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# 1 OVERVIEW

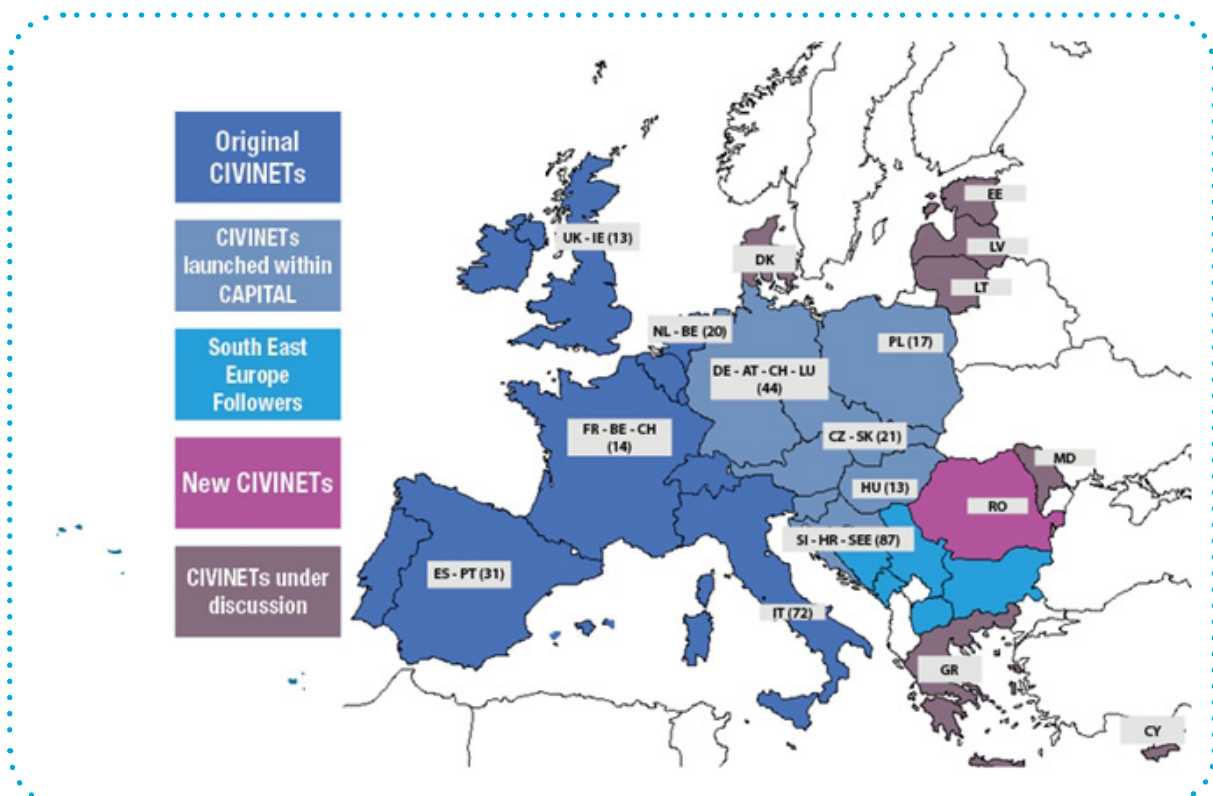
This report gathers all the activities undertaken by the following networks from 1 January 2015 to 31 March 2016. Upcoming information known at the time of the report has also been included until the end of CAPITAL (31 August 2016).

- CIVINET Czech and Slovak Republics
- CIVINET Francophone
- CIVINET German Speaking
- CIVINET Italia
- CIVINET Netherland and Flanders
- CIVINET Poland
- CIVINET Slovenia-Croatia-South East Europe (SEE)
- CIVINET UK & Ireland
- CIVINET Spain & Portugal
- Magyar CIVINET

Main facts:

- The CIVINET Slovenia and Croatia broadened its scope in February 2016 by including the following countries Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. This led to the CIVINET becoming CIVINET Slovenia and Croatia & SEE (South East Europe).
- After the approval of their application, CIVINET Romania organised a launch event on 13 June 2016, attended by 30 people. This was attended by Agathe Martin from the WP5 coordination and two representatives of Magyar CIVINET, Antal Gertheis and Andras Ekés.
- Two potential new networks expressed their interest in being part of the CIVINETs but have not yet applied: Greek-speaking and Baltic States.

