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Colourful European Mobility Week in Ljubljana

European Mobility Week in Ljubljana was a vibrant colourful affair and many events, related to transport, mobility, environment and health were organised. When the CIVITAS ELAN team was actively present (you can read about it in separate news articles), several interesting roundtables, presentations and workshops took place, aside from the CIVITAS Day and the "In Town Without My Car" Day.

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CIVITAS Day in Brno

The CIVITAS BRNO Girls Team has presented the project CIVITAS during the European Mobility Week (from 16 to 22 September). Also information on cycling in the city, Nordic walking or the in-line racing were disseminated and lots of leaflets were given out. All this happened in the CIVITAS booth situated at the crossroad of Jostova and Ceskaa at the heart of the city. The first low-floor minibus was introduced to the curious public on the CIVITAS Day.

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Closure event MOBI WEEKS Gent

On 18 September, all employees who participated in the first MOBI WEEKS were invited to the closure event at lunch time. Earlier during these MOBI WEEKS, cyclists could enjoy a nice breakfast, followed by a leg massage, car-poolers could drive their car into the CIVITAS carwash, and the red carpet was rolled out for public transport users, who also got free newspapers.

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Two birds with one stone at CIVITAS Day in Ljubljana: education and fun!

European Mobility Week reached its high peak on Saturday, September 19, at least for CIVITAS ELAN partners in Ljubljana. Blue and white CIVITAS balloons "took over" the city, as the group organised a CIVITAS Day. The Mayor of Ljubljana Zoran Janković came to express support for our joint effort – cleaner and better transport in the city.

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"In Town Without My Car!" Day in Ljubljana: Children played in the middle of the street

European Mobility Week in Ljubljana ended with the "In Town without My Car!" Day and an interesting line of events. The main street, Slovenska cesta, usually full of traffic, was closed and many institutions in the area presented their measurements on transport, road safety and health. The CIVITAS ELAN group was also present with an info-point, where activities, such as providing information about the project, distribution of promotional material and an opinion poll, were carried out.

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CIVITAS Day in Gent

During the weekend of 19 and 20 September 2009, the CIVITAS GENT Team crossed the city centre on a huge bicycle. Team members and measure leaders gave their best to spread the CIVITAS message amongst Gent citizens. Flyers, balloons and the famous CIVITAS piggy banks were handed out. People were also invited to cycle along for a while.

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European Mobility Week and CIVITAS DAY in Zagreb

Zagreb is celebrating European Mobility Week again this year. CIVITAS ELAN partners are organising many activities, including the opening of the CIVITAS ELAN FORUM, press conferences, presentations, workshops, roundtables and much more.

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CIVITAS ELAN'S CIVITAS Day

It will be the first time during the whole life time of the CIVITAS Initiative that a CIVITAS Day will be celebrated. On 19 September all 5 CIVITAS ELAN cities will celebrate the first CIVITAS Day. Various activities are undertaken in the five CIVITAS ELAN cities, e.g. press conferences linked with the launch of a bike rental system, photo competitions and information stands about the CIVITAS actions.

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Zagreb opens its first mobility shop – CIVITAS ELAN FORUM!

On 17 September 2009 the Mayor of Zagreb will host a press conference to officially open the CIVITAS ELAN FORUM – the first mobility shop in Zagreb. CIVITAS ELAN FORUM opening represents a central event among others that are to be held during the European Mobility Week as an integrative part of the CIVITAS ELAN project.

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European Mobility Week in Ljubljana: Not only a week, but a whole year

From 16 to 22 September 2009, hundreds of European towns and cities will participate in the eighth edition of the European Mobility Week (EMW), including Ljubljana. In the framework of EMW a CIVITAS Day is planned on Saturday, 19 September.

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Pilot project of ticket vending machine diagnostics in Brno

The pilot project of ticket vending machine diagnostics in Brno started on 16 June 2009, when the first ten vending machines and the control centre were equipped with a diagnostic system. The pilot project is currently in the testing phase. Tests are planned to finish on 15 August 2009.

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Photography competition with CIVITAS BRNO

CIVITAS ELAN city Brno, is launching its Summer Photography Competition! The Summer Photography Competition is open to everyone and the theme is "Cleaner and better transport in the city of Brno".

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Informing citizens about urban mobility in Porto

In recent years, there has been a notable increase in road traffic in cities, mainly due the increase of those travelling within the urban networks, in quantity and length, as well as in the number of cars per 1000 inhabitants. The city of Porto, within the CIVITAS ELAN project, is well aware of these problems and has developed a Transport Guide suggesting solutions to reduce traffic congestion.

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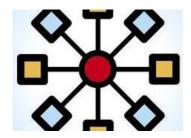


Presentation of hybrid buses in Ljubljana

In order to promote clean and energy efficient technology in public transport, PT operator – LPP d.o.o. – presented two different types of hybrid buses: Belgium's Vanhool and Poland's Solaris. On this occasion Ljubljana also introduced six hybrid cars Toyota Prius which will be used for the work of the City Inspectorate. It caused a great deal of interest as the hybrid technology is not yet in use in Slovenia.

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CIVITAS ELAN training workshop in Porto

On 3 July 2009, the City of Porto hosts a training workshop "Mobility Shops: what services and for whom?". The event is integrated into one of the CIVITAS ELAN measures: the Mobility Shop, which has the main objective to become the CIVITAS ELAN headquarters in Porto and to provide mobility management services to the local population.

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Local Gent website on line!

In the beginning of June, the brand new CIVITAS Gent website, www.civitasgent.be went online. The CIVITAS Gent management team decided to go for a local website, in order to have a structured overview of four years of CIVITAS. Gent has a total of 25 measures, so there is quite a lot to communicate!

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The 40th anniversary of air pollution monitoring in Ljubljana

First pilot air pollution measurement in Ljubljana was put in operation in late 1967. Within the next year continuous monitoring was established. The monitoring has started according to standards of that time with measurements of sulphur dioxide and smoke. By the end of 2008 we celebrated the 40th anniversary of continuous air pollution measurements. Now the most important monitoring task is to measure the NO, PM¹⁰ and benzene concentrations.

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Demand responsive services: Meeting with impaired people in Ljubljana

On 20 April CIVITAS ELAN team Ljubljana and the Council for removal of architectonic and communication barriers of the City of Ljubljana organized the first meeting with representatives of physically impaired persons associations in order to present the CIVITAS ELAN project and discuss the best solutions for a flexible Demand Responsive Public Transport System.

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