

CHARACTERISTICS OF ATTRACTIVE URBAN MOBILITY SYSTEMS ON THE BASIS OF THE SUMP PRINCIPLES

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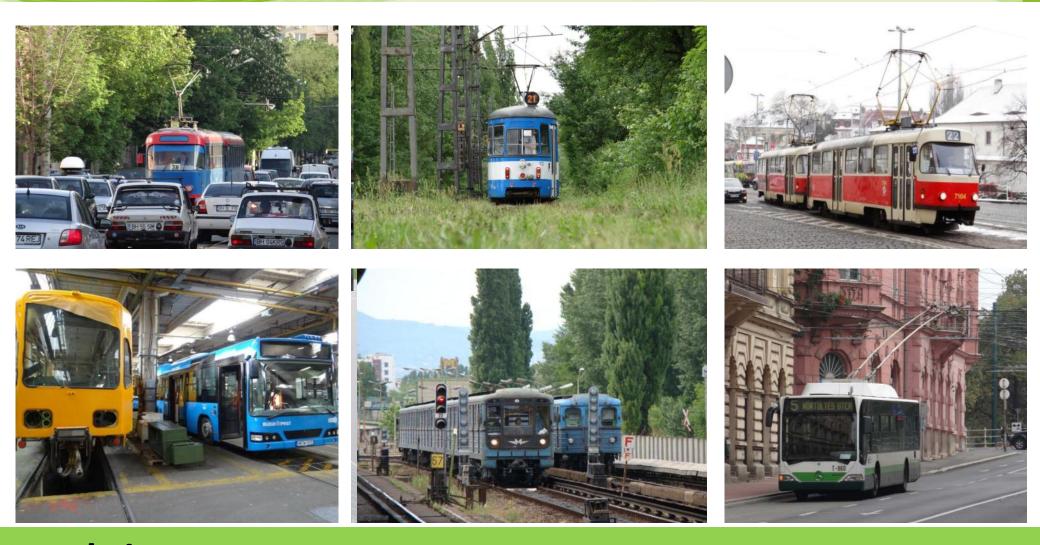
## Special Central-Eastern European background





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### Understanding of the special scope of the Central-Eastern European context



Local circumstances – when planning, no "one size fits all" solutions, no global schemes, specific conditions must be considered

### The heritage: CEE cities before 1990



- Centralised systems of CEE countries functioning in a similar way, but showing specific signs
- Big infrastructures with quantity based services
- Extended networks, continuous enlargement
- Importance of the electric mobility (metros, tramways, trolleybuses)



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### **The heritage: CEE cities before 1990**

Mass production IKARUS bus



Mass production – TATRA trams



#### The transition: CEE cities after 1990

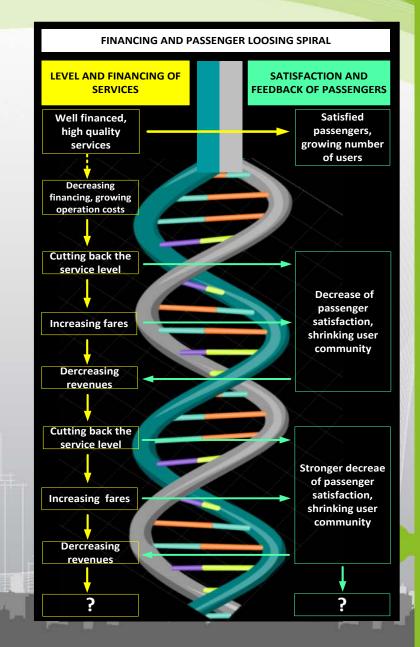
- Industrial and economic restructuring
- Lack of financial and infrastructural sustainability
- Lack of maintenance, increasing gap between needs and realisation
- Quickly growing fares
- Closing of lines, lost of passengers





#### The transition: CEE cities after 1990

- Car became a symbol of freedom, symbol of status
- Deteriorating modal-split, financing and passenger losing spiral
- Former market area had to meet the world market conditions
- Lack of investments compensating the depreciation
- Lack of big infrastructures (lack of money, positive impacts)



### **Consequences: run-down or abandoned** infrastructures



#### **Consequences: growing market of second-hand vehicles**



### The possibility: since the EU accession



- Opportunity to use the EU funds (ERDF, Cohesion Fund) for transport projects
- Financing of new developments, new infrastructures while operation is underfinanced
- Development of infrastructures, vehicles or complex and smarter urban mobility projects based on strategies?