A map showing the number of members in each network in spring 2016 is included below. Since then, networks may have recruited more members.





## 2 MEETINGS WITH ALL THE NETWORKS

In 2015, Networks met in person together on three occasions:

- All the CIVINETs came to the European Parliament in Brussels (Belgium) on 13 April with political representatives to attend and participate to an event entitled "Parliament Sustainable Urban Mobility Evening". The event was co-organised with Green MEPs and hosted by Keith Taylor MEP.
- The objective was to make the European Commission (EC) aware of the work done by the Networks, how they were addressing the Urban Mobility Package at their level and how cities involved in Networks were learning about and implementing sustainable mobility actions. Before the event networks had a chance to meet in the DG Move building.
- The networks also met in Szeged (Hungary) on 28 May. All the Networks were represented, almost all with both a politician or National Network Manager and a Secretariat representative.
- The last meeting of 2015 was organised during the CIVITAS Forum in Ljubljana (Slovenia) in the form of a half-day meeting on 28 October. As the General Assembly met the day before, it offered the possibility to offer a direct and updated liaison between CAPITAL work packages activities and the Networks. One phone meeting was organised on 3 February. It was the first occasion for all the networks to discuss the first results since the launch of their respective networks.

In 2016, networks met in Olomouc (Czech Republic) on 26 April. Romanian representatives were present before the official launch of the network a month and a half later. The discussion focussed on the future of the networks, with a discussion on how

## 3 COOPERATION

In comparison with previous years, the CIVINETs increased their links with other bodies, networks and European projects. These links have often been created thanks to the invitation of representatives at CIVINET events. One of the advantages has been an increase in dissemination possibilities.

### 3.1 LINKS WITH OTHER BODIES

Some networks succeeded in connecting with national or regional bodies:

- The environment and transport ministries of the Czech Republic and Slovakia are the main national bodies involved in events organised by the CIVINET Czech and Slovak Republics. The network has established close contact with representatives of the Slovakian Ministry of Transport and the Czech Ministry of Transport.
- Magyar CIVINET invited officials from the Ministry of National Development to present at some of their workshops.
- The UK Department for Transport and Transport Scotland are observers on the CIVINET UKI Management Committee. Links with Irish government and other organisations were facilitated by holding an event in Northern Ireland in April 2015.
- CIVINET Spain and Portugal has a strong relationship with the Spanish Ministry of Innovation, which is the contact point for the 7th EC Framework Programme in Spain.
- CIVINET Spain and Portugal have links with some regional bodies such as the autonomous communities of Cantabria, and Castile and León. The Network maintains very good relations with other regional energy agencies, such as in Murcia and Vigo in Galicia, and they disseminate CIVINET events.
- CIVINET Italia obtained the patronage of the Ministry of Environment and the National Association of Italian Municipalities (ANCI) and has links with The Ministry of Transport, which is responsible for the development of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMP).

- Both the Slovenian and Croatian ministries dealing with traffic and sustainable mobility issues have joined the CIVINET Slovenia-Croatia-SEE network. They have organised several mutual workshops, mainly regarding SUMP.

### 3.2 LINKS BETWEEN CIVINETS

- Magyar CIVINET was present at the launch event of the CIVINET Romania in Timisoara in June 2016, to present how a network functions.
- Magyar CIVINET had a study tour in Ljubljana combined with the CIVITAS Forum in October 2015.
- CIVINET Polska visited Nantes (France) in February 2016, thanks to contact with the CIVINET Francophone for a site visit to increase knowledge concerning cycling with focus on cycling highways.
- The CIVINET Deutscher Sprachraum welcomed CIVINET Slovenia-Croatia-SEE and Magyar CIVINET for a study tour in Graz (Austria) from 29 February to 1 March 2016.

