

## CIVITAS POINTER

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**CLIENT:** *European Commission, DG TREN*

**YEARS:** *2008 – on-going*

### DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

#### *Objectives of the project*

CIVITAS POINTER is the Support Action to support cities and the European Commission with the aim of monitoring and evaluating the whole CIVITAS Plus action. CIVITAS stands for CItY-VITAlity-Sustainability and it is initiative through which the European Commission aims at improving the monitoring and evaluation phases concerning the integrated sustainable urban transport strategies.

In this respect, the objectives of the POINTER project may be summarised as follows:

- monitoring of the results from the demonstration projects under CIVITAS Plus;
- overall impact and process evaluation of the measures taken by the CIVITAS Plus cities on different levels;
- development of European-level policy recommendations on the basis of validated city results;
- dissemination of best practices.
- The project will last until 2013.

#### *Methodology and project structure*

The work plan of the POINTER project consists of five work packages: WP1 Monitoring, WP2 Evaluation, WP3 Policy recommendations, WP 4 Dissemination. A fifth work package (WP0) deals with the overall project management. The monitoring and evaluation activities are strictly separated.

#### **Monitoring (WP1)**

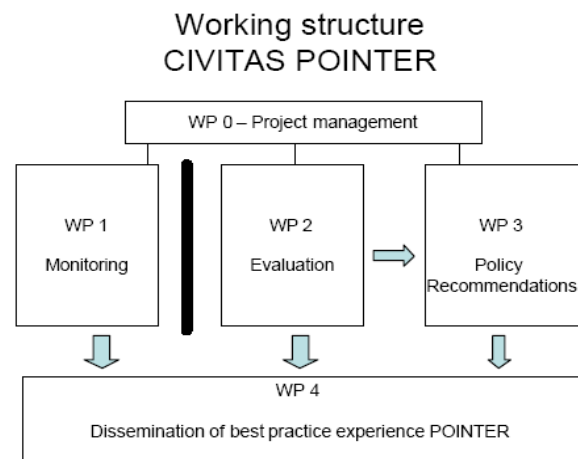
In the monitoring part the POINTER project will monitor the progress of the CIVITAS Plus projects compared to the work plans.

In this respect POINTER will provide formats for monitoring and will review the technical progress related to CIVITAS Plus demonstration projects and cities.

POINTER will also carry out site visits to monitor the status of implemented measures.

#### **Evaluation (WP2)**

In WP2, the POINTER project will evaluate the CIVITAS Plus measures by providing guidelines for data collection on both impact and process evaluation. based on such activities, POINTER will undertake a cross-site evaluation both on impact and process and will thereby will make use of several tools and standards used in many other projects, among others in METEOR and GUARD. The results of the cross-site evaluation are first of all an overview of the impacts for all different measures.



*The structure of the CIVITAS POINTER project*

### **Policy recommendations (WP3)**

WP3 will aim at the formulation of guidelines and policy recommendations. Aspects to be considered will include short and long -terms impacts, interactions with other policies in the transport, energy and land use planning sectors, adaptability and transferability, acceptability and costs. The results of evaluation will be translated towards the policy recommendations and part of this work will be the possibilities of transferability of measures to other cities and/or situations.

### **Dissemination of best practices (WP4)**

With WP4, the POINTER project will gather all lessons learnt on monitoring and evaluation within the project and dissemination of best practices will be secure in this respect.

### *The role of TRT*

Within the POINTER Project, TRT is responsible for the activities dealing with the formulation of policy recommendations for EU sustainable mobility concepts based on CIVITAS experience

### *The Consortium*

Seven organisations co-operate in the CIVITAS POINTER. The leader of the consortium is TNO Mobility and Logistics (The Netherlands), other partners are: GOPA-Cartermill S.A. (Belgium), Transportation Research Group – University of Southampton (United Kingdom), Centrum Dopravního Výzkumu (Czech Republic), Pöyry Infra Traffic GmbH (Germany), TRT Trasporti e Territorio Srl (Italy), Uniresearch B.V. (The Netherlands).