

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

15 June 2020

Background

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

The **SUMP** Award is presented alongside the [EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK Awards](#). Nonetheless, each award scheme has separate objectives, whilst remaining complementary. The EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK Awards are given to towns and cities for their outstanding promotion of sustainable urban mobility during EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK (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

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
- 7th **SUMP** Award: Multimodality in sustainable urban mobility planning
- 8th **SUMP** Award: Safe Walking and Cycling

The theme of the 9th **SUMP** Award is "**Zero-emission mobility for all**". The Award focuses on the reduction of harmful emissions from urban transportation by the integration of zero- and low-emission transport modes into the urban mobility system as well as creating inclusive transport services for all. The theme "**Zero-emission mobility for all**" is shared in 2020 by both the 9th **SUMP** Award and the EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK Awards. More information about the concept of this year's campaign is available in the [EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK 2020 Manual](#).

Planning for zero-emission and inclusive mobility on a local level will be crucial for reaching emission targets in the coming years. As stated in the European Green Deal, The European Union aims to be emission free by 2050. In order to reach this goal, the Commission counts on local authorities to be part of the transition to a more sustainable future. In urban transportation, this requires a holistic approach, considering the development of urban transport infrastructure to create a sustainable modal split, integration of low- and zero-emission transport modes to the urban mobility mix and offering access to sustainable modes for everyone. Therefore, the 9th **SUMP** Award encourages planning authorities to promote and plan for zero-emission modes of transport, while giving the opportunity to share experiences and learnings from the unexpected happenings during the last months which could be useful for future planning in urban transport.



Eligibility

The competition is open to local authorities from the European Union, European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein), the United Kingdom, EU candidate countries (Albania, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey), Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine) 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 competence in developing and implementing a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan on their territory.

The contact person for each application must be a representative of 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 downloaded from: <http://www.mobilityweek.eu/sump-award/>. 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 will consist of three distinguished European experts in the field of sustainable urban mobility planning and is chaired by a representative from the European Commission's Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport. The Jury will be announced at a later stage.

Prize

Political or high-level representatives of the three finalists will be invited to attend the award ceremony, which takes place in March/April 2021 in Brussels. The winner will receive a trophy, which will be presented by the EU Commissioner for transport.

The winner will receive a professional video clip highlighting the importance of reducing harmful emissions from 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 benefit from visibility at the European level. This includes case studies on the Eltis portal, and recommendations to invite the winner and finalists to participate as speakers in relevant events such as the European Commission's Urban Mobility Conference.

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.

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's YouTube channel. The three shortlisted applicants will be requested to cooperate in the production of the video clips between January and March 2021.

Competition stages

The competition is open from 15 June to 31 October 2020 – 24:00 (CET).

The jury will review the applications by early December 2020. The winner and the two finalists will receive official notification towards the end of December 2020 or in January 2021. The videos and other promotional materials on the finalists will be produced between January and March 2021. The award ceremony will take place in Brussels (Belgium) (or online) in spring 2021 – the exact date and format remains to be fixed.

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 9th Award for Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning is 31 October 2020 – 24:00 (CET).

Costs and reimbursements

All finalists will be invited to attend the award ceremony in Brussels in spring 2021 if it takes place as a physical event. The travel and accommodation costs will be covered by the EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK 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 English by 31 October 2020.
We look forward to receiving your application!