

Output factsheet: Action Plan for integration of LEZ policies in the mobility planning of Vicenza FUA

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Summary description of the strategy/action plan (developed and/or implemented)

The SOLEZ Action Plan for integration of low-carbon policies in the mobility planning of Vicenza's functional urban area (FUA) has been elaborated following a common approach defined at consortium level during the first project phase. This provided a model with a simplified approach to SUMP EU guidelines that made it possible to local administrators of small and medium size municipalities, to implement the concept of sustainable urban mobility planning at functional urban area level.

Following this common methodology, three participatory meetings with local key stakeholders (main municipalities of the FUA, trading associations, mobility service providers company, etc.) have been organized, in order to identify the main needs and opportunities of considered territories, and to really involve the different interested parties in a common planning process.

The first step has been the definition of a baseline scenario in terms of national goals and challenges, regional objectives and local existing mobility plans and strategies. Furthermore, a SWOT analysis questionnaire has been shared with FUA municipalities to highlight needs and opportunities to implement a sustainable mobility strategy in the area. A set of concrete sustainable mobility measures affecting both the main city (Vicenza) and hinterland municipalities to be implemented in the short-medium time (up to 5 years) have then been identified and summarized in the report "SOLEZ Action Plan for Vicenza FUA".

NUTS region(s) concerned by the strategy/action plan (relevant NUTS level)

ITH32, Vicenza

Expected impact and benefits of the strategy/action plan for the concerned territories and target groups

The SOLEZ Action Plan of Vicenza's functional urban area will contribute to the reduction of congestion and polluting emissions and will improve the capacities of public administrators to implement integrated sustainable mobility strategies in their territories.

In the Action Plan, the so called “push measures” imposed to citizens and operators through the implementation of access restrictions policies (i.e. Limited Traffic Zones, Low Emission Zones) are balanced by “pull measures”, interventions design to encourage the adoption of sustainable mobility habits such as the use of intermodality, shared mobility and ICT smart parking. Within the pull measures contained in the strategic document, two are being developed and implemented as Pilot Actions during project life.

In addition, capacity building activities, such as study visits and follow-up training workshops, have been carried on during the Action Plan elaboration process as complementary activities with the aim to increase local administrators and mobility operator’s knowledge on sustainable mobility best practices and inspire replication on their territories.

Sustainability of the developed or implemented strategy/action plan and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders

The Plan has been widely accepted among the stakeholders that directly participated in the elaboration process. The good level of involvement achieved, will ensure a formal adoption and a broad ownership of the Plan by the several local administrations that took part in the participatory process. The compliance with national and EU regulation that constitute the wider mobility planning framework of the Plan elaboration, ensure the transferability of the approach and experience to other EU territories with similar characteristics.

In particular, in Vicenza’s FUA, the SOLEZ Action Plan has represented the preparatory phase that will lead the administration from the actual UMP (urban mobility plan) to the SUMP (sustainable urban mobility plan) with the establishment of the interinstitutional working group (as for legislative decree 4/08/2018) that is going to be a natural prosecution of the cooperation started with the stakeholders participatory activities for the SOLEZ Action Plan elaboration.

Lessons learned from the development/implementation process of the strategy/action plan and added value of transnational cooperation

The participatory process adopted for the drafting of the Action Plan, with direct involvement and consultation of key stakeholders and delegates from hinterland municipalities, played an important role in creating consensus and real commitment towards the developed plan. The transnational Study-visits and local peer-to-peer training activities implemented in the same period and addressed mainly to the same subjects, also contributed to the creation of trust and positive relations among the different involved actors. This way, they have been generally collaborative, supportive and really interested in the Action Planning process.

For this activity, transnational cooperation has been important on a twofold level. On the one hand, it provided value added in the development of a common methodology for the elaboration of SOLEZ Action Plans. On the other hand, the possibility to organize transnational study-visits and linked training activities, the opportunity to see how other cities addressed and solved similar problems, and the awareness of being “part of a bigger network” increased the interest and motivation of people involved in the planning process, thus significantly contributed to the success of the activity.

References to relevant deliverables and web-links If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

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