

## LEPT e-bulletin – March 2020

### Welcome to the LEPT e-bulletin!

#### SPOTLIGHT ON

Joining the [CIVITAS Forum Network](#), a platform for cities and towns committed to sustainable urban transport with over 300 members from across the EU. After signing the CIVITAS Forum declaration committing to ambitious policies, local authorities can benefit from first-hand knowledge exchange, site visits, peer-reviews and international visibility.

#### 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

###### ELVITEN follower cities group

The Horizon 2020 funded project ELVITEN examines light electric vehicle usage in an urban context (electric bikes, tricycles, scooters...). They are currently looking for follower cities to whom they would provide personalised support. That could be planning for or optimising electric mobility systems within your borough.

##### 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

the award for developing a toolbox around procuring responsible workwear. Applications are open until 31 March.

## NEWS

### **EU project ReVeAL launches consultation on future urban vehicle access regulations options**

To help its understanding of the implementation of zero or low emission zones, the Horizon 2020 funded project ReVeAL has launched a consultation to understand challenges that local authorities face when implementing them. You have until 31 March 2020 to respond ([link here](#)).

### **London Councils launches online resource to encourage car clubs**

With an estimated 400,000 users across the capital, car clubs are widely adopted in London. London Councils has been supporting boroughs in their collaboration on car club policies, which has resulted in the [launch of an online resource](#) bringing together all relevant source of information.

### **Uber loses appeal against Los Angeles Department of Transport (LADOT)**

Uber and LADOT have been in a [legal fight over LA's mobility data specifications](#), which required the transport operator to share data from its vehicles with the city. Uber pointed out concerns regarding their clients' privacy which led to a legal challenge. The transport company then filed an appeal.

### **Islington publishes school air quality data**

The central London borough of Islington recently [published air quality data](#) from areas outside schools, revealing that in 2018 the average NO<sub>2</sub> concentration levels ranged from 25µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 42µg/m<sup>3</sup>. Three schools exceeded the World Health Organisation recommended limit of 40µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

## WHAT LEPT IS READING

### **Decision makers summary for developing and implementing a SUMP – Rupprecht Consult**

This high-level summary is designed as an introduction to the SUMP (Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan) main ideas. It highlights the eight guiding principles (e.g. citizens involvement, monitoring, cross-institutional cooperation...) as well as benefits from developing a SUMP.

### **Accessible public realm: Updating guidance and further research – TRL for the Department for Transport**

This report is designed to propose updates to the current UK guidance on inclusive mobility. It examines how to improve different user groups' experience of the public realm. Some conclusions are specific to groups but more widely it identifies the need for a more legible public space, with easily accessible information that is comfortable to navigate.

### **Analysing policies to grow the electric vehicle market in European cities – International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT)**

A report analysing local and national policies designed to incentivise the purchase or use of electric vehicles. Financial incentives, public awareness campaigns, increase visibility of the vehicles or advanced parking management can be among the facilitators of EV uptake.

### **Air pollution monitoring data in London 2016-2020 – Mayor of London**

This report analyses air quality data captured between 2016 and 2020. It shows positive results in terms of betterment, with an average NO<sub>2</sub> reduction of 21% at the various monitoring sites between 2016 and 2019. Data on PM 2.5 is also available although from fewer sites. Measures must still be taken as 80% of the monitored sites showed concentration levels above the WHO recommendations.

### **Electric bikes and silent trucks to green goods deliveries – Horizon. The EU Research & Innovation Magazine**

This article provides an overview of achievements from the Horizon 2020 funded projects [GrowSmarter](#) and [Civitas Eccentric](#). It looks at achievements from those projects to green the last mile, through cargo bikes or greening of the lorry fleet. In Stockholm, a plug-in hybrid electric truck is being used -and has been able to deliver at night because it is silent.

### **Safe micromobility – International Transport Forum Corporate Partnership Board**

An in-depth analysis into what micromobility can be defined as, followed by a set of specific recommendations to guarantee its safe integration into our transport system. Regulating speed, collecting crash data or including micromobility in other road users' training are among the areas of focus.

### **Roadmap for Electric Truck Charging – Transport & Environment**

A focus on the electrification of heavy goods vehicles, the necessary deployment of large-scale charging infrastructure and the role the European Union should be playing to facilitate it.

## **EVENTS ATTENDED**

In February, LEPT staff attended a working group organised by the Polis network, that focused on air quality and vehicle emission standards. A report has been produced containing insights on other European cities' low emission zones as well as the upcoming revision of Euro 6/VI standards by the European Commission. Please get in touch if you wish to receive this.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Please note that due to the spread of COVID-19, most EU events are currently being cancelled or held as online only meetings. A range of webinars will be accessible. Working groups organised by Polis will be held online. Some upcoming topics include zero emission logistic zones or connected and autonomous vehicles. If you are interested in attending those, please let us know. Details of both free and paid upcoming events can be found on [LEPT's website](#).