

## **SUMP-PLUS Final Conference: Equipping Cities to Deliver Zero Carbon and Achieve their Mobility Visions**

**Brussels, 26th January 2023**

**Venue:** Maison de la Poste, Gare Maritime, Picardstraat / Rue Picard 7, 1000 Brussels

In a carbon constrained world, the vision for transitioning to healthy, liveable and sustainable Net Zero cities is gathering pace among policymakers, citizens and other stakeholders. A key component of this vision is the transportation sector that needs to cut GHG emissions, reduce congestion and air pollution, while ensuring accessibility, safety and security, and the efficient movement of goods and people. Hence in recent years the shift towards sustainable mobility has intensified, with the Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs) being crucial to this development. While having been introduced in 2013, SUMPs still face several gaps. Realistic implementation pathways are missing. Cities - particularly small- and medium-sized ones – often lack the resources, competencies and governance capacities to formulate, implement and evaluate SUMPs. In addition, links between mobility and other sectors that generate mobility demand, such as education, health and tourism, are frequently underdeveloped.

The CIVITAS SUMP PLUS project, a 42-month project funded under H2020 and led by the City of Antwerp, seeks to support cities of varying sizes and at varying stages of development to bridge these implementation gaps and become accessible, green and liveable places where people can easily meet their daily needs and move from A to B. In this effort, the project created new approaches and tools and introducing these in co-creation laboratories in six cities - Antwerp (Belgium), Alba Iulia (Romania), Greater Manchester (UK), Klaipeda (Lithuania), Lucca (Italy), and Plataniias (Greece).

This conference provides a unique opportunity to reach out to politicians, practitioners, and researchers to disseminate research findings and lessons learned. Through these actions, SUMP-PLUS aims at putting mobility where it belongs – at the heart of sustainable urban transformation.

**09.30 REGISTRATION**

**10.00 INTRODUCTION**

10:00 Welcome: SUMP-PLUS overview and main results

By Marijke De Roeck - Coordinator SUMP-PLUS- City of Antwerp & Eleonora Ercoli - Project Manager - MemEx

10:20 Keynote 1: Climate neutral and smart cities  
Pia Peitl - policy officer - DG MOVE, European Commission

## THE CARBON REDUCTION MOBILITY CHALLENGE

10:40 Developing a credible transition pathway  
Prof Peter Jones - Professor of Transport & Sustainable Development - University College London

11:00 Strengthening links with major trip-generating sectors  
Dr. Charlotte Halpern - Sciences Po, Centre for European studies & comparative politics, Paris & Stuart Blackadder - Innovation Strategy Officer -Transport for Greater Manchester

11:30 The climate mitigation SUMP Topic Guide  
Neri di Volo, Principal Advisor - EIB/JASPERS  
& Jochen Schneider - former EIB

11:50 Q&A and discussion: addressing the carbon reduction challenge  
Chaired by Laurie Pickup- Professor and International Director- SLR Consulting

## 12.30 LUNCH

### SUMP-PLUS Tools for Smaller Cities

13:30 Overview of 14 SUMP-PLUS Tools  
Luciano Pana Tronca - Researcher - University College London  
Simplified analytical tool  
Anna Rose - Director- Space Syntax Limited

14:00 Breakout groups: to explore some tools in greater depth

#### 1. Engagement tools: (Machine room)

A SUMP is a very important local strategy that requires support and commitment throughout the process, from design to implementation. The sustainability of transport plans will affect and will be affected by the views of different stakeholders. In SUMP PLUS, EIP provided the cities with a set of engagement instruments to be implemented which are meant to help them achieve their goals within SUMP PLUS. Each of these instruments has a specific purpose, tackling

different subjects and targeting a distinct set of stakeholders.

Lucia Cristea - Managing Director -European Integrated Projects - Bucharest

2. The Carbon Reduction Strategy support tool: (Class Room)

The SUMP-PLUS Carbon Reduction Strategy Support Tool is an open-source tool available for all municipalities to use to better understand the mix, scale of ambition, and timings of Avoid, Shift and Improve policy strategies needed to meet their net-zero carbon targets.

Steve Wright- Principal researcher -Vectos SLR -UK

3. Governance tools: (Music room)

The SUMP PLUS governance tools provides an opportunity for cities to self-examine existing governance structures and policy resources and what is lacking to achieve transformative change and deliver on their sustainable mobility goals. As a result, city governments will be better equipped to develop strategies to overcome such barriers and know where to focus their efforts.

Dr. Charlotte Halpern -Centre for European studies & comparative politics - Sciences Po, Paris

## 14:45 TEA/COFFEE

### SUMP-PLUS City labs SUMP-PLUS CITY LABS

Session moderated by *Andrea Lorenzini*, MemEx Srl and *Tim Durant/Stefan Gabi*, Vectos GMBH

### 15:15 Start of the session

5' - Introduction to the session, *Eleonora Ercoli*, MemEx

25' - SUMP development and implementation: Platania, Alba Iulia and Klaipeda

*Stavroula Tournaki*, Technical University of Crete, *Ovidiu Boc*, Alba Iulia and *Lina Zemyaityte*, Klaipeda

Discussion moderated by Stefan Gabi, Vectos

10' Presentations from the cities

10' Moderated discussion

5' Q&A from audience

## 25' - Links and partnerships: Manchester, Antwerp and Lucca

*Stuart Blackadder, Manchester, Marijke de Roeck, Antwerp and Valentina della Lena, Lucca*

Discussion moderated by Andrea Lorenzini, *MemEx*

10' Presentations from the cities

10' Moderated discussion

5' Q&A from audience

5' - Wrap up and conclusion of the session, *Vectos*

## 16.30 Policy recommendations and SUMP-PLUS resources + Panel discussion

Panel: Lucia Cristea - Managing Director -European Integrated Projects – Bucharest, Steve Wright- Principal researcher -Vectos SLR -UK & Mert Yaman – Project Manager/Urban Planner – Municipality of Kadikoy

Moderated by Marijke De Roeck

## 17.15 Close