

Platform for exchange & innovation

CIVITAS is an ideal platform for the exchange of ideas and experience between politicians and technical experts. Currently more than 200 cities across 31 countries regularly exchange knowledge, solutions and results within the **CIVITAS Forum Network**.

By signing a non-binding voluntary agreement known as the **CIVITAS Declaration**, any European city can join this community and benefit from the accumulated know-how and experience of other participants. Study tours and targeted trainings ensure the possibility for face-to-face exchange.

As part of the network, cities are eligible to participate in the competition for the prestigious CIVITAS Awards, held annually at the **Forum Network Conference**. Hosted each year by a different city, the conference brings together key actors from Europe and beyond for dialogue with European institutions and other cities.

Political representatives of CIVITAS Forum cities serve on the CIVITAS **Political Advisory Committee**, a group of politicians that represent, in a personal capacity, the CIVITAS Forum Network. They actively engage with the European Union in a bid to inform future transport policy and research initiatives.

CIVITAS also facilitates involvement at local level through the **CIVINET national networks**. Local authorities and other organisations interested in sustainable urban mobility can benefit from collaborating in their own language.

Join the thematic discussion online and exchange your ideas and experiences with your peers in Europe!

Visit www.civitas.eu/thematic-groups to learn more on how you can join the virtual communities' debate on the eight building blocks, and integrated planning and public participation.

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- > **Explore** the CIVITAS website, and discover over 650 mobility solutions tested and evaluated by the demonstration cities.
- > **Read** the latest news from the initiative and its participating cities, and find the most suitable event for you in its up-to-date calendar.
- > **Discover** more about the networks that form part of the CIVITAS family: the Forum Network and the CIVINET National Networks.
- > **Benefit** from its vast resources and tools for sustainable mobility implementation, ranging from research results to funding opportunities and from policies to methodologies.

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Now in its tenth year, CIVITAS – Cleaner and better transport in cities has supported cities all over Europe introduce ambitious transport measures and policies towards sustainable urban mobility.

Co-funded by the European Union, 64 cities participate in the Initiative to test and evaluate clean urban transport solutions in real conditions. Building on a mix of innovation, policy support, public involvement, and applying integrated

strategies, CIVITAS cities use winning combinations of activities to solve local challenges.

With this mix of innovative approaches and technological applications, CIVITAS contributes to the achievement of the ambitious targets set out in Europe 2020 – the EU's strategy for the coming decade to achieve smart, sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

CIVITAS I

2002-2006

19 cities

4 demonstration projects

CIVITAS II

2005-2009

17 cities

4 demonstration projects

CIVITAS Plus

2008-2012

24 cities

5 demonstration projects

CIVITAS Plus II*

2012-2016

8 cities

2 demonstration projects

* Contracts currently under negotiation.

An integrated approach through eight building blocks

CIVITAS cities take an **integrated** and **participatory** approach that addresses all modes and aspects of transport in cities. Each city implements a set of mobility solutions to address their particular local priorities and issues. The activities are classified in eight categories and form an integral part of a city's long term mobility planning.

> **Clean fuels and vehicles** help reduce local air pollution, particulate matter and greenhouse gas emissions and noise. CIVITAS cities test biodiesel, biogas, compressed natural gas and hybrid and e-vehicles.

> **Collective passenger transport** must offer an accessible service that is a fast, comfortable, safe and convenient alternative to the private car. CIVITAS cities strive to maximise its potential.

> **Demand management strategies**, such as access restrictions, road pricing, parking policies and marketing campaigns, corporate mobility plans, contribute to reducing traffic and pollution.

> **Mobility management** helps create a new mobility culture through activities such as marketing, communication, education and information campaigns.



CIVITAS – City highlights



Aalborg, Denmark

The City of Aalborg went electric, installing a network of charging points for e-vehicles. It also improved the accessibility of public transport through its smart travel card, which accounts for more than 12,000 weekly journeys. Eco-safe driving courses for bus drivers ensure better driving and better performance of vehicles.



Utrecht, the Netherlands

Utrecht leads the way in innovation. It has rolled out a handy integrated contactless card, and has tested financial rewards for avoiding rush hours.

Much of its freight distribution is sustainable, thanks to electric boats, and to the cargohopper, a solar-powered electric vehicle saving 30 tonnes of CO₂ per year.



Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

The Basque city launched an extensive campaign to win the support of stakeholders and the broader public for the development of its Sustainable Mobility and Public Space Plan. Public transport use has increased over 61 percent, while the number of accidents decreased more than 10 percent in 2011 thanks to the reorganisation of the bus network.



Perugia, Italy

Perugia has introduced online systems for some public services, including those involving registration in person, thus reducing travel needs. Impressive results were recorded with almost 7,000 trips and 4,500 litres of fuel saved per year. Acceptance of public transport has dramatically increased following the Mini-Metro service launched in 2008. The public transport share is up by three million users.

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Ljubljana, Slovenia

Attentive to the needs of its citizens, Ljubljana has made accessibility of its city centre a priority. People with reduced mobility can now more easily travel around thanks to buses fitted with audio and video stop announcements, Braille signs at bus stops and a tactile map of the city centre.



Ghent, Belgium

Ghent made unique efforts to encourage travel by bicycle, by developing a student-friendly bike rental scheme with an IT-based system to recover stolen bikes, GPS bike route planners, and by installing 27 bicycle 'bins' (covered mini-garages) for safe parking in high-density neighbourhoods. Its 'Cycling street', giving priority to cyclists over cars, registered a 36 percent increase in the number of cyclists.

