



Sustainable Urban Mobility Report

Suggested Amendments

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About Polis

Polis is the leading European network of cities and regions focusing on urban transport innovation. We work together to develop sustainable urban mobility solutions for the city of today and tomorrow. Polis draws its expertise from a network of decision makers, technicians and managers working in transport authorities at local and regional level across the European Union. Building on results developed in European projects and in thematic working groups that touch upon key transport challenges, we link innovation and public policy orientations on urban and regional mobility at European level.

Polis Global perspective on the directive

Overall, Polis members welcome MEP Karima Delli's report on Sustainable Urban Mobility, which echoes the European Commission's communication "Together towards competitive and resources-efficient urban mobility"¹ and aligns with the European Commission's future plans in terms of urban transport, including policy initiatives in the field of urban logistics, road safety and access restriction schemes².

- *Polis fully supports the rapporteur's view on the COP21 agenda (**Point 11**), the need to further boost investments and improve urban mobility through ERDF/Cohesion and EFSI transport funds (**Point 15, 25, 26 and 29**) and to foster innovative approaches towards a sustainable public transport system (**Point 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 24, 27**).*
- *This can only be achieved by taking into account the health impact of urban transport as well as other external costs (**Point 4, 5, 13, 22 and 23**).*
- *Polis emphasises the importance of focused exchange of good practices between cities across Europe aimed at the transfer of innovation (**Point 27, 28, 29 and 30**).*

At the same time, Polis believes that there is still room for some improvements in the report:

- *When it comes to urban mobility, EU citizens' health is at stake. In that perspective, additional consideration should be paid to securing the health benefits of active travel in Europe³ (**Point 3**).*
- *The report should take due consideration of other pollutant emissions measured by Euro 6 standards (**Point 4**).⁴*
- *Polis fully acknowledges the rapporteur's position regarding preventive measures to reduce air pollution in cities (**Point 5**). However, this item should make reference to measures such as Low*

¹ COM(2013)0913 Final

² As Indicated by European Commissioner Violeta Bulc at the European Parliament TRAN Committee regarding the EC 2016 work programme.

³ Polis has been advocating on this issue since the White Paper on Transport. The Polis position paper on securing the health benefits of active travel proposes concrete actions to be taken as well as new governance model for health issues in soft modes of transport: <http://bit.ly/1zi6l9X>

⁴ Regulation 715/2007: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32007R0715> and Regulation 692/2008: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32008R0692>



Emission Zones and access restrictions, clean vehicles or the promotion of walking and cycling, rather than to free public transport and alternating access. .

Furthermore, Polis strongly believes that EU governance in the transport sector could be improved in a more coherent and efficient manner, should the following actions be taken:

- *On investment, a conditionality of EU funds towards sustainable urban mobility plans, as long as it does not hamper local actions nor creates unnecessary administrative burden and provided conditionality would **include the possibility of developing SUMP**s with part of the EU budget **allocated to a certain project**. The latter is important to create a true level playing field across cities in Europe. **(Point 13)***
- *On management, the nomination of an EU TEN-T urban coordinator which cities could meet on a regular basis to have a better understanding of the EU common approach on the objectives to be achieved under the CEF Programme **(Point 15)***
- *On administrative coordination, an EU one-stop shop for reviewing and accessing the EU funds and good practices dedicated to urban mobility **(Point 28)**.*