



### WHAT IS BESTUFS?

BESTUFS (BEST Urban Freight Solutions) is a Thematic Network (TN) addressing all aspects of urban freight transport. The aim of BESTUFS is establishing and maintaining an open European network between urban freight transport experts, user groups/associations, ongoing projects, interested cities, the relevant EC DGs and representatives of national transport administrations in order to identify, describe and disseminate best practices, success criteria and bottlenecks with respect to the movement of goods in urban areas. This Thematic Network is operated with and funded by the EC in the Fifth Framework Programme under the Key Action "Competitive and Sustainable Growth". The BESTUFS project started in 2000 with a duration of 4 years. Anyone who wishes to participate in BESTUFS events or to receive information should contact the administration centre ([bestuufs@nea.nl](mailto:bestuufs@nea.nl)).

### COMPOSITTRAILER

The Katholieke Universiteit Leuven is currently on tour with a large trailer called Composittrailer, which is fully made of



composites. The trailer has a moveable cargo floor. The only metal components are the hydraulic drive unit for the floor, the suspension spring arms for the air bags, support legs, kingpin and door locks. This composite design saves 3 tonnes on the conventional design but costs 15 - 20 % more. The trailer has been on

trial for 2 years hauling wood chips, potatoes and other bulk commodities, to date there is no evidence of any defects.

### SUSTAINABLE FREIGHT DISTRIBUTION IN A HISTORIC URBAN CENTRE - NEW PROJECT

This 2-year project began in October 2002. The project is funded under the Pilot Research Programme 2002 sponsored by the Higher Education Authority and the Department of Transport. The project is focused on the historic part of Dublin City in Ireland.

The project aims to evaluate if a logistics regime and configuration can be found that justifies the combined use of eco-friendly vehicles and a dedicated Urban Delivery Centre (UDC), which offers an environmentally friendly, socially acceptable and economically sustainable solution for freight collection and deliveries in a historic part of Dublin city. Issues to be addressed include whether city centre deliveries can be managed in a way acceptable to businesses; whether a combination of modern logistics configurations and eco-friendly and ICT technologies offer realistic solutions; how Dublin might respond appropriately to the policy imperatives of the Department of Transport and of the European Commission.

If justified a follow up demonstration phase will be planned incorporating the optimal logistical configurations, specifications for the UDC, the urban delivery fleet and the parking and re-fuelling/re-charging stations. Experiments will be devised in preparation for the possible more widespread introduction of urban "friendly transport" solutions involving emerging new technologies and systems. The project is being managed by Dr Margaret O'Mahoney at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. Contact for further information: [margaret.omahony@tcd.ie](mailto:margaret.omahony@tcd.ie)

### SPEDITHUN PROJECT

SpediThun is an operational urban logistics project with transport companies from the town of Thun in Switzerland. It is in cooperation with the city council and the city shops. Trucks of suppliers drive to the always open distribution and transshipment platform close to the inner city. Here the transshipment between the trucks and more suitable urban lorries takes place which then deliver to the shops. This bundling of deliveries leads to less heavy truck traffic and reduces the burden on the environment, especially pollution and noise. For more information: RUNDUM, Büro für Mobilität, [info@rundum-mobil.ch](mailto:info@rundum-mobil.ch)

### CITY FREIGHT PROJECT

CITY FREIGHT is a research project supported by the European Commission. The project runs from January 2002 to February 2004 and has seven European partners. CITY FREIGHT will carry out an analysis of selected supply chains schemes that are already functioning in Europe and carry out an evaluation of their impacts on the urban environment, making use of a common assessment methodology. The first work package deliverables concerning "Comparative survey of urban freight, logistics and land use planning systems in Europe" have been achieved and can be seen at [www.cityfreight.org](http://www.cityfreight.org)



### PROGRÉSS - RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

PROGRÉSS (Price Road use for Greater Responsibility, Efficiency and Sustainability in Cities) is a research and demonstration project looking into road user charging in cities, supported by the European Commission. The 8 principal contractors in the project will work with 20 other key organisations and in conjunction with the CUPID thematic network. Deliverables from the completed work packages can be downloaded from [www.progress-project.org](http://www.progress-project.org)



### IMPRINT - EUROPEAN THEMATIC NETWORK

IMPRINT-EUROPE is a Thematic Network project for the European Commission running from 2001-2004. The project aims to create a Forum for debating the key issues in the implementation of fair and efficient transport prices. Exploitation of research finding will be disseminated through a series of international seminars and high quality reports, which will support the development of sustainable, economically efficient and safe transport. The website gives details of forthcoming seminars and how you can make a contribution to the project and join the network. The website is at [www.imprint-eu.org/index.htm](http://www.imprint-eu.org/index.htm)

### 8TH BESTUFS WORKSHOP MALAGA, SPAIN

On 12-13 September, the city of Malaga hosted the 8th BESTUFS workshop titled "Public, Private Partnership (PPP) - enhancing urban goods transport". The workshop had an international flavour illustrating the establishment of partnerships between public and private sectors to enhance urban goods transport. A number of case studies from Italy, the Netherlands, Austria and Denmark showed that reciprocal understanding between both sectors was critical to any successful experience. Into its third year, BESTUFS has successfully established and maintained an open European network. Contact: [www.bestuufs.net](http://www.bestuufs.net)





