

## **Summary**

# **BESTUFS II national seminar in Denmark**

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City distribution schemes in small and medium sized cities

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The BESTUFS II national seminar in Denmark was a dialogue-filled and thought-provoking event. This could be said to be due to the interesting contrasts between the presentations, and the representation of both public and private actors. Four presentations were given, which gave an overview of the BESTUFS project and some experiences from the Good Practice Guide, a presentation of one municipality's work with city logistics and environmental zones, and a view of city logistics from an experienced practitioner. These presentations were complementary to each other, providing some interesting talking points and some opposing views of the reality of city logistics, especially regarding the contemporary topic of environmental zones. The seminar ended with a tour of the Nordic Transport Centre, which provided an insight into the work of city logistics 'on the ground'. The Danish national seminar was a successful day, about which it could be concluded that the importance of dialogue between the different parties involved in city logistics was highlighted for the participants.

## Minutes of the workshop

22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2008

**Welcome and Introduction by Lars Bentzen – Business Development Manager of NTU - Strategic Development and Consulting**

**1. Results and solutions for improving city distribution in small and medium sized cities, by Mr. Michael Laugesen, NTU – Strategic Development and Consulting, Aalborg (DK)**

- **The importance and advantages of placing emphasis on city logistics and distribution**
- **An introduction to the BESTUFS II project**
- **An introduction to the contents of the BESTUFS Good Practice Guide**
- **Barriers and possibilities with regard to city logistics.**

**2. City logistics and environmental zones based on dialogue, by Ms. Malene Kofod Nielsen, Aalborg Municipality, Aalborg (DK)**

- **Dialogue around city logistics is incredibly important**
- **Drivers particularly want to be involved and have influence over city logistics, and work with and information for all the actors involved (drivers, shop owners, transport companies) is undertaken**

**3. City distribution in practice, by Mr. Preben Greibe, Adm. Dir. Danish Freight Forwarders, Funen, Odense (DK)**

- **Even with many city distribution schemes in place, there can still be problems – good intentions do not last**
- **Difficulty today in that nobody dares to go against any idea which involves environmental improvements**
- **It can be very hard for competitors to cooperate for city logistics schemes**
- **Planning of city centres in Denmark often occurs without thinking about goods deliveries – this is very important, especially as it costs so much money for lorries to drive in city centres**
- **Road planning also needs to be better checked with the needs of lorries, for example roundabouts are often built which are impossible for lorries to drive around**

**4. Other Danish and international experiences with city distribution, Ms. Helen Carter, NTU – Strategic Development and Consulting, Aalborg (DK)**

- **Some examples of innovative city distribution schemes from around Europe**
- **Environmental zones in London and Copenhagen**
- **The use of environmentally-friendly vehicles in France and the Netherlands**
- **Urban consolidation centres in the UK and Sweden**

- **Although all these schemes cannot be directly transferred to other cities, they can be taken as examples of good practice and inspiration for similar schemes**

### **Roundtable Discussion**

**Following the presentations, a roundtable discussion took place. The following items were on the agenda:**

- **Difficulties and economic feasibility of many of city logistics schemes, and whether they are possible in Denmark**
- **Can the increased focus on environmental zones give value to city logistics schemes?**
- **Every transshipment is an additional cost or is it?**
- **Problems of creating dialogues and cooperation between competitors**
- **Larger municipalities can be involved in innovative city logistics schemes, but many smaller ones are not able to be involved**
- **City centres seen as “islands” where there is less room for development, due to spaces and places worth preserving.**

### **Technical visit**

The technical visit consisted of a guided tour of the Aalborg East Harbour and the Nordic Transport Centre, with Peter J. Pedersen, Harbourmaster, Aalborg East Harbour.

### **Final statements**

The workshop in Aalborg has helped to increase the focus on city logistics in medium sized cities in Denmark. Due to the received feedback, mainly cities with more than 50.000 inhabitants have shown interest in city logistics schemes. If the city is smaller than 50.000, the critical mass of goods is harder to reach.



## List of Presentations

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## Participants list

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