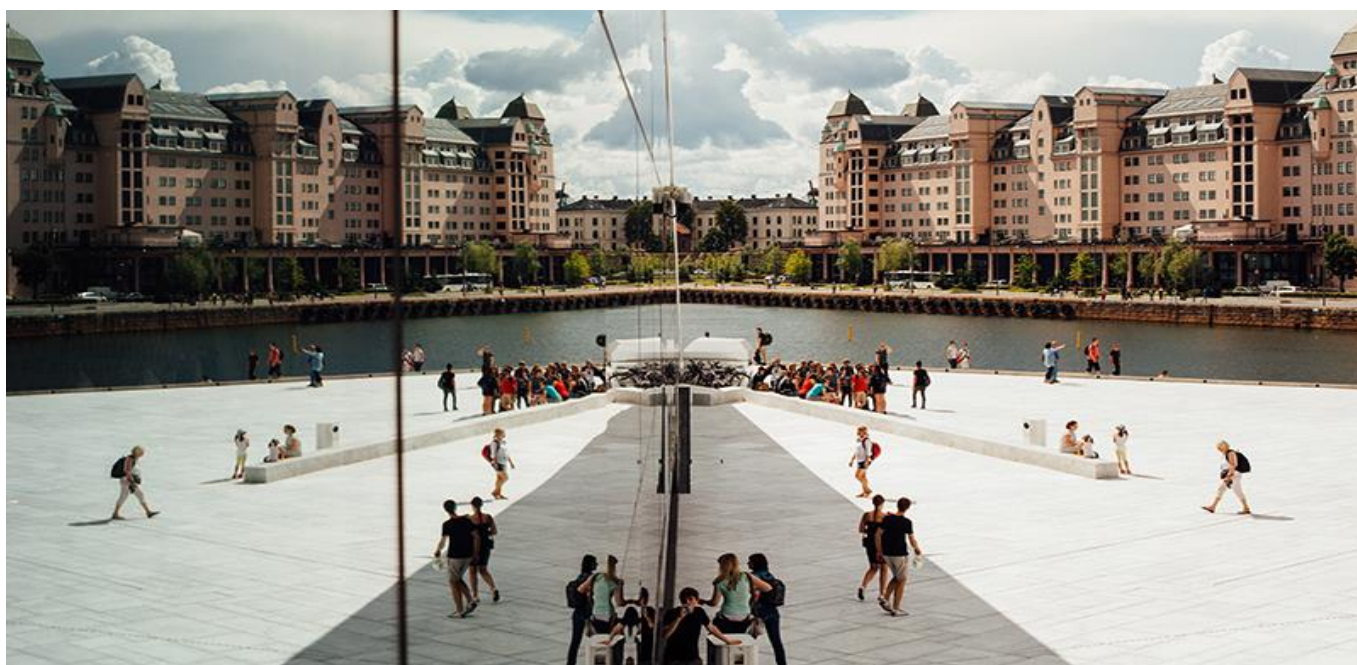


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EDITORIAL

Spring is in the air!

After the busy winter months, which included the mid-term review of the project, the CREATE consortium is now entering the second phase of its work. The first round of mentoring visits is over soon, the work packages are starting to deliver results, and our dissemination activities are picking up. The Assembly of Partners, to be held in May, will be a milestone event during the last year of the project. Spring 2017 is full of promising events, and we look forward to cooperating and sharing these with you!



CREATE Steering Committee members in front of the European Parliament

CREATE mid-term review

On 25 January, the CREATE project had its mid-term review with the European Commission in Brussels. This was the opportunity to also showcase the project's first results during a cocktail reception held on the same day. The event focused on 'Strong urban governance for liveable cities', and was attended by over 40 participants, including a representative of the European Commission's DG MOVE.

Peter Jones from University College London and Charlotte Halpern from the Centre d'Etudes Européennes de Sciences Po brought the issue of indicators for measuring a city's liveability to the audience's attention, and explained how more and more cities tend to "emancipate" themselves from the nation level when responding to local challenges, such as air pollution. They emphasised that new urban governance models are emerging. Following these presentations, a Q&A session gave the public and the speakers a chance to engage in a productive exchange of ideas. The interventions focused on ways to tackle traffic congestion, and improve the efficiency of transport.