### 3.3 LINKS WITH OTHER NATIONAL/REGIONAL NETWORKS

- The Association of Cycling Cities of the Czech Republic is already an associated member of the CIVINET Czech and Slovak Republics. The Czech National Association of Cities and Municipalities (NACM) is also actively represented in the CIVINET
- The Association of Hungarian Cities with County Rank (MJVSZ) forwarded Magyar CIVINET's invitations to some of the workshops to its members. This resulted in higher participation levels.
- CIVINET Netherlands and Flanders was in contact with some other bodies: the national government (Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment), national networks (Association of Dutch Municipalities) and knowledge institutes (CROW-KPVV).
- CIVINET Deutscher Sprachraum established links with POLIS, Österreichischer Städtebund (Austrian Association of Cities and Towns) and Difu (German Institute for Urban Studies).
- ACT TravelWise is a UK membership association for sustainable travel and behavioural change professionals in the public, private or third sectors. A member of the Secretariat sits on ACT TravelWise's Board.
- CIVINET Spain and Portugal is in contact with The Spanish Association of Cities and Municipalities (FEMP), ITS Spain Association, Spanish Bike Cities Association, Spanish Observatory of the Public Bike and Walking Cities.
- CIVINET Poland has connection with SISKOM - Transport Association from Warsaw.
- CIVINET Italia has links with two networks, Euromobility, which is the association of Italian mobility managers (see below for detailed information) and Federmobilità, which is the association of regional, provincial and municipal authorities interested in discussing sustainable urban mobility.
- CIVINET Slovenia, Croatia and SEE has contact with: Association of cities, National Cycling Network and the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, who are members of the Network.

### 3.4 WITH OTHER EUROPEAN PROJECTS

- CIVINET Czech and Slovak established cooperation with the local partners of the ENDURANCE project. The CIVINET serves also as the local SUMP network of the Czech Republic and the local SUMP network of the Slovak Republic. They cooperate closely with the CIVITAS 2MOVE2 project as a co-organiser of their events in Brno, which is a 2MOVE2 demonstration city.

- CIVINET Netherlands and Flanders is in contact with individual members. The network also tried to team up with the ENDURANCE projects. For both they were in contact with KPVV (the Dutch Knowledge Centre for Traffic and Transport).
- Sándor Nagy, representative of the Magyar CIVINET NNM City of Szeged, held the position of PAC Chair until mid-2015, and has remained a PAC member since.
- CIVINET UK and Ireland had continued contacts with the Horizon 2020 National Contact Points (NCPs). They are based at Innovate UK, the government's innovation agency. The Legal & Financial NCP presented a spotlight on Horizon 2020 at the training workshop on accessing EU funds. The Network also cooperated with the EU MobiWallet project.
- CIVINET Spain and Portugal is managing PTP Cycle, Velocittà and SmartMove (IEE) and has applied for other three projects under Horizon 2020. In the past, it has organised meetings with the following projects: POSSE (Interreg IV C), ENDURANCE (three times), QUEST, Ch4llenge and BUMP (IEE), and EUNOIA (7th FP). They also organised a meeting with ENDURANCE and the ELTIS + initiative in Lisbon (Portugal) in 2015.
- CIVINET Slovenia and Croatia has joint activities with Evidence, Push&Pull, Urban Heath Island and others.

As presented earlier, all the networks and some of their members were present at the CIVITAS Forum in Ljubljana. Furthermore, networks and their political representatives came to the European Parliament event in April 2016.

## 4 MAIN THEMES ADDRESSED

See to the right the themes addressed by the events organised by the networks in 2015 and 2016. Some events were related to several themes.

The most addressed themes were mobility management with a lot of events related to SUMPs, car-independent lifestyles, and the CIVITAS integrated approach.

All categories were addressed even if some topics were only addressed a few times.

A table showing all events held is included as an appendix.

Theme	Number of events
Mobility management	35
Car-independent lifestyles	23
CIVITAS integrated approach	11
Integrated planning	11
Collective passenger transport	9
Clean fuels and vehicles	3
Urban freight logistics	3
Demand management strategies	2
Transport telematics	1
Safety and security	1
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## 5 DISSEMINATION APPROACH

### 5.1 THIRD PARTY EVENTS

Networks participated in 22 third-party events in 2015, and in 2016 eight events were attended or planned to be, which is a bit lower than the year before. These events represent a perfect opportunity to recruit new members. Leaflets were therefore distributed at these occasions.

