

# 1 Partnership “Urban Mobility”

## 1.1 Key information on the Partnership “Urban Mobility”

During the Dutch Presidency of the EU in the first half of 2016 the Pact of Amsterdam was adopted by EU ministers of the Interior. It states that European cities will be more involved with the creation of EU legislation, EU funding and knowledge sharing. The relevance of this involvement is highlighted by the statistics that cities and urban areas now house more than 70% of all Europeans.

The Urban Agenda is composed of 12 priority themes essential to the development of urban areas. Each theme has a dedicated Partnership. These partnerships bring together cities, Member States and European institutions. Together, they aim to implement the Urban Agenda by finding workable ideas focused on the topics of EU legislation funding and knowledge sharing. One of the partnerships is the **Partnership on Urban Mobility**.

### Members of the Partnership

- Cities: Karlsruhe (DE - Co-coordinator), Bari (IT), Bielefeld (DE), Burgas (BG), Gdynia (PL), Malmö (SE), Nijmegen (NL), Torres Vedras (PT), Skåne Region (SE - region), Wallonia Region (BE - region);
- Member States: Czech Republic (Co-coordinator), Cyprus, Finland, Romania, Slovenia;
- Stakeholders: European Cyclists’ Federation (ECF), Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), Polis Network, International Association of Public Transport (UITP);
- European Commission: DG REGIO, DG MOVE, DG ENVI, European Investment Bank.

### Focus areas and activities

To frame its work, the Partnership identified four thematic areas and formed an equal number of Working Groups to develop each one:

- In order to reduce congestion, reduce air pollution and improve health levels, promoting the use of **active modes** and rethinking the **use of public space** is considered;
- Technological advancements have unleashed great opportunities in the field of **smart mobility and other innovative solutions**, however the challenge is to define the role authorities are called to play to facilitate the take-up of promising new solutions.;



- In creating accessibility for the whole of the urban population it is essential to look into the theme of improving public transport and multi-modal solutions;
- Finally, issues of multi-level **governance** and coordination as well as planning are dealt with in a separate thematic group.

## 1.2 Working method

For each of the above-mentioned themes, the Partnership has identified a number of sub-topics. After the first three Partnership Working meetings (24 February 2017 in Prague, 4 May 2017 in Brussels and 14 June 2017 in Hamburg), each of these topics have been scoped to include the most relevant subtopics. In parallel, expertise on the specific sub-topics was gathered through scoping papers developed by the partnership members for each of the subtopics. Eventually, 10 action areas have been defined with the assistance of urban mobility experts and action fiches have been produced elaborating on potential actions for these. This first draft set of actions has been communicated to partnership members on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September in order to collect comments for further refining the selection.

The Partnership has planned a Management Meeting (18-19 September in Karlsruhe) between the Coordinators and the Working Group leaders and two Partnership working group meetings (for 25-26 October in Brussels and 14-15 December in Malmo) to establish a pathway towards substantiating and finalizing a selected number of action into an integrated Partnership's Action Plan. Members of the Partnership have been using outreach opportunities to communicate the progress of the Partnership to relevant stakeholders and collect relevant feedback. The Action Plan will be presented for Public Feedback, open to stakeholder feedback during the first half of 2018 before the final Action Plan will be developed.

## 1.3 State of play

Since February 2017, the Partnership on Urban Mobility has worked towards defining actions which aim to contribute to and influence European legislation, funding and knowledge exchange. The partnership is currently working to integrate suggested actions into its draft Action Plan with a completion horizon of January 2018. It will take due account of both the results of the public consultation and the expected feedback from the DGUM in its further implementation-activities.