On 26 January, the CREATE consortium presented the project in the European Parliament, during a meeting with MEP Keith Taylor (Greens, UK). Synergies were identified with current and upcoming EU policy activities, e.g. the EU low-emission mobility strategy and the Road Transport Package.

CREATE mentoring and study visits

The first round of CREATE mentoring visits is almost over. All ten paired cities have completed their mentoring strategies and action plans. Amman and Berlin still have a meeting scheduled for mid-April.

The ten CREATE cities now have to decide whether they want to start the second round of mentoring visits in the same pairings, and assess progress, adjust plans, and give a final push to the implementation of measures in an unchanged format, or would instead take part in joint workshops focusing on themes relevant for all of them. Following a brainstorming session, the decision on this should be made during the Assembly of Partners in May (see article below).

First round of mentoring visits

Cities	Topics	Dates
Copenhagen - Bucharest	- Public transport organisation - Biking situation and traffic	2-3 November 2016
Paris-Skopje	- Public Transport Priority - SUMPs - Bike sharing system - Roundabouts	7-9 November 2016
Vienna – Adana	- Pedestrianisation - Walkability - SUMPs	15-17 February 2017
London-Tallinn	- Street types - Healthy streets	21-22 March 2017
Berlin – Amman	- On-street parking management - SUMPs (tbc)	25-27 April 2017

First study visit

City	Topics	Dates
Copenhagen	Active modes – cycling and walking	5-6 April 2017

Zooming in on two mentoring visits:

Vienna – Adana

The mentoring visit to Adana took place between 15 and 17 February. Colleagues from BOKU (Vienna) and UCL (London), as well as David Bull, an external advisor from the UK, were in attendance. They discussed the reorganisation of the street layout to make the city more walkable, and assessed the host city's plans to upgrade its public transport service. Adana currently employs a relatively large number of minibuses to provide this service, which causes recurrent traffic congestions in the city centre. The city now plans to restrict minibus traffic to the main thoroughfares, and will also introduce larger buses that hold more people. As a pilot project, a major shopping street (Ziyapasa bulvari) was recently, allowing for shops and restaurants to operate there.

The site visit included a public dissemination event, where the CREATE project was presented along with an analysis of the case study completed by Vienna. The 70-odd participants held a discussion after the presentation and assessed Adana's potential to adopt policies developed in other cities. At another event, 20 local stakeholders summed up Adana's relevant past experiences and future plans.



Vienna-Adana mentoring visit (15-17 February): meeting with Adana's mayor

Copenhagen – Bucharest:

Delegates from Copenhagen and Bucharest (including the deputy mayor), as well as the leader of the SUMP programme in Romania and a representative of the European Innovation Partnership (EIP), met in Bucharest on 2-3 November 2016 during the CREATE mentoring visit for an exchange of views.



The main recommendation made by CREATE mentor Copenhagen was for Bucharest to focus on developing the public transport system both by increasing the modal share of metro and trams, and by dedicating more urban space to the trams and buses. According to the mentor, the Romanian capital should devise a system for giving priority to trams and buses at intersections. In a city the size and density of Bucharest, public transportation is key to optimising mobility and the use of urban spaces. Bucharest already has an efficient public transport system, notwithstanding the recent increase in travel by car.

Prompted by the mentoring visit, Bucharest launched an awareness-raising campaign to promote public transport, cycling, and other individual non-motorised travel modes and to encourage local lawmakers to develop a clear and coherent legal framework for promoting sustainable modes of transport.

Bucharest will certainly benefit from Copenhagen's experiences of public space development and use. The mentor highlighted the need to pay equal attention to all transport modes in the city and to develop and implement a long-term, green, and sustainable strategy.

FLOW: “sister project” with a multimodal perspective on congestion



FLOW is a Horizon 2020 EU-funded project, whose aim is to put walking and cycling on an equal footing with motorised transport modes to improve traffic performance (i.e. reduce congestion). For this end, FLOW has developed a multimodal definition of congestion, and key performance indicators to assess it. The project examines the impact of walking and cycling on urban traffic performance, and evaluates it using a specially developed method and an assessment tool.

