



POLY-SUMP

*Implementing Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans
in poly-centric regions*



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Poly-SUMP, planning sustainable mobility together, aims to support the development of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMP) in poly-centric regions in which commuting and travel needs are outside the borders of a single city.

Planning mobility in these areas is complex, as several municipalities and many stakeholders are involved. Regions often face ambitious challenges, such as promoting interoperability and connections between national and international networks, making the most of existing infrastructure and new technologies, and reducing transport costs.



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Poly-SUMP offers a methodology for poly-centric regions to overcome barriers and build a constructive dialogue to reach a common vision of sustainable mobility among all actors. A series of innovative workshops are taking place at the European and local level, serving as learning laboratories for involving stakeholders and improving the system.



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Benefits for regions in Europe

If yours is a poly-centric region, Poly-SUMP offers the ideal platform to learn how to develop poly-centric Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans to meet the mobility needs of your citizens.

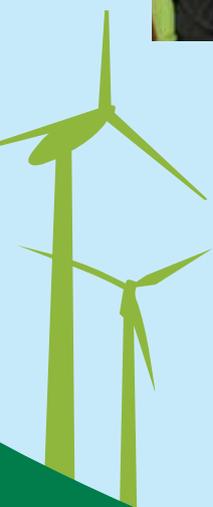
By testing the methodology at the European and at the local level in its six participating regions, Poly-SUMP will allow you to benefit from other regions' experiences and lessons learned and will offer you a guide for implementing a poly-SUMP on your own.

Thanks to the Poly-SUMP methodology, you will have the knowledge to:

- Enable stakeholders to act on common ground and take responsibility for their plans;
- Help people act on their vision in a concerted way;
- Create a shared vision and action mobility plan for your region.

What is a poly-centric region?

Poly-centric regions are areas characterised by the presence of several centres in which goods and services are dispersed in different towns and cities. Daily mobility flows therefore take place outside the boundaries of a single city and call for coordinated mobility planning within and across different municipalities.



THE POLY-SUMP REGIONS

Six regions in Europe are testing the Poly-SUMP methodology. These areas will host innovative workshops at the local level aimed at enhancing dialogue among regional stakeholders. The transferability of their pilot experiences will be analysed and made available to other European poly-centric regions.

1 Regione Marche, Italy

With over 1.5 million inhabitants dispersed in 239 municipalities, daily inter-city journeys in Regione Marche are substantial. The region is looking to further upgrade its public transport system by developing integrated transport modes and fares to facilitate regional transport.

2 Central Alentejo, Portugal

Public transport between Évora, the biggest city in Central Alentejo, and the region's other municipalities consists of irregular bus services. Most of the population commute by car, but the region aims to develop an effective poly-centric sustainable transport strategy to counter this.

3 Central Macedonia, Greece

Seven regional units, 38 municipalities and a total population of almost 2 million inhabitants, combined with poor infrastructure and public transport services, results in high levels of congestion and pollution. To address this, Poly-SUMP will gather stakeholders to develop an integrated regional transport system.

4 Parkstad Limburg, the Netherlands

Parkstad Limburg counts eight municipalities and is located at the crossroad of Belgium and Germany. Cycling and walking represent over 40 percent of the inter-city transport share, while private car use is still high in interregional and international transport. Integration of public transport is needed to change this.



5 Rhine Alp, Austria

The region, comprising 29 municipalities located close to the Swiss border, has a long poly-centric tradition. Despite the good public transport options available, the main roads are often congested by traffic entering and exiting the province, a problem that Poly-SUMP aims to alleviate.

6 Heart Slovenia, Slovenia

With eight municipalities and over 96,000 inhabitants, Heart Slovenia faces high levels of traffic and congestion due to motorists commuting to the capital, Ljubljana, on a daily basis. The region is committed to improving public transport and plans to develop a mobility plan with all stakeholders.



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- View the “Methodology” section and discover how you can benefit from the project;
- Learn more about the participating regions;
- Discover the findings of past workshops and learn where upcoming workshops will be held; and
- Be informed in real time about key achievements of the project by subscribing to our mailing list.

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