CIVITAS CATALIST: Support for the exchange of practical experience

Progress in environmentally friendly urban transport: The pilot cities of the European CIVITAS initiative have gained valuable experience.

Building on experience: CIVITAS CATALIST supports the sharing of experience and of lessons learned by CIVITAS cities with “newcomers.”
Learn first-hand from CIVITAS cities

Is your city thinking about new sustainable urban transport measures? Would you like to learn first-hand from those who’ve already implemented them?

A funding opportunity offered by CIVITAS CATALIST provides both financial and organisational support for visits to CIVITAS cities that have implemented such measures and for inviting experts from CIVITAS cities to share their experience in your city.

Organising thematic workshops

CATALIST is working to enhance the practical exchange of information through workshops in all the thematic areas of the CIVITAS initiative. Such workshops must have as a core objective the sharing of CIVITAS experience.

With prior application, CATALIST can fund up to 50% of the preparation and organisation of a thematic workshop in a “newcomer city.”

Conference participation

Conferences, workshops, and seminars offer direct access to the hands-on experience of the CIVITAS initiative, and an opportunity has been created for “newcomer cities” to participate in such activities related to CIVITAS issues.

Support of up to 50% of participation costs is available and applications are accepted on an ongoing basis (no specific deadlines).

Inviting a CATALIST speaker to your city

“Newcomer cities” organising workshops or conferences may want to invite experts from CATALIST cities to present their experience to a local or national audience.

CATALIST will cover the CATALIST speakers’ costs and administer and organise funding.

Expert exchange / Study visits

Seeing is believing. Visits by decision-makers, experts, and media representatives can spark political debate and bring sustainable transportation initiatives to the public eye.

Study visits with either a technical or political focus can be organised, with CATALIST partners supplying contacts with key local experts. Site visits can be combined with seminars or other forms of information sharing to provide an in-depth view into the experience of a CATALIST city.
CATALIST will fund up to 50% of travel costs for this type of exchange. Interested “newcomer cities” should first contact the CATALIST city of interest and then prepare an application for funding.

**Thematic Areas:**

Each thematic area of the CIVITAS initiative has a contact partner who can help you get started:

- **Less Car Intensive Lifestyles** (e.g. Car-Sharing):
  City of Bremen: Thomas Kirpal, Michael Glotz-Richter
  e-mail: catalyst@umwelt.bremen.de
  (+ Bristol, Graz, Göteborg, Rotterdam)

- **Innovative Soft Measures** (e.g. awareness raising); also provides information on issues specific to new member states:
  City of Graz: Gerd Ablasser
  e-mail: Gerhard.Ablasser@stadt.graz.at
  (+ Bremen, Bristol, Kaunas, Krakow, Nantes, Rotterdam and Toulouse)

- **Collective Passenger Transport** (e.g. Public Transport, co-modality):
  City of Nantes: Anne Vicenzotti
  e-mail: Anne.vicenzotti@nantesmetropole.fr
  (+ Bremen, Bucharest, Graz, Kaunas, Rome)

- **Transport Management** (e.g. ITS for Transport Management):
  City of Toulouse: Alexandre Blaquiere
  e-mail: alexandre.blaquiere@tisseo.fr
  (+ Bremen, Bucharest, Rome)

- **Integrated Pricing Strategies / Access Management** (e.g. congestion charging):
  ATAC Rome: Chiara di Maio
  e-mail: chiara.dimaio@atac.roma.it
  (+ Bristol, Genoa, Graz, Krakow, Nantes, Rotterdam, Stockholm)

- **Urban Goods Transport** (e.g. City-Logistics):
  City of Göteborg: Håkan Perslow
  e-mail: Hakan.perslow@tk.goteborg.se
  (+ Berlin, Bremen, Bristol, Genoa, Rotterdam)

- **Clean Fuels and Vehicles** (e.g. alternatively fuelled and low-emission vehicles):
  City of Stockholm: Jonas Ericson
  e-mail: Jonas.Ericson@miljostockholm.se
  (+ Berlin, Bremen, Bucharest, Graz, Rome)

**On-the-job training**

“Newcomer cities” may want to send experts to CATALIST cities for practical training – or to have experts from CATALIST cities train their local experts.

CATALIST offers financial support for such training.

**Other funded activities**

Some preliminary steps toward transferring the experience and practices of CIVITAS cities to “newcomer cities” (e.g. small-scale feasibility studies) may be funded by up to 50%. Prior application is required.
**Application process**

![Map of CIVITAS CATALIST cities and eligible area](image)

**Who can apply?**

Those eligible to apply for CIVITAS CATALIST funding are local and regional authorities and transport organisations from: the EU member states, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland and Turkey.

**How to apply:**

Application Forms (in English) can be found on the CIVITAS website ([www.civitas.eu](http://www.civitas.eu)). Please feel free to contact as well the CATALIST team.

**Deadlines**

Applications for funding of conference participation can be made at any time.

Application deadlines for other funding are:

- 25 May 2009
- 07 December 2009
- 24 May 2010
- 06 December 2010

Funding decisions will be made within a month of each deadline by a panel including the EC and CIVITAS CATALIST experts. All funded activities must be carried out within 12 months.

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**CATALIST cities**

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**Interactive Partnerships**

Interactive Partnerships is an initiative to connect CATALIST cities and “newcomer cities” interested in learning from CIVITAS experience and in information exchange for practitioners and political decision-makers.

**Interactive Partnership leaders**

Led by the City of Bremen, Michael Glotz-Richter and Thomas Kirpal

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