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## The SUITS project

The SUITS project stands for Sustainable Urban Integrated Transport Systems: Transferable tools for Small-Medium local authorities. SUITS aim is to substantially increase the capacity of S-M local authorities to develop and implement sustainable, inclusive, integrated and accessible transport strategies, policies, technologies, practices, procedures, tools, measures and intelligent transport systems that recognize the end-to-end travel experiences of all users and freight.

It is perceived that transport and local authorities in small-medium cities are unlikely to have sufficient resources to develop, support and finance integrated urban mobility plans without a broad range of targeted capacity building measures.

Rather than importing measures, the SUITS project argues that it is necessary to build up capacity within cities (their businesses and citizens) to grow, fund and implement sustainability strategies, appropriate to their future needs.

Furthermore, the SUITS project is already playing an active role in the CIVITAS 2020 family and is contributing towards the CIVITAS initiative and adoption of SUMP across EU, being a Member of the co-ordinating group of the European Platform on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans.



## SUITS project expected results



SUITS will develop a suite of learning materials for decision makers and planners in small and medium sized cities to address knowledge gaps and misconceptions related to urban planning measures and to the deployment of innovative mobility solutions and technologies. The learning materials will be provided in webinars, as on-line documents and transmitted via workshops and multiplier events.

All materials from the workshops that will be organized for the participating cities, will be compiled in a Manual, which also include the key insights and best practices from each local authority and across the cross-city learning groups.

Furthermore, the SUITS project will develop and make available to local authorities of small and medium sized cities and to other stakeholders a series of additional tools, manuals and other resources that will enhance their capacity to design and implement sustainable transport measures. These include:

- An extensive assessment of capacity and resources of the nine cities participating in SUITS and an analysis of the gaps, which refrain the successful development of SUMP.
- A demo tool for data collection and analysis, which includes a tool for traffic data acquisition and a tool for freight data acquisition.



- Sample tools for route optimization and/or online surveys.
- A data management platform for the Urban Transport Management Tool.
- A Decision Support Tool, integrating a suite of tools on innovative financing methods, procurement of transport products and services and on business-models for transport.
- A Capacity Building Toolbox that will integrate a set of different modules covering a wide range of topics related to urban mobility and relevant training materials.
- A change toolkit, to be used for the transformation of the transport departments of small and medium sized cities into learning and knowledge sharing organisations.
- A monitoring tool to evaluate any changes in capacity and capability of local authorities to implement sustainable mobility measures.
- The SUITS Capacity Building Manual, which will explain the implementation of the SUITS Capacity Building Programme in full scale.



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The SUITS consortium consists of twenty two partners from eleven EU countries and is coordinated by the Centre for Mobility and Transport of the Coventry University, UK.

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## Supporting local and national authorities to improve the quality and uptake of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans

Nine cities from seven countries have committed to SUITS, by providing the test bed for the development and use of SUITS capacity building material.

These cities will share best practices, and through exploitation of project outputs will directly improve the effectiveness of their planning, financing, implementation and evaluation of new transport measures and will develop or update their Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans.

The nine cities participating in SUITS are:

- Alba Iulia, Romania
- Coventry, United Kingdom
- Erfurt, Germany
- Kalamaria, Greece
- Palanga, Lithuania
- Rome, Italy
- Stuttgart, Germany
- Turin, Italy
- Valencia, Spain



## Sustainable Urban Integrated Transport Systems

Transferable tools for Small-Medium local authorities



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