

5th SUMP Award

on urban freight in sustainable urban mobility planning

Cities in the Spotlight: 5th SUMP Award finalists

A panel of independent jury experts has selected the following three cities as finalists for their excellence in addressing urban freight movements in sustainable urban mobility planning.

Brussels

Brussels is a city-region and home to 1,18 mill. people. The population is growing rapidly, generating pressure on mobility and the freight transport needed to supply the city, its inhabitants and its economic life.

In 2014, Brussels worked out a strategic plan for Freight Transport. It installed the vision for the years to come. In 2016 Brussels began the preparation of its third mobility plan, in which freight transport will get a particular attention. The ambition of Brussels is to reduce adverse impacts of freight, such as congestion, use of the already scarce public space, noise and emissions. Preparatory studies allow the city to plan for freight in an integrated way within the mobility strategy.

Brussels' comprehensive approach to identify problems, find opportunities and then select the most relevant measures has been appreciated by the jury. Brussels helps to sustain private sector initiatives for better freight movement and supports the sector's consolidation efforts. This includes consolidation centres to increase efficiency and reduce freight kilometres in the city.

The engagement of Brussels in relevant national and European projects helped implement the city's freight strategy. The SUGAR, STRAIGHTSOL, LaMiLo and CITYLAB projects contributed to achieving goals by reducing congestion, noise and emissions through off-peak delivery hours and innovative last-mile clean solutions.



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Budapest

Budapest is the capital of Hungary and also one of the largest economic, industrial, social and cultural hubs of Central and Eastern Europe. Budapest's central position increases traffic and to accommodate the movements of people and goods in a sustainable way, Budapest officially adopted the Balázs Mór Plan, its SUMP, in 2014.

The jury valued the good integration of goods transport of in the overall mobility planning of Budapest. This is in particular thanks to the *Freight Transport Strategy* and the *City Logistics Concept*, which have been both drafted in conjunction with the Balázs Mór Plan.

Following a comprehensive assessment of the urban freight situation, Budapest has set very ambitious goals for urban freight including the development of a more integrated network development and interoperable systems, the support to environment-friendly technologies and vehicles as well as governance improvements. Outstanding among the freight measures of Budapest are the development of logistics and consolidation centres, the use of IT systems and the implementation of a freight transport access-regulation system.



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Stockholm

The city of Stockholm is home to nearly a million inhabitants and is experiencing a period of rapid population growth with 140,000 additional dwellings installed or expected between 2015 and 2030. This creates mobility challenges for the Swedish capital, namely congestion, accessibility and air pollution.

To respond to these challenges, Stockholm is currently updating its SUMP which includes a dedicated plan on urban freight. The freight strategy was issued in 2014 and is being implemented in the period 2014-2017. The jury acknowledged Stockholm's use of the triple helix approach – making the research and industry sectors collaborating with the local authority - and the balance this has led to in the Stockholm Freight Plan: The plan responds both to the need to foster local economic activity, but also to limit the adverse impacts of urban freight.

The jury in particular highlighted the fact that the city of Stockholm has clearly identified freight as a priority and has well integrated it within the overall mobility planning. The promotion of consolidated logistics schemes and the continuous involvement of stakeholders are two other major strengths of the Stockholm Freight Plan.

