



# Update on CIVITAS: Towards Clean Cities in Europe

**An Integrated approach to  
Clean Urban Transport  
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# What is CIVITAS about?

- CIVITAS is about **integration**:
  - of technology and policy measures in the field of energy & transport
  - of public & private stakeholders at local level
  - of cities working together

## CIVITAS is about **cities**

- Cities are in the core of consortia
- High political commitment

# CIVITAS measures (1)

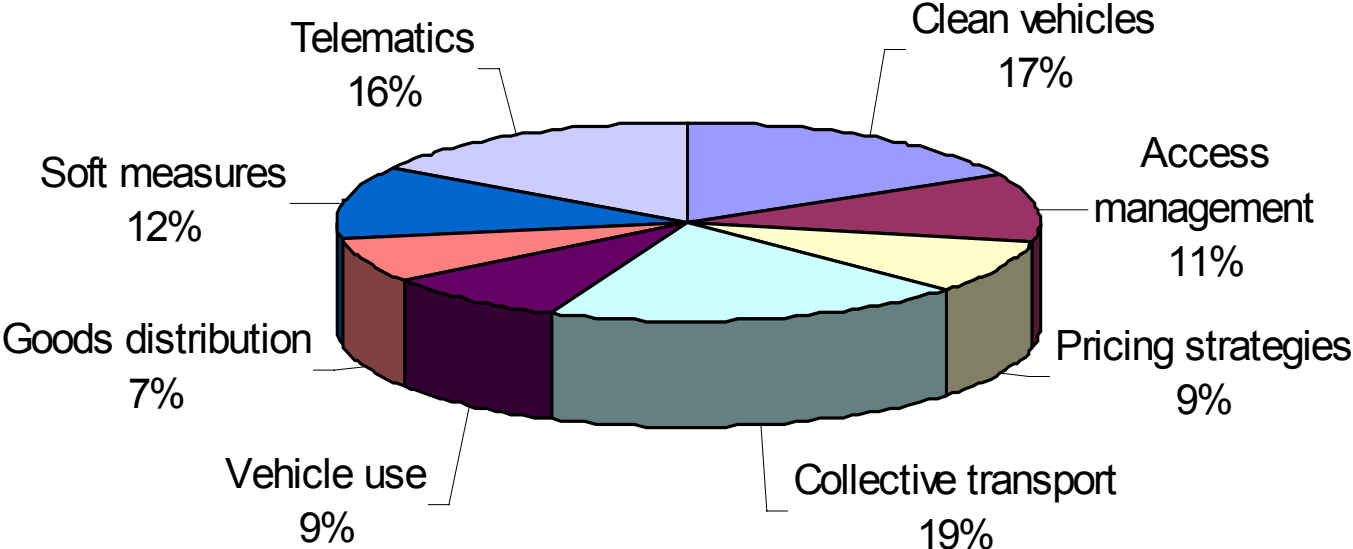
- Energy-efficient cost effective clean vehicle fleets for public and/or private transport using alternative fuels (bio-fuels, natural gas, hybrid vehicles) and innovative fuelling infrastructure (**mandatory**)
- Schemes for access control, limiting access to clean vehicles only, walking & cycling, parking management
- Integrated pricing strategies, including congestion charging and area-specific pricing schemes
- Stimulating collective passenger transport and quality, including safety, security and accessibility aspects

# CIVITAS measures (2)

- Encouraging new forms of vehicle use/ownership, less car-dependant lifestyles
- New concepts for the distribution of goods, including freight logistics services and clean vehicle fleets
- Innovative 'soft' measures for managing mobility demand, including walking and cycling, road safety aspects
- Integration of transport management systems, information systems and passenger services

