

CH4LLENGE project addresses the four most pressing challenges in the development and implementation of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs)

Cities play a crucial role in contributing to the EU 2020 targets which aim to improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) is a strategic document designed to contribute to meeting these targets as urban transport is one of the main contributors to energy consumption and emissions. SUMPs build on existing planning practices and take due consideration of integration, participation and evaluation principles.

In the [CH4LLENGE project](#), which kicked off in May 2013, nine European cities and eight supporting organisations have teamed up to tackle the four most pressing challenges in sustainable urban mobility planning:

-  **Participation:** Actively involving local stakeholders and citizens in mobility planning processes
-  **Cooperation:** Improving geographic, political, administrative and interdepartmental cooperation
-  **Measure selection:** Identifying the most appropriate package of measures to meet a given city's policy objectives
-  **Monitoring and evaluation:** Assessing the impact of measures and evaluating the mobility planning process

The Urban Mobility Package

On 17 December 2013, the European Commission adopted the Urban Mobility Package. The document sets out how the Commission will strengthen its actions on sustainable urban mobility. SUMPs are given special attention in the document as a means to stimulate a shift towards cleaner and more sustainable transport in urban areas. The Commission will set up a European platform for Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans to further coordinate EU cooperation on the development of the SUMP concept and tools, and to foster broader exchange. The [CH4LLENGE project](#) – involving over 35 European cities - will be part of this process and will support the wider promotion and implementation of SUMPs in European cities.

Nine European cities move forward

In over forty pilot schemes, the [CH4LLENGE cities](#) Amiens, Brno, Budapest, County of West Yorkshire, Dresden, Ghent, Krakow, Timisoara and Zagreb will analyse their local mobility situation, develop new strategies for tackling their urban mobility problems, and test solutions to overcome local barriers in the four thematic areas. The project focuses on knowledge exchange between project cities, and through the pilots, on assisting the development of strategies and implementation. CH4LLENGE supports up to [30 Follower Cities](#) who receive tailor-made advice from the CH4LLENGE SUMP Expert Team.

Based on the lessons learned and results of the project [four CH4LLENGE Kits](#) aimed at local practitioners will be developed as the main output of the project. Each kit will address one challenge and will consist of a comprehensive [manual](#), a [brochure](#) and [e-learning modules](#). In addition, CH4LLENGE offers a great variety of training activities including [SUMP Training Workshops](#), [National Seminars](#) and [Summer Schools](#) open to everyone interested.

Some project's achievements so far

- Four background information documents, one on each challenge
- A comprehensive online questionnaire to analyse local situations in cities with regard to

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transport-related problems. City-specific information for the 34 participating cities is now available

- Relevant policies and measures for a Measure Option Generator identified in order to update existing measures and drafting new ones
- Key indicators for evaluation and monitoring of SUMP
- Two challenge-related training workshops hosted by the City of Gent, Belgium and WYPTE (West Yorkshire, UK) successfully conducted, dedicated to discuss challenge-related barriers and strategies and to work on cities' roadmaps.

To learn more about CH4LLENGE, visit our website www.sump-challenges.eu and follow CH4LLENGE on [Twitter!](#)

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