### **CUPID - THEMATIC NETWORK**



CUPID (Coordinating Urban Pricing Integrated Demonstrations) is a Thematic Network funded by DG TREN of the European Commission which aims to promote state of the art knowledge on urban road pricing schemes. Between 2000-2004 CUPID will undertake a European cross-level site assessment of demonstration projects of the eight European cities in the PRoGR€SS project, produce robust policy recommendations and disseminate results. Further details of the CUPID Thematic Network, reports of deliverables and workshops are at [www.transport-pricing.net](http://www.transport-pricing.net)

14th November 2002

The Urban Delivery and alternative fuels conference "How to deliver the goods in the world of congestion charging, low emission zones unloading restrictions and lorry bans" Crowne Plaza, Birmingham National Exhibition Centre (NEC), UK  
Email: [nicky.allison@rbi.co.uk](mailto:nicky.allison@rbi.co.uk)

4th December 2002

European Logistic Research and Policy Conference  
Brussels, Belgium  
URL: [www.visioncommpr.com/Protrans.program](http://www.visioncommpr.com/Protrans.program)  
Email: [Paul.Lande@BCIGlobal.com](mailto:Paul.Lande@BCIGlobal.com)

### **LAUNCH OF THE CIVITAS FORUM**

The official CIVITAS Forum was launched on the 9th October 2002 in Brussels. The "CIVITAS Initiative" addresses ambitious cities that are introducing bold innovative measures intended to radically improve urban transport. The aim is to achieve a significant change in the modal split towards sustainable transport modes. In order to reach their goals, CIVITAS cities follow an ambitious and coherent approach to energy and urban transport policies.

9-11th December 2002

Transport Solutions Europe 2002  
London, UK  
Tel: +44 (0) 207 915 5545  
URL: [www.lir-tse2002.com](http://www.lir-tse2002.com)

10-12th March 2003

Ninth International Conference on Urban Transport and the Environment in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Crete, Greece  
Tel: +44 (0) 2380 293 223  
Email: [shobbs@wessex.ac.uk](mailto:shobbs@wessex.ac.uk)  
URL: [www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2003/urban03](http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2003/urban03)

The "CIVITAS Forum" is a key element of the "CIVITAS Initiative". The Forum provides a platform for the exchange of ideas and experiences. Cities that are members of the CIVITAS Forum will benefit from the experience of those other like-minded cities that are at the forefront in introducing clean vehicles, alternative fuels and innovative policy measures to improve urban transport. The launch also included an insight into the European Commission's planned activities in the field of clean urban transport during the year 2003. CIVITAS 2 will be launched in 2003, leading to contracts in 2004 and the launching of STEER, a dissemination project similar to a Thematic Network.

07-10th April 2003

Smart moving: International ITS Conference  
Birmingham, UK  
Email: [mailbox@its-focus.org.uk](mailto:mailbox@its-focus.org.uk)  
URL: [www.its-focus.org.uk](http://www.its-focus.org.uk)

5-8th May 2003

UITP Mobility & City Transport Exhibition  
Juan Carlos Exhibition Centre, Madrid, Spain  
Tel: +32 3 673 6100  
Email: [maristella.angotzi@uitp.com](mailto:maristella.angotzi@uitp.com)

### **MULTI-USE BUS LANE IN BARCELONA**

Barcelona Municipality have successfully installed the first Multi-use lane, integrating peak-hour bus priority. The Travessia de Gracia installation, with a length of over 600m and a peak bus frequency of 20 buses per hour, has innovative LEDs signs. It is the first measure to be installed as part of the MIRACLES-CIVITAS project. Initial results suggest an improved distribution of goods kerbside activity during permitted (between-peak) times, lower numbers of illegal parking actions by cars, plus a slightly higher circulation speed for general traffic. There has also been feedback of a considerable improvement for public transport. As a result, further schemes are expected. Within MIRACLES, the Municipality is also progressing with ideas for a B2C portal for goods delivery management. For further information contact Simon Hayes : [shayes@dsdga.com](mailto:shayes@dsdga.com)

25-27th June 2003

Third International Conference on City Logistics  
Madeira Island, Portugal  
URL: [www.citylogistics.org](http://www.citylogistics.org)

### **NEXT BESTUFS WORKSHOP**

The next BESTUFS workshop will be held on 23 & 24 January 2003 in Budapest, Hungary on the theme "Night delivery: a further option in urban distribution". If you wish to contribute to the workshop, please contact the BESTUFS website at [www.bestufs.net](http://www.bestufs.net)

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

7-9th November 2002

Transport Systems Telematics 2002 Conference  
Silesian University of Technology, Institute of Transport,  
Katowice, Poland  
Email: [tst@zeus.polsl.gliwice.pl](mailto:tst@zeus.polsl.gliwice.pl)

11-13th November 2002

Launch of the 6th Framework Programme for Research  
Brussels, Belgium  
URL: [europa.eu.int/comm/research/conferences/2002](http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/conferences/2002)

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