



POLIS Leadership Summit

The Transition to Zero-Emission

8th June 2022, Glasgow City Chambers
Glasgow, Scotland, UK

Transport is currently responsible for about one fifth of the global CO₂ emissions, and nearly a third of transport-related CO₂ emissions come from **urban** passenger transport.

Accelerating the shift to sustainable urban mobility is indispensable to reducing CO₂ while, at the same time, achieving much needed improvements in air quality, congestion, quality of life, traffic safety and public health. This is, arguably, **the biggest challenge ever faced by urban mobility decision makers** – especially considering that, as urban populations keep growing, we can expect a steady increase in urban transport demand. Radically different urban mobility systems are required.

Small, medium, and large cities, provinces, and regions are the **first responders** to health and social crises, and the **early adopters** of transport innovations. They must manage complexity and develop multimodal and integrated solutions, every day. They are at the front line – and need the active cooperation and support from all levels of government.

This summit will take stock of where our cities and regions – **both in the European Union and the United Kingdom** – stand, and how they have been crafting ambitious climate plans including clear targets in terms of decarbonising the transport sector. What **challenges** are they running into, what enablers and solutions are out there to actually reach goals and targets, and how can local and regional authorities be better recognized as well as **empowered** in the global fight against climate change?

This Summit will enable intense **knowledge exchange**, foster **peer to peer cooperation**, and feed the development of a message to the COP on the next steps to be taken at the global level towards a successful decarbonisation of transport in our cities and regions.



Draft Agenda

7th June, Tuesday

14.00 – 16.30 Workshop “Research in Action”

- Research & Innovation stakeholders will discuss (1) what are the most promising research topics to accelerate decarbonisation, (2) how can urban mobility research best support leaders in advancing the transition, and (3) how can we ensure a continued level of EU-UK interaction and cooperation in this domain?
- For more info on this workshop’s agenda: icre@polisnetwork.eu

18.00 – 19.30 Welcome Reception offered by Glasgow at City Chambers

8th June, Wednesday

09.00 Welcome and introduction

- Karen Vancluysen, Secretary General, POLIS
- Lola Ortiz Sánchez, POLIS Global Ambassador, City of Madrid
- Leader or Deputy Mayor, City of Glasgow

09.30 The big picture

How can we embed local action into global processes?

- Isobel Neale, COP26 Zero Emission Vehicles Campaign
- Transport Decarbonisation Alliance

10.15 Climate Ambitions in Cities & Regions

What are the most effective climate neutrality strategies for a 2030-2050 horizon?

- **Climate-Neutral cities**, Wiebke Pankauke, Deputy Head of Unit for Future Urban and Mobility Systems, DG R&I, European Commission
- **Glasgow’s climate targets in Transport**, Deputy Mayor, City of Glasgow
- **Leuven’s pathway to Climate Neutrality**, David Dessers, Deputy Mayor for Mobility City of Leuven and POLIS President

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 The Road to Recovery & Resilience

How can we make sure the recovery from COVID will be green and make our cities and regions more resilient to shocks and disruptions?

Keynote speech

- Juan Corro Beseler, Chief Technology & Innovation Officer, EMT Madrid

Roundtable

- **Boosting Active Travel**, Xavier Brice, CEO, Sustrans
- **Repurposing road space**, Professor Peter Jones, University College London
- **Integrating new mobility services**, Shin-pei Tsay, Global Head of Cities and Transportation Policy, Uber
- **Rebuilding public transport**, Laurent Probst, General Director, Ile-de-France Mobilités (tbc)

12.20 The Just Transition

Urban mobility has to change substantively, to become cleaner and more resilient. For this change to be socially and politically viable, we have to ensure a just transition, and make urban mobility more affordable, safe, and inclusive. How?

Keynote speech

- Nicola Kane, Head of Strategic Planning, Insight and Innovation, Transport for Greater Manchester

Roundtable

- **Inclusive Mobility**, Adam Tranter, Cycling Mayor, Transport for West Midlands
- **Access regulations and pricing**, Valentino Sevino, General Director, AMAT Mobility Agency, City of Milan (tbc)
- **Mainstreaming Gender in Mobility Planning**, Eva Kail, Gender Planning Expert, Executive Office for Construction and Technology, City of Vienna (tbc)
- **A Mobility Right for People**, Rafaela Romero, Provincial Deputy for Mobility and Urban Planning, Province of Gipuzkoa

13.15 Lunch

14.15 Enabling Innovation

How can innovation help us reach our climate goals? How do we make technology policy-responsive?

Keynote speech

- Suzanne Otters-Bruijnen, Regional minister, Noord-Brabant

Roundtable

- **Multimodal Mobility**, Hans Arby, First Vice-Chair, Transport Board, City of Gothenburg
- **Cleaning our fleets**, Sheila Watson, Deputy Director, FIA Foundation
- **Digitalisation**, Keith McCabe, Chair, ITS-UK Smart Environment Forum, Simplifai

15.05 Empowering Cities & Regions

How can local and regional authorities be better recognized and empowered in the global fight against climate change?

Keynote speech

- Michael Aherne, Head of Transport Development Division, National Transport Authority Ireland

Roundtable

- **Financing the Transition**, Werner Schmidt, Head of the Urban & Territorial Development Department and the Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions (JASPERS), European Investment Bank
- **Cooperation between different levels of Government:**
Mark Major, Transport and Climate Change Policy Advisor, SLOCAT (tbc)
Dutch Ministry for Environment
Transport Scotland
Stephen Boon, Director for Transport and Mobility, London Councils



16.00 Next steps – A message to COP 27

16.30 End

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