

# CIVITAS FORUM 2021

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## What is the CIVITAS Initiative?

The word *CIVITAS* was coined by joining three key components of modern European society: **C**ity, **V**itality and **S**ustainability. CIVITAS forms a network of over 400 cities dedicated to cleaner, better transport in Europe and beyond. Since it began in 2002, the CIVITAS Initiative has made spectacular progress in bringing more sustainable, efficient and accessible mobility to towns and cities. Funded under the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme, the Initiative now finds itself in its sixth phase: CIVITAS 2030.

### Mission

More than 75% of Europe's population live in cities. For urban areas to function properly and offer a high standard of living to their citizens, they must provide effective mobility systems. This requires cities to address the negative impacts caused by transportation, such as poor air quality, congestion, and traffic accidents. According to a recent [EU-funded study](#), these impacts have a significant effect on our natural environment, human health and climate.

In 2000, the European Commission recognised the need for action and launched the CIVITAS Initiative, designed as a programme 'of cities, for cities'.

### Objectives

- Promote and implement sustainable, clean and efficient urban transport measures
- Encourage a market for sustainable mobility innovation and research
- Develop measures and policies that reflect local realities and goals, as well as those belonging to the European Union – particularly with respect to the climate
- Foster a shift in mobility behavior through an exchange of best practices, and by encouraging politicians to take bold steps towards sustainable mobility
- Promote a 'full-picture' approach to mobility by focusing on ten key thematic areas

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## Projects

CIVITAS projects ensure the transferability of tested mobility and transport solutions. They explore the feasibility of new or improved technologies, products, processes, services or solutions in the field of sustainable urban mobility, and engage in peer-to-peer exchanges and share knowledge relating to the implementation of sustainable mobility measures and policies. Since its beginning, the CIVITAS Initiative has supported the implementation of more than 900 measures.

There have been more than 50 projects to date, which have impacted more than 300 cities across Europe. The European Union has financially supported the facilitation of projects through more than EUR 300 million. As of August 2021, there are fifteen CIVITAS projects.

[www.civitas.eu/projects](http://www.civitas.eu/projects)

## Cities

Through their involvement in CIVITAS, cities have the opportunity to strengthen local capacity relating to a range of sustainable mobility topics. As a result, local policy-making becomes more informed and inspired. Cities also have the opportunity to build connections with other cities across Europe that may be facing similar mobility challenges. Interested cities have the opportunity to sign a declaration committing themselves to ambitious sustainable urban mobility policies. By doing so, they become [members](#) of the CIVITAS Forum Network, of which there are currently more than 400 members.

## CIVITAS Urban mobility solutions

In the current phase of the CIVITAS Initiative, around 60 measures are being implemented that fall under ten topics or **'thematic areas'**. They include the following:

Active mobility	Integrated and inclusive planning	Behavioural change and mobility management	Public participation and co-creation	Clean and energy-efficient vehicles
Road safety and security	Collective passenger transport and shared mobility	Smart and connected mobility	Demand and urban space management	Urban logistics

The CIVITAS Initiative encourages the transfer of know-how and lessons learned related to the measures among its member cities and beyond. By doing so, it aims to support cities to learn from one another and contribute to the take-up and exploitation of CIVITAS results.

Discover the mobility solutions and the impacts they have had on cities on our website.

<http://www.civitas.eu/mobility-solutions>

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## CIVITAS Forum Conference

Occurring once every two years, the CIVITAS Forum Conference gathers representatives from CIVITAS member cities, including both political and technical experts. The Conference includes plenary, technical sessions and workshops that ensure ample opportunity for interaction and discussion among participants.

Each CIVITAS Forum Conference takes place in a different city and includes site visits that offer opportunities for real transfer of expertise. The event attracts hundreds of stakeholders, reveals the latest mobility trends, showcases best practice, and through the CIVITAS Awards recognises European cities that are turning sustainable urban mobility policy into a transformative reality.

## CIVITAS Awards

The CIVITAS Awards are an opportunity to highlight the most ambitious, innovative and successful efforts in the field of sustainable urban mobility. Forum member cities can apply for Awards in three categories:

- The "**CIVITAS Legacy**" **Award** will recognise a city that has translated its commitment to the CIVITAS network and sustainable mobility into high-impact, innovative measures.
- The "**CIVITAS Transformation**" **Award** will recognise a city that has used mobility measures to transform itself to be smarter and more liveable.
- The "**CIVITAS Climate-Neutral**" **Award** will recognise a CIVITAS city that is a pioneer when it comes to decarbonisation measures, and is on the right path to becoming a climate-neutral city.

These are awarded on the second night of the CIVITAS Forum. [www.civitas.eu/awards](https://www.civitas.eu/awards)

## CIVITAS PAC – Political Advisory Committee

The Political Advisory Committee (PAC) consists of a group of high-level elected city politicians whose policy discussions and statements contribute to the strategic direction of the CIVITAS Initiative. PAC statements disseminated among stakeholders across Europe. This includes policy makers at the European, national and local level, as well as industry, transport operators and other stakeholders. Close contact with the European Community provides an excellent opportunity to encourage specific transport related interests into the European Agenda.

[www.civitas.eu/pac](https://www.civitas.eu/pac)

## CIVITAS Forum Network

The CIVITAS Forum Network is a community that currently incorporates over 400 cities. The network is committed to the introduction of ambitious sustainable urban transport policies.

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Cities in the CIVITAS Forum Network benefit from the shared expertise of others. Through workshops and training events, member cities have the opportunity to inspire and promote active exchange of know-how, ideas and experience in order to instigate and inspire change.

Membership is free but the applying city must provide a commitment signed by the relevant city councillor, mayor, or vice mayor.

[www.civitas.eu/cities](http://www.civitas.eu/cities)

## National/Regional Networks (CIVINET)

A CIVINET is a group of cities that promote the CIVITAS approach at the local level. Members exchange information in their own language, working together to engage with the European Union and national governments on transport policy issues, legislation, regulations, and funding. Each CIVINET works independently to share learning and exchange experiences. Current CIVITAS National/Regional Networks are:

- CIVINET España y Portugal
- CIVINET Italia
- CIVINET Slovenia-Croatia-South East Europe
- CIVINET Czech and Slovak Republics
- CIVINET Romania
- CIVINET Nederland Vlaanderen
- CIVINET Deutscher Sprachraum
- CIVINET Finland
- CIVINET Greece-Cyprus
- Magyar CIVINET

[www.civitas.eu/civinet](http://www.civitas.eu/civinet)

## Connecting with CIVITAS

There are various ways to engage with the CIVITAS Initiative and find out more about its pioneering cities, projects, and work:

- The CIVITAS website, [www.civitas.eu](http://www.civitas.eu), acts as the information exchange platform for the whole CIVITAS community. Discover project measures and outcomes, as well as the latest news and events.
- The CIVITAS MOVE newsletter compiles the most exciting developments from across CIVITAS projects. It is released four times a year. Read [previous editions](#) and [subscribe](#).
- CIVITAS is active on social media and always looks forward to interacting on sustainable urban mobility topics! Get involved on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:**

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