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Membership activities & opportunities

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Introduction

POLIS is the leading network of cities and regions, working together on sustainable urban mobility and innovation while advocating for greater involvement of local and regional authorities in national and international mobility policy agendas.

At a time when international cooperation is critical for tackling transport-related societal challenges, such as climate change, air pollution, congestion, and road safety, the exchange and cooperation opportunities offered by POLIS are instrumental. **POLIS membership** grants unique access to resources, networking opportunities with both public and private stakeholders, and European project support.

Our membership draws from across Europe and beyond, from large capitals, including London and Paris, to small and medium-sized cities, such as Leuven and Ravenna, as well as regions, such as Baden Württemberg and Catalonia.

In addition, our associate members are non-profit entities with an interest in sustainable mobility, including leading academic institutions.

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POLIS Members

Working Groups

Our [Working Groups](#) offer an excellent platform for **peer-to-peer exchange and rigorous debate** with other European cities and regions on a wide range of urban-mobility-related topics, including freight, safety, clean vehicles & air quality, health & active travel, governance, social & economic access, and traffic efficiency.



POLIS also regularly partners with industry bodies and other international organisations to sustain and enhance partnerships and collaborations.

Working Groups

Overview



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Taskforces

POLIS has recently established four taskforces to provide tailored support to our membership. The POLIS Taskforces serve as **horizontal topical groups** providing deeper insight into a specific aspect or challenge of urban mobility, integrating the knowledge and expertise of all [POLIS Working Groups](#).



Just Transition Taskforce

The [Just Transition Taskforce](#) seeks to place affordability, inclusivity, and accessibility at the heart of all urban mobility policies. This taskforce builds on POLIS' [Just Transition Agenda](#), which established key actions needed to ensure a fair, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable urban mobility transition.

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Climate-Neutral Cities Mission Taskforce

The [Climate-Neutral Cities Mission Taskforce](#) provides tailored support to cities and regions — as well as their peers — engaged in the [EU's Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission](#). It seeks to complement the tools provided by the Mission platform to identify common challenges and facilitate action on the ground.

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Taskforces



Urban Air Mobility Taskforce

The POLIS UAM Taskforce was launched in 2024. It gathers members interested and active in UAM, to share experiences, challenges, and best practices, as well as to hear from innovations and how they can support cities and regions in managing new stakeholders, services, and ecosystems related to this sector. Finally, it connects members with relevant networks and players in this field.

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Urban Nodes Taskforce

Following the revision of TEN-T regulation and reinforced role for urban nodes, POLIS launched Urban Nodes Taskforce for its more than 60 members. The scope of the Urban Nodes Taskforce revolves around addressing the challenges and opportunities in the development, management, and governance of urban nodes across the TEN-T network. The new taskforce's role is to develop a platform where our members can exchange experience, knowledge or best practice examples on the implementation of strategic plans for the development and optimisation of these urban nodes, contributing to the effective functioning of the freight and passenger transport on the corridor

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POLIS Capacity Lab



The **[POLIS Capacity Lab](#)** is designed to help mobility practitioners, city officials, and regional planners gain the knowledge, tools, and skills they need to implement innovative and sustainable mobility solutions: through **peer-to-peer learning, interactive workshops, and structured training formats**, our Capacity Lab strengthens technical and strategic capabilities, accelerates the adoption of innovative solutions, and bridges the gap between policy and practice.



Political Group

Our Political Group meetings are unique forums for intense knowledge exchange to foster peer-to-peer cooperation and navigate the complex governance surrounding shifts to more sustainable mobility.

At our recent meetings in [Rome](#), [Karlsruhe](#), [Prague](#), [Paris](#), [Brussels](#), [Stockholm](#), and [Leuven](#), deputy mayors, regional ministers, and secretaries of state for mobility sat down to share and learn about the path to a cleaner, greener, and more inclusive urban mobility. This May, Rome will welcome elected colleagues in their cities to continue these high-level conversations.



*Rome Political Group meeting
in May 2025— POLIS*



**Today we tell our kids to be very careful
when they bike in our cities...**

**I hope 15 years from now we can tell them to
be joyful!**

Elke Van den Brandt

*Minister of Mobility, Public Works and
Road Safety, Brussels Capital Region*

Leadership Summit

Our Leadership Summit brings together high-level political and technical leaders in government, business, advocacy, research, and action. It convenes annually to facilitate a high-level dialogue between the public and private sectors, enable knowledge exchange, foster peer-to-peer cooperation, and feed the development of messages to the COP and other events.

The fourth edition of the [POLIS Leadership Summit in Rome](#) convened leading voices in transport to delve into four critical themes shaping the future of urban mobility: leadership dilemmas, transport poverty, digital infrastructure, and green competitiveness. Building on the momentum of the summit's [third edition in Prague](#), the event sparked vital discussions on the political challenges and decisions that are defining the path toward more sustainable, inclusive, and resilient mobility systems.



*Rome Leadership Summit in
May 2025 — POLIS*

EU-funded Project Advice & Opportunities

POLIS offers unique access to relevant outcomes of **European research and innovation initiatives and projects on urban mobility**. We coordinate training and information services, assisting local and regional authorities to navigate the application processes, identify concrete funding opportunities, and match potential consortium partners to jointly develop new project proposals.

We also make sure the useful outputs produced by these projects reach the target group of cities and regions and can be mainstreamed into local mobility policies.



Showcasing our Membership

POLIS provides a forum for communicating, showcasing, and facilitating exchanges on our members' sustainable mobility actions.



Communications channels

We regularly promote members' initiatives through our [website](#), [members area](#), [newsletter](#), and [Bluesky](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#) accounts.



Strategic partnerships

POLIS' involvement in and cooperation with European and international partnerships and organisations ([EPA](#), [ERTRAC](#), [ALICE](#), [SLOCAT](#), [SUM4ALL](#), and more) allows us to maximise our coverage.



POLIS magazine

Our magazine [Cities in motion](#) is an excellent opportunity for members to demonstrate their sustainable mobility endeavours.

Annual POLIS Conference

The **Annual POLIS Conference** is Europe's leading sustainable urban mobility event, providing an opportunity for cities and regions to showcase their transport achievements to a large audience of mobility experts, practitioners, and decision-makers from both the public and private sectors.

[The Annual POLIS Conference 2025](#) took place on 26-27 November in the City of Utrecht, The Netherlands, gathering over 1,000 mobility leaders, policymakers, researchers, and innovators. [The next edition will take place in Brussels, Belgium, on 2-3 December 2026.](#)



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