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CIVITAS POLITICIANS FORUM

Theme: Citizens involvement, urban mobility and politics

Thursday 20 September 2018

09.30-12.00

Folkets Hus, Petterson-Berger room, Skolgatan 59, Umeå

HOSTS:

- Outgoing and incoming Chairs of CIVITAS Political Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Mayor of Umeå

PARTICIPANTS:

- CIVITAS Forum Network member's political representatives i.e. mayors/deputy mayors including those accompanying the above politicians
- CIVITAS PAC members
- Representatives of the European Commission
- Media representatives

BACKGROUND:

The Politicians Forum is the annual meeting of political representatives of the CIVITAS Network's member cities (as representatives of their citizens). This year's Forum Conference reflects on "Mobility for U and Me", highlighting recent and ongoing urban mobility policy achievements with the European Institutions and within the CIVITAS 2020 research and innovation projects.

During the meeting, delegates are invited to interact on sustainable urban mobility policy issues with a view also to bringing forward the politicians' views for consideration and possible take-up by the CIVITAS Initiative within subsequent activities.



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DRAFT AGENDA

Moderators: Outgoing and incoming Political Advisory Committee (PAC) Chairs

9.30 – 10.00 Welcome and introductions

- Transport priorities and citizens involvement in Umeå – Mayor of Umeå (name tbc) (10 min)
- Update on the CIVITAS PAC and CIVITAS political activities – Outgoing and incoming PAC Chairs (10 min)
- Why political support is important for CIVITAS? – Matthew Baldwin, Deputy Director-General of DG MOVE (European Commission) (10 min)

10.00 – 10.45 Political panel discussion: “Creating public support for bold mobility measures”

Interactive and strategic panel discussion including examples from CIVITAS neighbourhood projects.

- Opening pitch: Civic movements involving politicians in Copenhagen (CITIES4PEOPLE) (5-7 min) (tbc)
- Gaining citizens acceptance on diesel bans and vehicle access regulations in Germany – Christian Specht, Mannheim, EUROCITIES Mobility Forum Vice-Chair (5-7 min) (tbc)
- Preparing for the congestion charge in Gothenburg: experiences and recommendations – Gothenburg political representative (5-7 min) (tbc)
- Co-creation to advance political visions – PAC representative (5-7 min) (tbc)
- Q&A and discussion with the audience (10-15 min)

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 12.00 Conversation tables

Politicians networking around the themes of the four CIVITAS Advisory Groups, including 1 rotation at 11.35. In total, participants can attend 2 conversation tables of their choice.

Conversation table 1: Future of urban mobility policy: How useful and relevant to you is EU guidance and legislation on urban mobility? What are interests and possible implications of the next EU financial period for urban mobility and the future of CIVITAS?

Conversation table 2: Urban vehicle access regulation (UVARs): What is your experience with vehicle access regulations in your city or country? Any parking management strategies to share, in link with UVARs?



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Conversation table 3: Road safety and vulnerable road users (VRUs): What is your political vision for VRUs safety in your city? How do you tackle sensitive topics such as speed management and autonomous vehicles in built-up areas?

Conversation table 4: Game changers and SUMP 2.0: What do you consider as key political game changers and how can these help the political level? (Examples of game changers include the data economy, digitalisation, shared mobility, automation, urban access vehicle regulations...)

12.00 Conclusions and launch of Umeå's new electric bus (Sami Ojamo, VDL bus and coach)