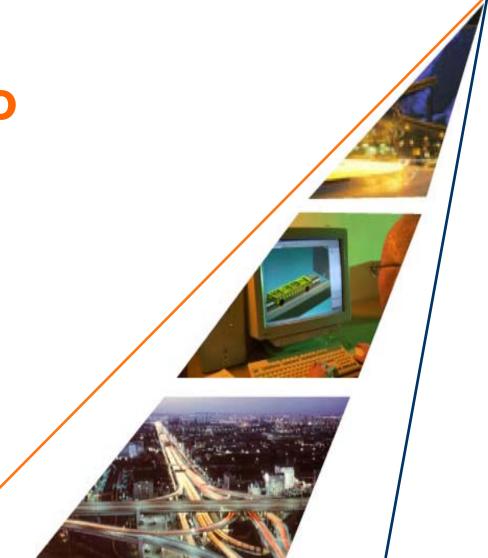


Commitment to Brno declaration

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Urban mobility

- 60% Europeans live in urban areas (80% by 2020) - making urban transport a major component of goods and passenger transport in Europe, significant impact on the environment and health.
- convinced of added value of action at EU level in the field of urban mobility and especially in the field of research and its application.



Subsidiarity

- efficient and sustainable urban transport policy can only be guaranteed by ensuring equitable treatment between the different modes and forms of transport;
- EU should support local authorities with therefore provide studies and a legal framework, finance research and training, and promote and disseminate best practices.



Accelerating research and innovation

- Cooperation of cities and research has proved vital in CIVITAS and other programmes. Such EC initiatives should continue under FP7 further funding and expansion of scope must be ensured.
- Need upgrading of statistics/ databases including data on infrastructure quality etc
- Open access of publically funded research



Soft mobility modes

- Support the important role of soft transport modes – cycling and walking - in many cities.
 Contribute to exchange of best practices on all infrastructure elements at the European level and enhance the use of these modes.
- The proposed Users' Charter, emerging from solid research including infrastructure requirements
- These issues should be on the FP7 agenda



Infrastructure, planning and land-use

- Developments towards transport infrastructure that has lower environmental impact and more resilient to extremes of climate change
- Infrastructure measures that encourage the greater integration all modes (including softmodes, park and ride etc).
- Streets to be designed and maintained to ensure accessibility and security for all users and disabled users.



Research and industry commitment

 Urgent need for innovative solutions. Some with local stakeholders; however most of them require joint effort. EU should play a major role in this issue and direct its research programmes appropriately.

 Need critical assessment of the challenges of the deployment of electric vehicles.



Our Commitment

- Committed to an active cooperation with all actors to tackle the urban mobility problems
- Committed to common conviction that application of innovation will provide solutions to the challenges.
- We are committed to furthering and expanding the partnerships established through the Lyon Declaration because of the need for a multidisciplinary approach.