The participation of the Networks was mainly made through presentations or with a network stand. Some events were only attended without any participation as speaker or a network stand.

Except for participation at events of other networks, during the CIVITAS Forum or events involving all CIVINETs, all the third-party events took place in the countries linked to the CIVINET represented.

## 5.2 COMMUNICATIONS MATERIAL

Within 2015-16, all but CIVINET Poland distributed leaflets. The members of this CIVINET agreed that leaflets were not needed.

Newsletters were sent by nine of the 10 networks.

Four networks used social media (one more than last year):

- Slovenia Croatia with a dedicated Facebook CIVINET page
- Spain & Portugal with a dedicated Facebook CIVINET page and Twitter account.
- UK & Ireland with LinkedIn and Twitter account.
- Italia with LinkedIn and Twitter account.

All networks displayed their own roll-up banners in 2015. They were notably all present at the CIVITAS Forum in Ljubljana.

The Networks updated the CIVITAS website, globally the page views are lower than the year before, it has been stated to be a general trend also for the global website, as confirmed by CIVITAS WIKI.

Network	Leaflet and/or brochure	Newsletter sent	Social media used	Roll-up displayed
CIVINET Czech & Slovak Republics	✓	✓	X	✓
CIVINET Francophone	✓	X	X	✓
CIVINET German Speaking	✓	✓	X	✓
CIVINET Italia	✓	✓	✓	✓
CIVINET Netherlands & Flanders	✓	✓	X	✓
CIVINET Poland	X	✓	X	✓
CIVINET Slovenia & Croatia	✓	✓	✓	✓
CIVINET UK & Ireland	✓	✓	✓	✓
CIVINET Spain & Portugal	✓	✓	✓	✓
Magyar CIVINET	✓	✓	X	✓

## 5.3. MOVE NEWSLETTERS

Networks and some city members actively contributed to the MOVE Newsletter with the following articles.

### Issue n°20, January 2015:

- Two events were organised in the last part of the year 2014 by the CIVINET Spain and Portugal Network

- Urban freight logistics as hot topic of the CIVINET Deutscher Sprachraum

### Issue n°21, March 2015:

- The CIVINET Deutscher Sprachraum helps cities to put people first and to improve the quality of the decisions
- CIVINET Spain and Portugal Annual Forum

**Issue n°22, June 2015:**

- CIVINETs welcomed at the European Parliament
- The first Czech and Slovak CIVINET conference on integrated urban planning

**Issue n°23, October 2015:**

- CEMOBIL final congress and CIVITAS@Work event: The City of Klagenfurt (Austria), member of the CIVINET Deutscher Sprachraum, as Europe's capital of e-mobility for two days
- The CIVINET Spain and Portugal Network organised a workshop on 29 September entitled 'Cities and the Bicycle' in Madrid
- CIVINET workshop in Hungary on clean fuels and vehicles in public transport

**Issue n°24, January 2016:**

- 2015: Year of the Bike in Spanish and Portuguese Calendar

- CIVINET Deutscher Sprachraum and the conference 'Shared Mobility: Using instead of owning'
- The B-Riders project in Noord-Brabant in the Netherlands

**Issue n°25, March 2016:**

- Training held for sustainable transport professionals on accessing EU funds organised by the CIVINET UK and Ireland
- CIVINET Slovenia and Croatia is now CIVINET Slovenia-Croatia-SEE
- Tram Traffic in the City of Zagreb (Croatia)

**Issue n°26, July 2016**

- The first CIVINET Slovenia-Croatia-SEE Forum held in June
- CIVINET Czech and Slovak Republics continues fruitful cooperation with the CIVINET Deutscher Sprachraum
- A new network has been established: CIVINET Romania, the eleventh national network

## 6 SUMMARY OF THE IMPACTS AND CHALLENGES REPORTED BY THE NETWORKS

### 6.1 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Here is a summary of the networks' accomplishments, as declared by them.