# The transition is not easy and takes time and patience producing lessons learned and not learned







## **Transition** in thinking

- Similar symptoms, different starting points, different reactions
  - Each European city has its own starting platform and learning potential
  - Recognition and adequate reaction are needed
- Need for a new, mindsets-based urban mobility with real changes



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# The goal: attractive and smart urban mobility based on new mindsets



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## The vision



### **Attractive urban mobility systems - motivation**

- Having a clear vision on our city's and mobility's future
- Understanding of the criteria for a SMART and sustainable urban context
- Need for decision makers' long term commitment -> Committed due to obligation or due to a consciousness led process?
- Unselfish urban and mobility policies
- Transparent planning processes



### Attractive urban mobility systems – the approach

- Rescaling and reallocating the mobility surfaces
- Abandon the infrastructure based planning and thinking









### **Attractive urban mobility systems - synergy**

- Synergy of urban and mobility planning
  - When building the vision and starting the approach
  - During the whole planning process
  - During the steps of decision making
- Consistency: short term goals and intents can't overwrite long term needs and long term thinking



#### **Attractive urban mobility systems – "the Places"**

- Mobility areas are also "Places". Inside, outside.
- Mobility platforms are living surfaces of the urban texture
  - Urban mobility has a deeper meaning than the everyday routine, shows a spatial content.



## Attractive urban mobility systems – the mutual acceptance

- Mutual and multilevel acceptance of the mobility stakeholders
  - In planning (manage the conflicts, different interests)
  - In decision making (no balancing solutions in favour of all mobility users, decisions must be made upon the vision)
  - In the reality (we are all mobility users, we use the same surfaces. Can we accept each-other?)



#### **Attractive urban mobility systems – the Customer**

- Customer must have the own feeling and conviction that the offered alternative is suitable
  - Level of services (fast, frequent, reliable)
  - Attractiveness (appearance)
  - Comfort, comparable to the car's advantages (Acclimatisation, heating, free places, passenger information system, cleanness, safety and security, complex barrier free solutions)
  - Affordability (integrated in fare system, integrated in operation)
  - Traffic priorities









#### **Attractive urban mobility systems – the Customer**

- Innovative adaptation of user friendly mobility to the differences of urban areas and places
- Developed communication platforms and professional use of social media
- High efficiency and punctuality of provided services and information



Viele Wege führen zum Ziel. Qixxit findet deinen.

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# How the SUMP process can help the birth of a more sustainable urban mobility?



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### **European focus on SUMP's**

- 2009 Action Plan on Urban Mobility
  - To accelerate the adaptation and use of SUMPs by local and regional authorities
- 2011 Transport White Paper
  - Examining the possibility of a mandatory approach for cities
- 2013 Together towards competitive and resource-efficient urban mobility
  - Concept for sustainable urban mobility plans COM(2013) 913 final
    - New approaches in urban mobility planning
    - The SUMP concept considers the functional urban area
    - Cooperation across different policy areas and sectors (transport, land-use and spatial planning, environment, economic development, social policy, health, road safety, etc.); across different levels of government and administration
    - Balanced development and a better integration of the different urban mobility modes
    - EU-wide action on urban mobility needs to involve Member States





#### **Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP)**

- Strategic plan, planning culture and practice
- **Planning for people** avoiding the "only infrastructure" based approaches
- Based on existing good practices with integration and cooperation
- Participatory planning (involvement of stakeholders)

