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## EDITORIAL

Less than one year until the end of the project. Work Packages are delivering results, some are still ongoing, and the second round of mentoring visits is about to start. The next few months will be intense, with the publication of a synthesis of results from the Work Packages, and the final CREATE Guidelines. It will also be time to increase dissemination activities and update the project's exploitation strategy. We look forward to continuing our cooperation to make our project a success!

## CREATE events in Bucharest – new opportunity to engage with the local and regional stakeholders



At the beginning of September, EIP will bring you the event: “Building the foundation for future mobility in Europe”. This will feature a conference with major research partners in the CREATE project and representatives of stage one cities. With the support of PMB, a technical visit will take place in the city of Bucharest that will facilitate a debate on the barriers and opportunities for implementing sustainable mobility measures. Within the conference, we will also hold a training session for participants. The main goal of this session is to provide an in-depth understanding of the importance of transport data (type of data, collection, etc.), and how to transform it into meaningful evidence to support the city planners and politicians in developing new sustainable transport policies. The two trainers, Charles Buckingham of Transport for London and David Bull from the Advisory Board, have prepared a couple of very interesting sessions where they will try to engage with the participants and provide them with immediate, significant support for future policies developed in their cities. One of the main legacies of the project should be a sound set of findings that could be included in academic courses. To this end, UCL has invited members of the academic environment from Romania and neighbouring countries to a workshop where ways to include CREATE findings in academic curricula will be discussed.

The entire event will be also a great opportunity for the participants to exchange views and knowledge with representatives of major European cities from the Euro-Med area and with major universities across Europe about the challenges and opportunities in your city

The event will be attended by city authorities’ representatives, transport professionals from cities across Europe and members of the major universities in Romania and its neighbouring countries.

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**CREATE training and mentoring visits**

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## 2nd training on urban mobility data

Following a first CREATE training on urban mobility data during the CIVITAS Forum 2016, this 2nd training is to provide participants with an in-depth understanding of the importance of data (why is data important for transport policy and planning? How and what data to collect?), and how to transform it in a meaningful evidence to support the city planners and politicians in developing new sustainable transport policies. The training session will combine presentations and practical exercises in groups, supported by a facilitator.

It will be closely linked to the work carried out on data within the CIVITAS initiative. This training session targets transport professionals wanting to get more out of data to address issues linked with congestion and mobility. It covers data about road traffic but also collective transport, land use, sustainable mobility policy definition, concrete measures implementation, land use planning, etc.

## First round of mentoring visits completed

- **2-3 November 2016** | Copenhagen - Bucharest
  - Public transport organisation
  - Biking situation and traffic
- **7-9 November 2016** | Paris - Skopje
  - Public transport priority (PTP)
  - SUMP
  - Bike sharing system
  - Roundabouts
- **15-17 February 2017** | Vienna - Adana
  - Pedestrianisation
  - Walkability
  - SUMP
- **21-22 March 2017** | London - Tallinn
  - Street types
  - Healthy streets
- **10-12 July 2017** | Berlin - Amman
  - On-street parking management
  - SUMP

The second round of mentoring visits will start in October 2017.

## Feedback from the mentoring visit in Amman





The Berlin CREATE team visited Amman colleagues in July 2017. It was an opportunity to experience the spirit of Amman, the results of passionate commitment to improving Amman's transport system despite all challenges, and the Ammanis' generous hospitality. The visit clearly showed that it is one thing to read about planning approaches and the characteristic challenges of a fast-growing city like Amman. But these issues can only be fully understood by visiting the actual city and experiencing firsthand how the rapid increase in travel demand with no high-capacity public transport affects the daily life and daily travel patterns.

During a visit to the Traffic Control Centre, the Berlin team was introduced to the excellent modern technical equipment and the strategies for the first upcoming BRT-lines.

After introducing GAM to the current parking management and successful (and less successful) parking strategies in Berlin, GAM strategies on regulating on-street parking by implementing parking management were discussed in detail on site.

The first pilot projects on improving walkability, like Rainbow Street and Wakalat Street, showed both the first improvements in walkability and the still challenging factors in Amman's mobility culture. Both possible supporting and inhibiting factors for pedestrian areas in Amman were discussed.

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## CREATE dissemination activities

### Focus Group meeting in Amman

The city of Amman hosted and ran a successful focus group involving a range of transport and urban planning experts across sectors (including academics, policy-makers and consultants). The questions addressed focused on understanding past and current transport and planning issues and discussing future issues such as demographic changes. The focus group was followed by a presentation about CREATE where a larger group of participants, including students, attended.



## CREATE at CIVITAS Forum 2017

The CIVITAS Forum 2017 will meet in [Torres Vedras \(Portugal from 27-29 September\)](#)

CREATE has been invited to present the project's key political findings at the CIVITAS Politicians' Forum on 28 September. On the same day, a CREATE workshop will take place on "How can growing economies leapfrog to sustainable mobility?: CREATEive ways to overcome obstacles and seize opportunities".

Is your city still facing growing congestion levels? Do you wish to implement cutting-edge sustainable mobility solutions but are not sure how or where to start? Joining this workshop will be an opportunity for you to learn and share new ideas, and discuss problems and opportunities with like-minded policy-makers and practitioners. It will highlight common barriers and discuss potential solutions for cities to leapfrog urban transport processes.

