



URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU  
PARTNERSHIP FOR URBAN MOBILITY

# REINFORCING THE UPTAKE OF SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY PLANS

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# PUM Action No 2: Reinforcing the uptake of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs)

This action provides an overview of the state of play of SUMP implementation across the EU as well as a revised version of the SUMP guidelines, addressing recent developments in policy and technology.

The Commission has actively encouraged cities to implement the concept of SUMP for several years. This instrument considers the whole functional urban area and foresees cooperation across different policy areas, across different levels of government and with local residents and other relevant stakeholders. SUMPs can vastly improve the overall quality of life for residents by addressing major challenges such as congestion, air/noise pollution, climate change, road accidents, unsightly on-street parking and the integration of new mobility services.

It is of utmost importance that Member States promote SUMPs at the national level and provide their local authorities with adequate support and legislation in order to achieve the targets set by the Commission for 2050: decarbonisation of the transport sector and reduction of greenhouse and air pollutant emissions.

## Outputs

- (1) An **overview and analysis of the national frameworks** for developing SUMPs:

In EU Member States, there are significant differences in the scope, process and current practice in relation to urban mobility planning. The **European Platform on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans** at ELTIS<sup>1</sup> (EU Urban Mobility Observatory) gathers periodically updated **Member States profiles** including a description of current national urban transport planning practice, references and links to the national or regional ministry responsible for urban mobility planning.<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.eltis.org/>

<sup>2</sup> Overview: <https://www.eltis.org/mobility-plans/member-state-profiles>

To empower towns and cities to develop a SUMP, the European Commission provides training courses, good practice examples, networking opportunities, funding opportunities and a coordination platform for SUMP-related projects, all included within the above European Platform.

During the process of supporting the development of national SUMP frameworks, an analysis of the status of national programmes in EU Member States was conducted in order to identify and assess:

- The status of national programmes in EU Member States;
- Examples of successful national programmes;
- Key problems hindering sustainable urban mobility planning in cities, regions and countries;
- The needs of national and/or regional level representatives for the development of national programmes

The **analysis** includes an overview of national SUMP frameworks in European Member States, as well as recommendations for countries to help develop their national SUMP programmes.<sup>3</sup>

## (2) **Single city database** of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans:

Many towns and cities in Europe are already developing a SUMP or extending existing urban mobility plans to become SUMP. The ELTIS website includes a **SUMP city database** with information on towns and cities involved in such initiatives. Besides city names, the database includes web links, population, and the status of their urban mobility plans. The database is regularly updated, based on voluntary input from cities and Member States.<sup>4</sup>

## (3) A set of **examples of good practice** in SUMP development:

In 2012, the European Commission launched the award for sustainable urban mobility planning. The aim of the award is to encourage the adoption of SUMP by local authorities across Europe and to reward outstanding achievements in each year's thematic priority area. The list of finalists and award winners is available on the



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<sup>3</sup> Full report with annexes: [https://sumps-up.eu/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Tools\\_and\\_Resources/Reports/SUMPs\\_Up\\_D5.1\\_SUMP\\_in\\_Member\\_States\\_report\\_2\\_8022018\\_final\\_doc\\_with\\_annexes.pdf](https://sumps-up.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/Tools_and_Resources/Reports/SUMPs_Up_D5.1_SUMP_in_Member_States_report_2_8022018_final_doc_with_annexes.pdf)

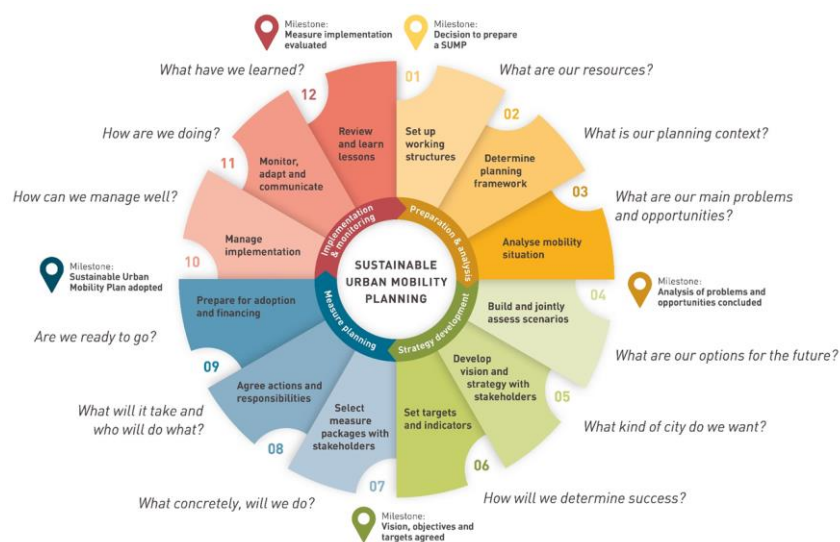
<sup>4</sup> <https://www.eltis.org/mobility-plans/city-database>

European Mobility Week website. The award is separate from the European Mobility Week Award but remains complementary.<sup>5</sup>

The European Platform on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans on ELTIS also provides examples of case studies that analyse a range of SUMP of different sizes and from different geographic areas.<sup>6</sup>

#### (4) Updated SUMP guidelines:

In October 2019, the second edition of the Guidelines for Developing and Implementing a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan was published. The revised guidelines are the result of an intense one-year stakeholder engagement process; and they aim to integrate the dynamic developments in relevant areas of urban mobility and the rich experience of implementing the EC's concept of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans since 2013. The revised guidelines result from an intensive co-creation partnership by the SUMP community and stakeholders (including PUM partners), and are available on ELTIS.<sup>7</sup>



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<sup>5</sup> <http://mobilityweek.eu/sump-award>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.eltis.org/mobility-plans>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.eltis.org/guidelines/second-edition-sump-guidelines>

## Follow-up actions beyond the project phase of the Partnership on Urban Mobility

- (1) Review of the national policy frameworks: continuous process by the SUMP Platform Coordination Group, with involvement of Member States via the Commission's Expert Group on Urban Mobility (EGUM).
- (2) Populating SUMP city database: continuous process based on desk research and voluntary input from cities, coordinated by the SUMP Platform Coordination Group (in particular ELTIS Secretariat). PUM partners, in particular city networks and Member States (via EGUM) to continue the outreach activities to cities for providing the input.
- (3) Best-practice examples: continuous process of updating the relevant section of the European Platform on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans at ELTIS; continuous coverage of finalists from the SUMP Awards.
- (4) Revision of SUMP Guidelines: regular updates in the future planned by the European Commission (DG MOVE), with the involvement of the SUMP Platform Coordination Group.

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