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QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE ACTION PLAN ON URBAN MOBILITY
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Please complete and submit by **Friday 8 January 2010**. You can upload the completed questionnaires directly on the Subsidiarity Monitoring Network webpage (<http://subsidiarity.cor.europa.eu> – remember to be logged in). Alternatively, you can send them by email to subsidiarity@cor.europa.eu.

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BACKGROUND

The Urban Mobility Action Plan consists of a comprehensive support package aiming to provide local, regional and national authorities with incentives, support and tools to develop a culture of sustainable urban mobility in the EU, which fosters competitiveness, is environmentally friendly and promotes an inclusive and cohesive society. Urban mobility should not be seen in isolation, but should be addressed with the objectives of other community policies (cohesion, environment, growth and jobs) in mind.

The action plan includes short and medium term practical solutions in the form of 20 actions across 6 thematic areas¹. Actions are to be launched until 2012 and will be based on partnership with and voluntary commitment by local, regional and national authorities in cooperation with the European Commission in selected areas. They will be implemented through existing EU programmes and instruments. The European Commission underlines that local, regional and national authorities will be free to make use of the support and tools offered under the action plan and that all actions will be implemented through existing programmes and instruments.

Please complete the questions overleaf:

¹ Promotion of integrated policies, citizens' rights, green urban transport, funding, experience and knowledge sharing, optimisation of urban mobility.

A. Subsidiarity & Proportionality:
1. <i>Given the responsibilities/competences of local and regional authorities in your country, which do you think should be the role of the EU as regards achieving sustainable urban mobility?</i>
<i>If possible, provide reasons for your answer</i>
The EU should launch incentive programs to help financially local authorities to build new public transport infrastructures. The reason for this need is a lack of funds dedicated to public transport. The PT projects are not necessarily heavy modes : they have to be adapted to each place and its needs.
2. <i>Do you consider the proposed actions appropriate for achieving the objective of sustainable urban mobility in the EU in a satisfactory manner?</i>
<i>If possible, provide reasons for your answer.</i>
The actions are not sufficient. More work has to be done for developing Public Transport Projects and infrastructures.

B. Links with other EU policies:
3. <i>Do you consider that the proposed actions would contribute to higher economic, social and territorial cohesion within urban and peri-urban centres?</i>
Not really. The cohesion will be improved by creating a better public transport <u>network</u> .
4. <i>Do you consider that the proposed actions would contribute to achieving the EU's energy and climate change objectives?</i>
Yes
5. <i>Would you support the introduction of an urban mobility dimension in Sustainable Energy Plans to be prepared by cities within the context of the Covenant of Mayors?</i>
Yes

C. Additional action needed:
6. <i>Do you consider that there are other or additional lines of action relating to urban mobility that have not been proposed by the Action Plan?</i>
Improving cities public transport network is compulsory to help territorial, social and economic cohesion.

<i>7. Would you support the establishment of a specific financial instrument encouraging urban and metropolitan areas to set up integrated urban mobility plans? Should the access to such financial instruments be subject to conditions?</i>
This is not really necessary in France because we already have a legislation tool regarding urban mobility planning.
<i>8. Would you support the extension of the scope of the Action Plan by funding incentives and/or an award scheme? The CoR opinion on the Green Paper² suggested the equivalent of an EU-wide "Blue flag Scheme" to be awarded on the basis of specific indicators to urban areas with low levels of pollution and congestion.</i>
Yes
<i>9. What would your priorities for action/implementation be?</i>
Offering funding sources for new PT infrastructures

D. Best practices and experience:
<i>10. Has your municipality/city or region (or the constituent members of your association) already implemented measures or initiatives helping to achieve sustainable urban mobility in line with the Action Plan (e.g. implementation of urban mobility plans, passenger rights in urban transport, rules and best practice regarding access to green zones, information exchange platforms etc)? Please provide a short description of these measures or initiatives.</i>
- Toulouse has been much implied in the MOBILIS Project of CIVITAS Program : actions in favour of sustainable mobility such as : <ul style="list-style-type: none">- developing clean PT transport- controlling private cars access to the city centre- creating new public space in favour of soft modes- building a new legislations for goods distribution in the city centre- helping traffic fluidity for public transport buses...
- We have just reviewed our Urban Mobility Plan which includes many actions in favour of sustainable mobility.
- Toulouse has developed a Multimodal mobility management system and observatory.

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E. Better regulation:
11. <i>Do you feel that the impact assessment accompanying the Action Plan is comprehensive and takes into account aspects particular to local and regional authorities?</i>
Yes
12. <i>Do you feel that the implementation of the Action Plan will result in increased financial or administrative costs for your city, local authority or region?</i>
Yes