# CIVITAS measures by policy field

Measures by Policy Field



# Two years of CIVITAS: what have we learnt?

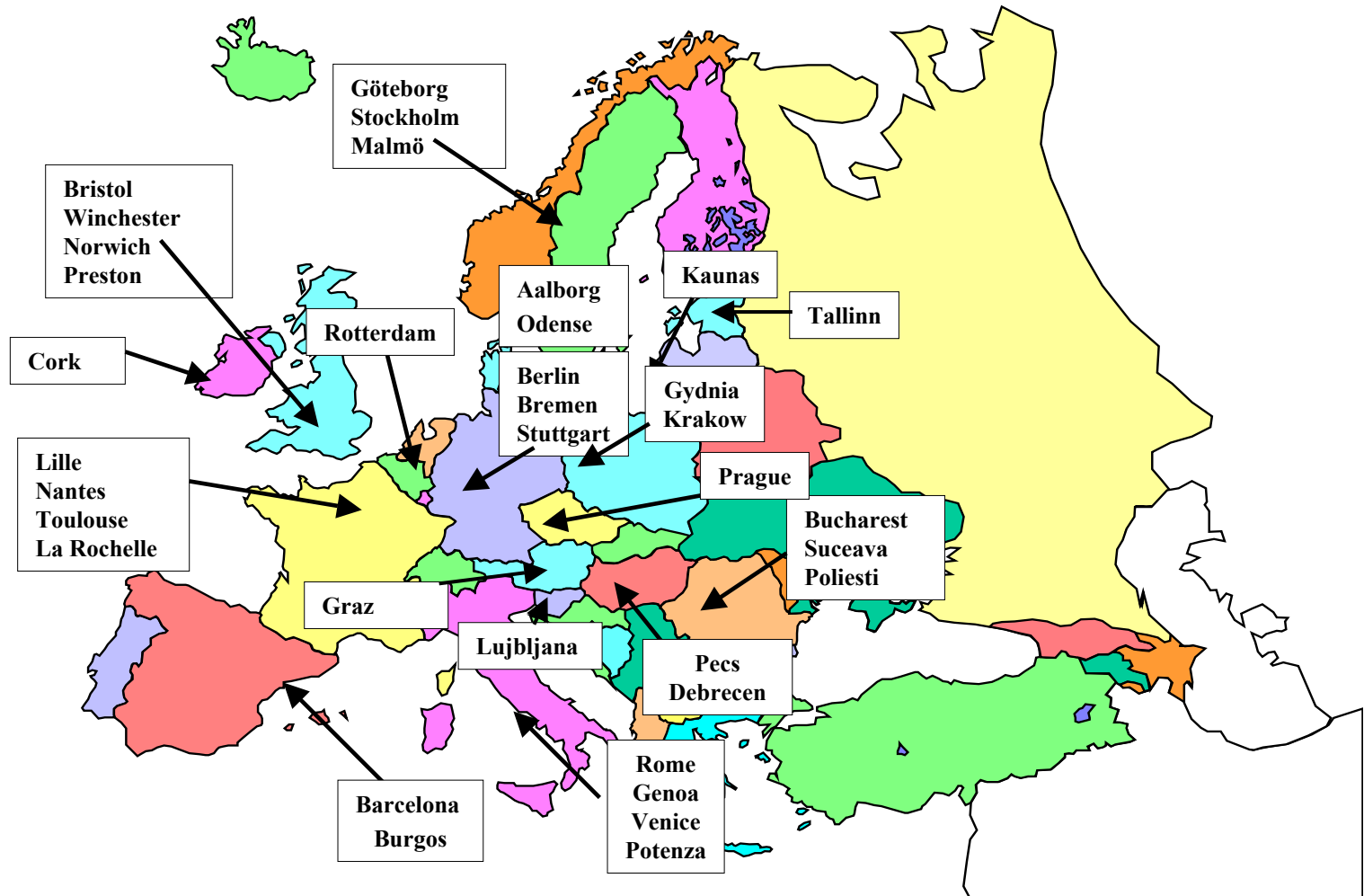
- Radical actions need strong political support AND politicians need users acceptance
- Innovative radical measures are sometimes very difficult: mental, legal, organisational barriers
- Successful development of new public-private partnerships at local level
- Infrastructure doesn't solve everything! Policy measures are also necessary
- CIVITAS Forum: Learning within and through international city networks; double benefit: internal (experiences, arguments in political debate), external: makes cities visible

# CIVITAS II: The challenges

- From 19 to 36 cities
- Increased emphasis on energy efficient and clean vehicles and alternative fuels (biofuels, natural gas). Contribution to reduce oil dependency & alternative motor fuels strategy
- Targeting medium sized cities (less than 500.000 inhabitants)
- The enlargement dimension: 10 new Member States have joined the European Union

Cities facing rapid increases in car ownership and decreases in public transport use: *Testing transitions strategies integrating transport policy and fuel/vehicle-technology measures aiming to maintain modal split*"

# CIVITAS cities







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