FLOW targets cities interested in the use of transport modelling tools that include walking and cycling; transport consultancies, which play an important role in modelling in cities; and decision makers, who will be offered facts to buttress their arguments in favour of putting walking and cycling on equal footing with other modes of transport to reduce traffic congestion.

Resources on traffic congestion and active mobility:

- A webinar entitled ‘Congestion and your city: the FLOW approach’ took place in January this year. It introduced FLOW and its tools, and described the way these tools are being used at College Green in Dublin. A recording of the webinar is available [on the FLOW YouTube channel](#).
- A moderated e-course following up on the webinar ran for four weeks in January and February, and covered indicators used to measure the role of walking and cycling in reducing traffic congestion. This e-course is no longer moderated, but it remains available for viewing [on the Mobility Academy website](#).
- A new FLOW publication, ‘Analysing the impact of walking and cycling on urban road performance: a conceptual framework’, introduces the key products developed by the project.
- The FLOW publication ‘Multimodal analysis methodology of urban road transport network performance’ lays the groundwork for the project, and includes the FLOW definition of multimodal urban congestion based on key performance indicators.
- You can also read about FLOW’s multimodal perspective on congestion in [Thinking Highways](#).

What’s coming up in FLOW:

For local decision makers:

- Congestion quick facts – a collection of quick facts to help decision makers argue in favour of investing in cycling and walking to reduce congestion will be out in June 2017 in Bulgarian, English, German, Hungarian, Irish, Polish, and Portuguese.
- Visualising congestion – and the alternatives: this short video uses microscopic simulation of traffic scenarios to enable decision makers and other thought leaders to see “in action” what their city could look like if certain walking and/or cycling interventions are applied. Look for it in summer 2017.

For planners, consultants, and others specialised in transport modelling:

- ‘FLOW and transport modelling: looking at the tools’. This webinar/e-course, scheduled to start on 23 May, will focus on microscopic and macroscopic modelling, and will introduce the FLOW impact assessment tool. Further details and registration [on the FLOW website](#).

For cities:

- The online catalogue of tools for reducing traffic congestion tools will be available on the FLOW website before the summer.

To learn more about FLOW, [check out the website](#) or subscribe to the newsletter!

For further information, you can also contact Dagmar Koehler, project communication manager, at dKoehler@polisnetwork.eu

CREATE Assembly of Partners and training session in London

Between 16 and 19 May (Tuesday through Friday), University College London (UCL) will play host to the third CREATE Annual All-Partner Meeting. A very interesting and intense programme has been planned to enable all CREATE partners to make the most of this opportunity.

The agenda for this four-day event is as follows: the formal annual meeting will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. Here representatives of each work package will present their main findings to date, and will outline their planned activities for the final twelve months of the project. Stakeholders will have plenty of opportunity to provide feedback, and city representatives will be invited to attend roundtable discussions. Separate forums for Stage 1 and Stage 3 cities will also be organised. The first day of the annual meeting will conclude with a unique speed knowledge sharing session, where Stage 1 and Stage 3 cities will be seated at pre-assigned tables and invited to raise items for discussion. The other partners will circulate between the groups to animate the debate. On Thursday, Werner Brog, managing director of Socialdata, will hold a training session on 'Implementing successful Stage 3 transport policies – The crucial role of awareness and marketing'. This session is geared primarily for Stage 1 cities, but everyone is welcome to join, including interested cities outside the CREATE consortium.

The agenda for Friday morning is yet to be confirmed. UCL and Transport for London plan to offer guided tours to Walthamstow Village, Transport for London's Traffic Control Centre, shared spaces schemes in Central London, and the Cycle superhighways.

This will be a unique opportunity for all CREATE partners to reunite and to exchange views on the past, present, and future of the CREATE project.

Upcoming EU visibility events

CREATE will be featured at the following EU events in the coming months:

- SUMP conference (29-30 March, Dubrovnik)
- ECOMM (31 May-2 June, Maastricht)
- Velocity (13-16 June, Arnhem - Nijmegen)
- CIVITAS Forum conference 2017 (27-29 September, Torres Vedras)
- EUROCITIES Mobility Forum (October– date tbc, Toulouse)

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