- The growth of a number of networks within the period.
- Successful workshops and events, notably study tours, which are really appreciated by the members thanks to the opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences.
- The dissemination of network activities at a national/regional scale. Networks composed of several countries reached new members in the less active country.
- Commitment of public and private organisations through the different events held by the networks.
- A range of actors participated in the events which led to excellent interdisciplinary discourse on the future of urban mobility.
- Connections between active local government professionals have been established.
- Publication of important papers: Guidance on accessing EU funds (UK & Ireland), Cities and the Bike (Spain).

### 6.2 CHALLENGES FACED BY THE NETWORKS

Here is a summary of the challenges faced by the Networks as stated by them:

- Attracting a certain number of attendees to events, and ensuring all the registered participants attend the meetings. Indeed, cities are facing manifold restrictions on joining a network whose activities require additional time and money, and the content and programme of activities has to be customised to the needs of cities as much as possible.
- Dealing with the impact of local elections on the involvement of members within the Network. It required strong promotion to inform newly-elected representatives to retain their membership.
- For UK and Ireland, the only network which charges fees, they reported that financial pressures on local authorities and competition from similar networks are factors.

### 6.3 SPECIFIC CHALLENGES LINKED TO FUTURE FUNDING

As is described in the CAPITAL deliverable D5.9 'Plan to continue and extend the networks after the project lifetime', following the event held at the European Parliament in April 2015, the networks and the CIVINET coordination team have been working to lobby the EC to ensure the continuation of funding after the end of the CAPITAL project.

Despite these efforts, it has not been possible to identify future funding which means the future of the networks is unclear. All networks need continuing, core EC funding after the end of CAPITAL in order to survive. Income from fees and other sources can only ever provide top-up funds in a time of public sector constraint. CIVINETs are also concerned that to introduce or increase member subscriptions would result in loss of members.

## 7 APPENDICES: INDIVIDUAL CIVINET ANNUAL REPORTS AND 2015 - 2016 EVENTS

If you would like to read more about the 2015 - 2016 activities of any of the CIVINETs or see an overview of all CIVINET events, in the period, download the relevant document from the list below:

- CIVINET Annual Report 2015 - 2016: CIVINET Czech and Slovak Republics  
<http://civitas.eu/content/civinet-annual-report-2015-2016-civinet-czech-and-slovak-republics>
- CIVINET Annual Report 2015 - 2016: CIVINET Deutscher Sprachraum  
<http://civitas.eu/content/civinet-annual-report-2015-2016-civinet-deutscher-sprachraum>
- CIVINET Annual Report 2015 - 2016: CIVINET Francophone  
<http://civitas.eu/content/civinet-annual-report-2015-2016-civinet-francophone>
- CIVINET Annual Report 2015 - 2016: CIVINET Italia  
<http://civitas.eu/content/civinet-annual-report-2015-2016-civinet-italia>
- CIVINET Annual Report 2015 - 2016: CIVINET Netherlands & Flanders  
<http://civitas.eu/content/civinet-annual-report-2015-2016-civinet-netherlands-and-flanders>
- CIVINET Annual Report 2015 - 2016: CIVINET Poland  
<http://civitas.eu/content/civinet-annual-report-2015-2016-civinet-poland>
- CIVINET Annual Report 2015 - 2016: CIVINET Slovenia-Croatia-South East Europe  
<http://civitas.eu/content/civinet-annual-report-2015-2016-civinet-slovenia-croatia-see>
- CIVINET Annual Report 2015 - 2016: CIVINET Spain & Portugal  
<http://civitas.eu/content/civinet-annual-report-2015-2016-civinet-spain-and-portugal>
- CIVINET Annual Report 2015 - 2016: CIVINET UK & Ireland  
<http://civitas.eu/content/civinet-annual-report-2015-2016-civinet-uk-and-ireland>
- CIVINET Annual Report 2015 - 2016: Magyar CIVINET  
<http://civitas.eu/content/civinet-annual-report-2015-2016-magyar-civinet>
- CIVINET Annual Report 2015 - 2016: List of CIVINET events  
<http://civitas.eu/content/civinet-annual-report-2015-2016-list-civinet-events>



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