On 29 September, CREATE will also be part of a session on "Connected and Automated Driving (CAD) in CIVITAS Cities". Tom Cohen (UCL) will feature in the panel with a presentation on "Will automated vehicles kill off mass transit in smaller urban areas? The aim of this session is to kick-start a critical discussion within CIVITAS about the positive and negative impacts of CAVs in cities and what cities could and should do in the coming 5-10 years. For further information on the presentations see: [Connected and automated driving \(CAD\) in CIVITAS cities session at CIVITAS Forum 2017](#)

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## CREATE project at joint Estonian EU presidency and UITP seminar on "Smart mobility 2020: Innovative and sustainable urban transport in Europe" (22-23 November 2017, Tallinn)

Don't miss the high-level international seminar taking place on 22-23 November 2017 in Tallinn (Estonia) entitled Smart Mobility 2020: Innovative and sustainable urban transport in Europe, featuring our EU mobility project CREATE!

The seminar will be held under the patronage of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications and organised under the 2017 Estonian EU Presidency official programme and with the Presidency's support. The event is organised together with Tallinn's operator Tallinna Linnatranspordi AS and the Tartu Municipality.

The Seminar will be an opportunity to discuss and meet with top mobility stakeholders from throughout Europe and the Baltic States. The second day will feature a technical visit in the morning. During this conference, we intend to hold a strategic debate with high-level mobility and smart city stakeholders from the EU, particularly the Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) region, including decision-makers from the EU institutions and national and local governments. The event will also serve as a discussion and knowledge-sharing platform between transport, infrastructure and urban development stakeholders and policy-makers on how to support low-carbon and innovation-driven mobility and urban projects, policies and strategies in CEE Member States and further afield.

More info [here](#)

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## CREATE events at EURO CITIES Mobility Forum meeting (16-18 October, Toulouse)

The CREATE Stakeholder Engagement Group (SEG) meets again in Toulouse!

On 16 October, the Stakeholder Engagement Group (SEG) members will reunite in Toulouse. This time the members will be discussing the findings to-date of the project and the form, and the content of the future guidelines. For this event, Regine Gerike (Technical University of Dresden) and Charlotte Halpern (Sciences Po) have been invited to attend the meeting and facilitate the discussion on the recent work done in WPs 3 and 4. In the second part of the meeting, Laurie Pickup and Paul Curtis of Vectos will discuss the objective and the content of the guidelines with the participants, as well as the concrete support that could be offered to cities through applied knowledge. Lucia Cristea of European Integrated Projects will present ideas on how the guidelines could be shaped in order to facilitate immediate access to the knowledge generated by the project. The SEG meeting is organised with the support of Vanessa Holve from EURO CITIES Mobility Forum.

On 18 October, CREATE will also feature in a workshop on “The future role of the car in cities”, led by Tom Cohen (UCL). This should be a highly participatory workshop at which we will be seeking to define a future role for the car in towns and cities, if indeed that future exists, and, if so, the implications for the type and level of provision on the road network that should be made for the car. Deliberately taking the full range of urban areas as our context (from towns to mega-cities, from urban core to the outskirts), we will reflect on what changes we have recently been seeing in the role of the car – including evidence of ‘peak car’ in many larger towns and cities - before asking what might come next. Taking into account (but not fixating upon) possible new technologies, we’ll be asking both what cars will have to offer and what we might want of them in urban areas of the future. Essential to the discussion will be the question of what makes a town or city attractive and successful and whether we can link this to a particular role for the car.

## CREATE cities in the spotlight



**EUROPEAN  
AWARDS: Skopje  
and Tallinn  
shortlisted**

The European Commission announced the winners of the EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK Award 2016 on 20 March. Malmö, Sweden’s third largest city, won the Award for its efforts to promote sustainable urban mobility to different target groups of all ages and for its long-term commitment to active mobility. Skopje together with Lisbon, in recognition of their efforts towards more sustainable mobility, were the two other finalist. Skopje’s innovative car-pooling service has helped residents save money while helping the environment.

Further afield, Tallinn was shortlisted for European Green Capital 2019 Award. The European Green Capital Award was established to address many of the

**Bucharest Sustainable Urban  
Mobility Plan approved**



On 29 March, Bucharest General Council approved the draft decision on the Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan 2016-2030, a strategic document that proposes a coherent development vision in the Bucharest-Ilfov region.

The project provides the introduction of dedicated lanes for public transport over a distance of 25 kilometers. The authorities also plan to acquire 300 trams, 100 trolleybuses and 500 buses, of which 300 are to be electric buses. The tram infrastructure will also be extended by 41 kilometers and some 1,800 stations will be refurbished.

challenges faced by European cities today. The Award recognises efforts to make cities more environmentally friendly and demonstrate a commitment to public engagement and local economic development.

[Read more about Skopje](#)

[Read more about Tallinn](#)

[Explore more on Bucharest's SUMP](#)

## CREATE at the International Cycling Conference 2017 in Mannheim

The International Cycling Conference 2017 will take place in Mannheim (Mannheim Baroque Palace) from 19-21 September 2017. Regine Gerike and her team, from the technical university of Dresden will represent CREATE at this event.

The International Cycling Conference (ICC) is an interdisciplinary and international conference organized by the German Environment Agency (UBA). Together with partners from PASTA (Physical Activity through Sustainable Transport Approaches) and THE PEP (Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme) as well as the City of Mannheim, the ICC is a three-day event organized to highlight the role of active mobility from an international perspective.

The event will focus on synergies in transport planning, health care, environmental quality, economic and business development, as well as social issues and above all the exchange of knowledge and experience from research to practice.

[Registration](#) for the International Cycling Conference (ICC) in Mannheim on 19-21 September 2017 is open.

### Upcoming EU visibility events

CREATE will feature at the following EU events in the coming months:

- CIVITAS Forum conference 2017 (27-29 September, Torres Vedras)
- EUROCITIES Mobility Forum (16-18 October, Toulouse)

### SHARE, INFORM, and TWEET!

Share your activities related to sustainable mobility and/or traffic congestion:

- via our CREATE newsletter
- or directly on our Twitter: [@create\\_mobility](#)

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