

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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Background

The European Commission's award for Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning (**SUMP Award**) was launched in 2012, and has been presented six times. The aim of the award is to encourage the adoption of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMP) by local authorities across Europe and to reward outstanding achievements in each year's thematic priority area.

The **SUMP Award** is presented alongside the [EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK Awards](#). Nonetheless, each award scheme has separate objectives, whilst remaining complementary. The EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK Awards are given to towns and cities for their outstanding promotion of sustainable urban mobility during EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK (16-22 September), whereas the **SUMP Award** recognises local and regional authorities for excellence in sustainable urban mobility planning.

Applicants are not required to have completed the entire process of developing and implementing a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan in order to be eligible for the award.

The award concept is in line with [the Eltis SUMP guidelines](#) which define a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan as a 'strategic plan designed to satisfy the mobility needs of people and businesses in cities and their surroundings for a better quality of life. It builds on existing planning practices and takes due consideration of integration, participation, and evaluation principles'. The guidelines provide information on the necessary actions to be undertaken for different aspects and at different stages of the plan, and are a recommended resource.

SUMP Award theme: Multimodality

Each year, the award focuses on a specific theme. Previous themes were:

- 1st **SUMP Award**: Stakeholder and citizens participation while planning and implementing the SUMP
- 2nd **SUMP Award**: Integration of economic, social and environmental policy criteria
- 3rd **SUMP Award**: Thematic Focus: Monitoring implementation to improve the SUMP
- 4th **SUMP Award**: Providing for multimodality and intermodality in sustainable urban mobility planning
- 5th **SUMP Award**: Freight in sustainable urban mobility planning
- 6th **SUMP Award**: Shared mobility in sustainable urban mobility planning

The 7th **SUMP Award** focuses on multimodality, which is defined in this context as the use and the combination of different modes of transport, either within a single trip or in a series of trips, with diverse purposes. It covers both passengers and goods transport. A detailed description of the concept of multimodality is available in the [EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK 2018 Manual](#).

Multimodality has been declared [theme of the year, by the European Commission – DG MOVE](#). For the European Commission, multimodality is "the use of different modes (or means) of transport on the same journey" for both goods and passengers. In urban areas both non-motorised and motorised modes are often an option, which can be shared, public or individual transport services traditional or new mobility services. This includes walking and cycling, public transport (i.e. bus, tram, metro and urban train) and individual motorised vehicles and all their variations such as bike-sharing, taxis, pre-booked shuttles or car-pooling. In this context, multimodality covers a multitude of potential combinations of modes for moving in the city.

However, urban trips tend to be shorter compared to interurban ones, and in this context, multimodality is also used to describe the use of different transport modes for different trips within the weekly routine. While walking and/or cycling may be the chosen mode for shorter trips while walking or cycling to bus or train stations cater for longer trips.

Physical and digital improvements facilitate multimodal trips using more sustainable modes. Good infrastructure and building interchanges are key while smart cards for easier payment or apps with consolidated public transport information increase convenience to combine active and collective modes.

Mix and Move!

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The increasing digitalisation of transport paved the way for the emergence of the concept of Mobility as a Service. MaaS goes a step further and has as a core concept the “integration of various forms of transport services into a single mobility service accessible on demand” accessible via a “single application to provide access to mobility, with a single payment channel instead of multiple ticketing and payment operations.” MaaS has great potential to achieve seamless multimodal mobility if implemented under the best supporting policy frameworks.

Eligibility

The competition is open to local authorities from the European Union, European Free Trade Area (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland), EU candidate countries (Albania, F.Y.R. Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey) and the potential EU candidate countries that are part of the Stabilisation & Association Process (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo¹) that have initiated or completed the development of a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan.

Applicants can be local and regional public authorities that have legal competences in developing and implementing a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan on their territory.

The contact person for each application must be a representative from a public authority. Consultancies and transport operators are not eligible. In case of doubt, applicants will be contacted to provide proof of their legal status as a local or regional public authority.

Evaluation criteria

Following an eligibility check, all submissions will be reviewed by an expert jury. The list of categories and criteria that the jury will apply can be [found here](#). For each criterion, a maximum of 5 points (5 being best) can be achieved:

0 points	Does not meet requirements at all
1 point	Poorly meets requirements
2 points	Almost meets requirements
3 points	Meets requirements
4 points	Meets requirements with excellence
5 points	Meets requirements with excellence and even exceeds them

The average score will be calculated for each criterion based on each jury member's evaluation. The sum of all criteria will be built (max. 25). The jury will agree on the top 3 finalists, and the winner will be chosen from these.

Jury

This year's jury consists of three distinguished European experts in the field of multimodality and sustainable urban mobility planning, and is chaired by a representative from the European Commission's Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport. They are:

- Dirk Engels, Transport & Mobility Leuven
- Siegfried Rupprecht, Rupprecht Consult
- Bronwen Thornton, Walk21

Prize

Political or high-level representatives of the three finalists will be invited to attend the award ceremony, which takes place in March/April 2019 in Brussels. The winner will receive a trophy from the hand of the EU Commissioner for transport.

The winner will receive a professional video clip highlighting the inclusion of multimodality in the local transport system. Shorter video clips emphasising the achievements of the finalists will be presented at the award ceremony.

The winner and the two finalists will profit from visibility on the European level. This includes case studies on the Eltis portal, and recommendations to invite the winner and finalists as speakers to relevant events such as the European SUMP Conference, the EU Green Week or the CIVITAS Forum Summit.

Promotion

We reserve the right to publish award applications as examples of excellence on the European Commission's EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK website. The winner and finalists will feature in dedicated video clips to be posted on the campaign YouTube channel. The three shortlisted applicants will be required to cooperate for the production of the video clips between January and March 2019.

Competition stages

The competition is open from 14 May to 1 October 2018 – 24:00 (CET).

The jury will review the applications by early December 2018. The winner and the two finalists will receive official

¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

notification towards the end of December 2018. The videos and other promotional materials on the finalists will be produced between January and March 2019. The award ceremony will take place in Brussels (Belgium) in spring 2019.

Submission format and guidelines

Applicants must complete the online application form at: <http://sump-award.mobilityweek.eu/application.php>. The application should be submitted in English. Applicants are invited to answer the questions with clear and relevant information about how their Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan addresses the evaluation criteria.

Applicants are encouraged to upload supporting documents and images to illustrate their SUMP actions.

Deadline

The closing date for the 7th Award for Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning is 1 October 2018 – 24:00 (CET).

Costs and reimbursements

All finalists will be invited to attend the award ceremony in Brussels in spring 2019. The travel and accommodation costs will be covered by the EUROPEAN**MOBILITYWEEK** budget.

Contact

In case of any questions about the award for sustainable urban mobility planning please contact: sumpaward@mobilityweek.eu

How to apply

Complete the online application form in the English language and by 1 October 2018.
We look forward to receiving your application!