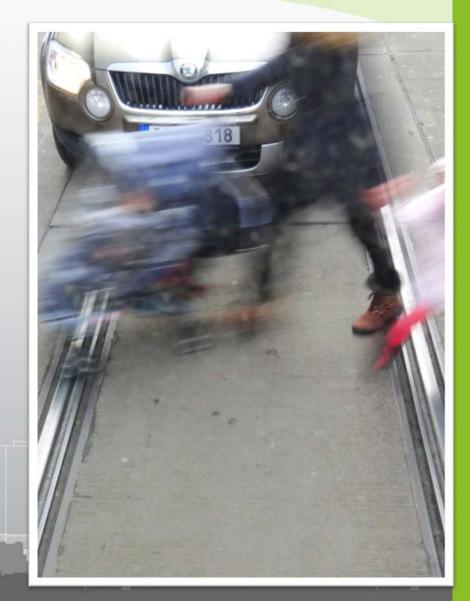
#### "If you plan cities for cars and traffic, you get cars and traffic. If you plan for people and places, you get people and places."

#### Fred Kent, Project for Public Spaces



#### **Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMP)**

- Involvement of all stakeholders into the planning process -
  - improving the acceptance and the support of the plan
- Commitment to sustainability
- Integrated, looking beyond the borders:
  - Cross-sector approach instead of segmented policies
  - Cooperation among administrative levels (vertical and horizontal cooperation)
- Clear vision, exact and measurable goals
- Analysis of real costs and benefits, internalisation of externalities



#### THE SUMP CYCLE

## 11 steps, 32 activites

#### I. Preparation

#### **III. Elaboration**

Step 1: Determine your potential for a successful SUMP Step 2: Define the

development process and scope of the plan

**Step 3**: Analyse the mobility situation and develop scenarios

Step 7: Agree on clear responsibilities and allocate budgets
Step 8: Build systems for monitoring and assessment into the plan
Step 9: Adopt the SUMP

#### II. Goal setting

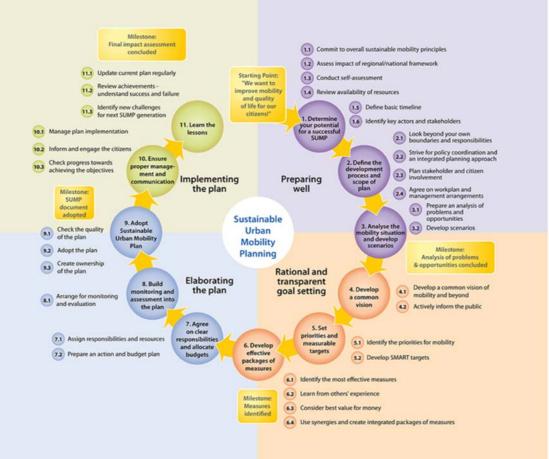
**Step 4**: Develop a common vision

Step 5: Set priorities and measurable targets Step 6: Develop

effective packages of measures

#### **IV. Implementation**

Step 10: Ensure proper management and communication (when implementing the plan) Step 11: Learn the lessons



#### From goal setting to measures: "all you can eat or daily meal"?





- Vision oriented efficient measures to be set up, reflecting to the higher level strategies
- Clear vision, clear goal setting, clear priorities
- Focus: more a daily meal than a complex "all you can eat" dream menu without real priorities
- Integration: more the coherent and well connected measures than separated project puzzles

## Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning as a successful tool – what we need?

- Legislative background (is there a common framework on local, regional, national or EU level?)
- Real commitment of decision makers and credibility – if no, implementation is uncertain
- Financing background (who pays for the plan, role of the local and national levels)
- Time and resources for the planning process



#### Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning as a successful tool

- SUMP is a useful and innovative tool but not a goal to achieve – avoiding mass production of SUMP's.
- Not a magic pill, but a useful guideline to canalise the smart thinking on mobility
- Improving and supplementing the existing methodologies, strengthening the planning processes step by step
- Additional plan to the existing ones, synthetizing and improving the mobility context, leading towards the vision









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## Thank you for your attention!

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