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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: SUMPS-UP online survey on needs, drivers and barriers for sustainable urban mobility planning

Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs) have the potential to significantly improve energy-efficiency, economic performance, social inclusion and quality of life in urban areas, and also help the EU to achieve its long-term climate goals. The concept of SUMPs is therefore a key element of major EU transport strategies such as the 'Transport White Paper' (2011) and the 'Urban Mobility Package' (2013).

In order to promote and accelerate the take-up of sustainable urban mobility plans across the EU, the European Commission provides financial support to a number of European projects, programmes and initiatives, such as the ELTIS online web portal, the SUMP Award Scheme and the organization of an annual European Conference on Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning¹. Within the framework of CIVITAS and Horizon 2020, the European Commission also selected a number of research and innovation actions – including SUMPS UP, PROSPERITY and SUITS - which will provide tailored assistance to take-up cities.


In order to develop a better understanding of the needs, drivers and barriers for developing and improving sustainable urban mobility plans, the SUMPS UP project is launching an online survey which mainly targets urban mobility practitioners and local decision makers. This survey will run from 1 February until 28 February 2017, and will be complemented by interviews and focus group meetings.

The results of the needs assessment will allow SUMPS-UP and its sister projects PROSPERITY and SUITS to develop a series of capacity building services, tools and events that effectively support local authorities with the development and improvement of their SUMPs. The online survey can be accessed through the following link:
https://eu.qualtrics.com/jfe2/preview/SV_djIOF6nHnHoUyP3

¹ The 2017 edition of the SUMP Conference takes place in Dubrovnik on 29 and 30 March; participation is free of charge.

On behalf of the European Commission, I therefore warmly invite all concerned stakeholders to provide their input and to share the survey with other relevant organisations and multipliers.

Yours faithfully,



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