsinki. In the past years, the city worked on improving traffic safety and reducing speed limits, primarily at 30km/h in residential areas and the city centre.

UK government doubles funding for on-street electric vehicle charge points

The funding decision was [announced by the Department for Transport](#) in January 2020 and could enable up to 3,600 chargers to be installed across the country.

WHAT LEPT IS READING

[Building for a new urban mobility](#) – Centre for London

This report looks into the links between housing developments and mobility trends, making the case for a new approach to future mobility planning.

[How safe is walking and cycling in Europe?](#) – European Transport Safety Council (ETSC)

The ETSC regularly publishes the results of its Road Safety Performance Index (PIN), a programme that looks into Member States performance in all areas of road safety (infrastructure, policymaking, behaviour...). The report finds that pedestrians and cyclists account for 29% of all road user deaths in the EU.

[How Paris became a cycling success story—and built a roadmap for other cities](#) – Curbed

The French capital has been under the spotlight recently as the current Mayor continues to unfold her plan to make the city more cycle-friendly.

[Get out of your car... and onto a cargo-bike](#) – European Cyclists' Federation (ECF)

The case for enhancing our use of cargo bikes by the ECF. The organisation is part of the City Changer Cargo Bike Horizon 2020 project, that is looking at fully exploiting the bike's potential for passenger and goods transport.

Energising our Electric Vehicle Transition – Electric Vehicle Energy Taskforce

This report outlines 21 proposals to the government and the industry to ease the integration of electric vehicles within the energy system. Among the recommendations, a focus on interoperability, data sharing or smart charging.

Cities Outlook 2020 – Centre for Cities

This year's annual report by UK think tank Centre for Cities looks at air quality across British local authorities. The report ends with a set of recommendations for city policymakers and the government.

EVENTS ATTENDED

In November 2019, a borough representative attended a working group dedicated to urban freight challenges. A report was produced, looking at topics such as urban vehicle access regulations, collaboration with the freight sector or data. Please get in touch if you would like to receive it.

In Early February 2020, LEPT representatives attended another working group, look specifically at low and zero emission zones. A report will be issued later in the month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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