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Umeå to organise major European transport conference in 2018

The Swedish city of Umeå has been chosen to host the next edition of the CIVITAS Forum, one of the largest European conferences on mobility and transport in urban areas.

The announcement was made in Torres Vedras, Portugal, where the CIVITAS Forum 2017 is taking place, and was attended by the Deputy Mayor of Umeå, Margareta Ronngren.

The CIVITAS Forum Conference is an annual opportunity for the exchange of dialogue and views between city- and EU-level politicians and urban mobility experts, with more than 500 participants this year. This year's focus was 'Small Communities: Big Ideas'.

Umeå has a long track record of embedding sustainable ideas as part of its urban development and transport systems. With a pioneering portfolio of sustainable energy initiatives, part of the city's bus fleet runs on renewable energy garnered from solar, wind, and hydroelectric power.

Receiving the Award at the conference, Margareta Ronngren, Deputy Mayor of Umeå said: *"We are honoured to have been selected as hosts for next year's CIVITAS Forum and look forward to showing the same hospitality that we have been met with here in Torres Vedras."*

As one of the fast-growing cities in Europe, in Umeå we believe that sustainability needs to become a part of our day-to-day lives. The CIVITAS Forum is a wonderful opportunity to gather strong ideas, inspiration, and commitment in line with our own political, technical and social vision for long-term sustainable growth."

Supported by the European Union, CIVITAS is a network of cities for cities dedicated to cleaner, better transport in Europe and beyond.

Over 800 innovative urban transport measures and solutions have been tested and evaluated in over 80 Living Lab cities across Europe since 2002, showing why CIVITAS stands for City VITALity and Sustainability.

The CIVITAS Forum Network currently includes over 275 European cities that have formally committed to clean and sustainable urban transport.

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About the CIVITAS Initiative

CIVITAS is a network of over 250 cities dedicated to cleaner, better transport in Europe and beyond. The Forum is its annual flagship event, with Torres Vedras marking the 15th time it has taken place. The first was held in Graz, Austria, in 2003.

Having started in 2002, CIVITAS is now in its fifth phase. It is currently supporting 3 "living labs" projects where a range of sustainable mobility solutions are being implemented and 14 research projects under the European Commission's Horizon 2020 funding programme.

Find out more here: civitas.eu

About the CIVITAS Forum conference

CIVITAS Forum is the yearly conference of the CIVITAS initiative which supports EU cities since 2002 in implementing sustainable urban mobility measures, to the benefit of their citizens and for producing re-applicable learnings which other cities can use.