LEPT e-bulletin – April 2020

Welcome to the LEPT e-bulletin!

SPOTLIGHT ON

The European network Polis has been compiling case studies from cities and regions to explore responses to the Coronavirus crisis. The database, Keeping things moving, is available online and has examples from all over the world, from Madrid to Bogota or Gelderland. If there is anything specific that you would like us to ask our European networks regarding transport and mobility guidance/actions during the COVID-19 emergency, then please let us know.

EU FUNDING & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding opportunities

Deadline extension for Horizon 2020 calls for projects
A number of Horizon 2020 call responses have been delayed following the global Coronavirus outbreak. All the latest information is available on the European Commission's website.

EIT Urban Mobility
The European Institute of Innovation and Technology brings together leading business, education and research institutions to create partnerships. The partnership focusing on Urban Mobility has issued a call for activities for the upcoming 2021 period. The call will be closing on 14 May, but expressions of interests must be submitted before the 30 April 2020.

Call for speakers

Polis Conference 2020
This year's Annual Polis Conference will be taking place in Arnhem-Nijmegen (The Netherlands) on 2-3 December 2020. The network has issued a call for contributions will a deadline to submit your proposal is 25 May 2020. Mobility governance, road safety, active travel… Abstracts are welcome on a number of topics.

Learning opportunities

SPROUT Open Innovation Community on Urban Mobility Policy
SPROUT is calling on stakeholders from the urban mobility community to join their online platform, where innovation and mobility policies will be discussed. Pilots will be taking place in six cities across the world: Valencia, Tel Aviv, Budapest, Ningbo, Padua, Kalisz. The results from those will be discussed in the community meetings.

CIVITAS SUITS webinar
This webinar will look into crowdsourcing as a method to acquire mobility data and manage it in the context of the creation of a sustainable urban mobility plan (SUMP). It will take place on 5 May 2020 and is hosted by the Wuppertal Institute from Germany.

NEWS

TfL response to Coronavirus

Like other transport operators across the world, Transport for London have responded to the Covid-19 crisis by implementing emergency measures and addressing the public directly. Mike Brown, London's Transport Commissioner, issued a statement on 26 March. As part of that response, middle door boarding on buses has been trialled to enhance safety for critical transport staff. All the latest information is available here.

Cities and regions turn their streets into footways and cycling lanes
With public transport ridership falling strongly, cities are responding quickly by setting up temporary spaces for the enhancing number of pedestrians and cyclists to be able to circulate safely whilst respecting social distancing.

London boroughs suspend parking charges for key emergency workers
Following joint collaboration on parking guidance between Central Government, London Councils and the Local Government Association, London boroughs took a common sense approach to parking charges for key NHS, emergency and social care workers, including relaxed parking , new parking permits/pass and additional spaces. NHS and social care workers are now able to park for free in council-run car parks and on street bays. Boroughs are have also reduced on street enforcement significantly, prioritising obstructive and dangerous parking as well as temporarily suspending many of the 'back office' enforcement activities.

Eurocities publishes European cities' responses to the Coronavirus crisis
Culture, public services, food supply, housing… The list of areas affected by the Coronavirus crisis is a long one. Eurocities are publishing live updates on cities' responses, from Zagreb to Bordeaux or Vilnius. A great source of inspiration which you can find here.

WHAT LEPT IS READING

Report on the H2020RTR conference – ERTRAC (European Road Transport Advisory Council), EGVIA (European Green Vehicles Initiative Association) and the European Commission
The report is a comprehensive overview of the two-day H2020RTR conference that took place in December 2019. The conference itself, 'Results from road transport research in H2020 projects', gives each year an overview of all Horizon 2020 funded projects in the field of road transport.

Does active travel make people healthier, or are healthy people more inclined to travel actively?
Journal of Transport and Health - Krosen, De Vos
The aim of this joint study from two researchers from TU Delft and UCL was to look into the correlation between good health and active travel, also looking into the effects of active travel on mental health. The study is based on a panel representative of Dutch society.

Cycling beyond the crisis – European Cyclists' Federation (ECF)
An initiative by the ECF to gather facts, insights and inspiration around cycling during the crisis to help rethink mobility paradigms for the future.

Sustainable mobility starts with good parking management - CIVITAS
The Horizon 2020 funded project PARK4SUMP project is continuing to develop solutions for innovative parking management. They have now created the 'PARKPAD Action Plan', a tool which helps envision feasible, accepted parking measures.

Funding London's transport in the aftermath of Coronavirus – Centre for London
A piece by Centre for London's Deputy Director that looks into Transport for London's revenue sources by comparing them with the New-York and Paris models, looking in details at the reliance on passenger revenues.

Planning for walking toolkit – **Transport for London**
The latest toolkit published by TfL will help city planners make informed decisions on planning for walking. It provides concrete tools alongside useful case studies to understand how to enhance walkability in the London – or wider - context. For the link to the document, see section '2. Plan and design for walking'

EVENTS ATTENDED

In early March, we attended a working group organised by Polis, looking at data and micromobility. A report is available. In early April, we attended two online meetings, one focusing on road safety and the other on zero emission zones for freight. Please get in touch if you want to receive information on this.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note that due to the spread of COVID-19, events are currently being cancelled, rescheduled or held as online only meetings. A range of webinars will be accessible, some are outlined above. You will be informed of any opportunities to attend any events.