



## EDITORIAL

Dear colleagues,

It was a pleasure to meet many of you at our final conference in Brussels last month! Thanks again for making this event a successful one. If you haven't already done so you can check out the presentations on the FLOW website and the pictures in the Flickr gallery.

This is the final FLOW newsletter as our project is ending. We encourage you to stay in contact through the FLOW partners' newsletters or social media channels. We hope that you have enjoyed managing congestion with us during these 3 years and moreover we hope that you will be able to continue using the tools developed during the project.

We wish you a pleasant read and a nice spring walking and cycling in your city!

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**on behalf of the FLOW consortium**

## Hot News

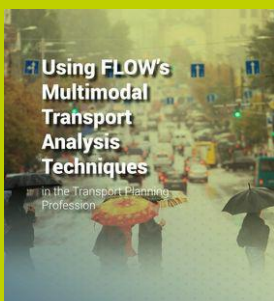
### FLOW Final Conference wrap up: How Cities Across Europe Beat Road Congestion



Over 200 urban transport professionals gather in Brussels for two days to discuss how walking and cycling can help reduce congestion on urban roads.

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### FLOW issues roadmap encouraging private sector to use multimodal transport analysis techniques



FLOW released a new publication: Using FLOW's Multimodal Transport Analysis Techniques in the Transport Planning Profession. This document outlines how transport sector businesses can use the FLOW approach to help clients and administrations better ask, and answer, questions about the impacts of walking and cycling measures.

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## Get the tool!

The back bone of our project, the FLOW tools have all been finalised and are accessible via the FLOW

website. This includes FLOW's Impact Assessment Tool and guidelines how to use it. You can now use the Excel tool with the accompanying guidelines to assess measures in your own city.

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## FLOW workshop adressed lack of data for walking & cycling



During the FLOW project it became very apparent that cities lack appropriate data about walking and cycling to properly feed into Impact Assessment Tools and modelling software to inform transport scheme decision making processes.

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## WEBINAR: Influencing Decision Making Processes towards more waking and cycling measures

A webinar was organised on 23 April within the framework of FLOW to help city officials to understand the political situation and build the case for walking and cycling as congestion-reduction measures. 20 participants representing local authorities and cycling experts joined the virtual meeting.

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## Extra translations underway for FLOW Quick Facts



The FLOW Quick Facts outline walking and cycling measures that can both improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists, and also reduce congestion. The brochure is already translated in 7 languages (Bulgarian, English, German, Hungarian, Irish, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish) and will be available shortly also in French, Italian and Ukrainian.

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Project in the spotlight: CIVITAS tool inventory



The CIVITAS Tool Inventory is an online database of over 100 tools and methods that help local authorities make better informed decisions about which planning tools to apply in their given local context.

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### Partner in the spotlight: POLIS



Polis is the network of Cities and regions working together to develop innovative transport solutions. Polis helps local and regional administrations to access knowledge gained in research projects like FLOW but also gives cities a platform to have their voices heard on European level...

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### Initiative in the spotlight: NGO coordinates joint workshop in Valencia

The CIVITAS FLOW project was invited by the NGO Arquitectúria to deliver a joint workshop in Valencia. The event took place in February, involved Valencias Mayor and enabled the local experts to access FLOWs methodology and tools.



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## News Bites from the FLOW cities

### Sofia welcomes the Spring on bikes



More than 1000 people took part in the bike tour in Sofia on March 31st, 2018 to celebrate the new spring season. The cyclists made a tour to one of the most beautiful parks in the Bulgarian capital, South Park.

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### Improved data collection for active mobility in Lisbon



[FLOWs Impact Assessment Tool](#) made it clear that Lisbon needed to improve its data collect on urban mobility, lots of data. Especially on active modes: in terms of data, walking and cycling were clearly below the radar. The little data that was available at the start of the project allowed some work on an experimental and first-time basis, but more had to be done to acquire reliable data...

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### Gdynia gave municipal staff insights into FLOW



On March 27, 2018 members of the Gdynia FLOW team with the support of the Gdynia Social Innovation Laboratory organised and conducted a meeting for employees of Gdynia municipal units including various departments of the Road and Green Areas Management, various departments of City Hall and the Spatial Planning Office of the City of Gdynia. The aim of the meeting was to summarise the...

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## CONGESTION IN THE NEWS

### "Cars Are Ruining Our Cities", The New York Times



We might be living through a new age of miracles. Last month, Los Angeles decided against adding lanes to a freeway, an unexpected move in a city that has mistakenly thought for years that more lanes mean fewer traffic jams.

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### Toward Car-Free Cities: 3 Reasons Why Londons Congestion Charge Is Working

In 2002, the average London driver spent half their travel time sitting in traffic, and road transport accounted for 95 percent of fine particle pollution in the city center. To combat these problems, Greater Londons first mayor, Ken Livingstone, turned to congestion charging.

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## As African cities grow, they should think less about cars and more about pedestrians

Some African cities are forecast to double in size by 2030. The continent is experiencing an unprecedented demographic youth bulge, and motorisation is rapid. In some cities the vehicle fleet is doubling every seven or eight years.

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## How the internet is clogging up city streets

Traffic in New York is slowing down. Jams are endemic in Manhattan, especially in its business districts. Daytime traffic in the busiest areas now moves almost 20% more slowly than it did five years ago

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### Events

#### Upcoming events as of May 2018

14-15 May 2018: 5th European SUMP conference - Nicosia, Cyprus

22-23 May 2018: CREATE final conference - Brussels, Belgium

23-25 May 2018: ITF - International Transport Forum - Leipzig, Germany

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