

## **BESTUFS Conference 2005: Amsterdam**

The 2005 BESTUFS Conference "Solutions for Air Quality and Noise Problems in Urban Freight Transport" was held on June 23-24th in Amsterdam. The conference was held jointly with SenterNovem who are an agency of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs for implementing policies on: innovation, energy and climate, environment and spatial planning. The conference focused on the recent issues associated with urban areas, freight traffic and air quality. This topic is being hotly debated in European cities, especially with reference to particulates. Speakers included the Dutch Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment, the Volvo Truck Corporation, the Freight in Paris project and the Stockholm "Home2You, Logistic Center for Old Town" company. IVECO demonstrated environmentally friendly vehicles, DAF Trucks spoke on vehicle design and the policies and initiatives of the European Commission were detailed. All presentations are available at: <http://bestufs.net/conferences/>



groups within dedicated group discussions on goods management and communication. The following questions had to be answered: Who are the three most important stakeholders in your project development? What are the success factors in developing and maintaining a relationship with a stakeholder? Describe how your measures are to continue under market conditions? The results of the groups were summarised within a short plenary presentation. Overall, the workshop gave a very good insight into the goods management work of the CIVITAS initiative and the opportunity to exchange experiences and knowledge amongst a diversified and highly experienced group of experts from all over Europe. The presentations and the summary presentation about the results of the group discussions are available at: <http://tinyurl.com/8hab3>

## **1st BESTUFS Round Table on Urban Freight Data Harmonisation and Modelling**

LET organised this event at the University of Lyon on the 22nd and 23rd September 2005. Twenty experts assembled and the state of the art of urban freight data collection in selected European countries were presented. The experiences of the different data collection methods were discussed as were the different levels of data availability. The use of the data and statistics for different purposes and the question of harmonization of data collection was addressed. Overall, the event gave the opportunity to discuss in a small and diverse expert group the current state of the art. It was clear that even in the case of existing guidelines for data collection (such as by the EC), execution varies country by country. The clear benefits of standardised collection and the broader exchange of knowledge will be that experts will have good and practical examples available in order to spend limited budgets in a more efficient manner. The presentations are at: <http://tinyurl.com/84z2h>

## **National Conference on Urban Freight: Paris**

On June 30th, 2005, a National Conference on Urban Freight took place in Paris, organised by the City of Paris. This is planned as an annual event, demonstrating the need and will of French cities to join, in order to discuss the successes and failures of local urban freight experiments. The next conference will be hosted by the City of Lyon. The Paris conference was an opportunity to present some of the many experiments currently taking place in Paris: Chronopost clean deliveries with the "Chronocity", La Petite Reine clean deliveries with electrically assisted tricycles, locker boxes Consignity and E-Box. More information can be obtained from [christophe.ripert@paris.fr](mailto:christophe.ripert@paris.fr)

## **CIVITAS: TELLUS Open workshop: Göteborg, Sweden**

A workshop "Goods management and strategic implementation" was held in Göteborg on June 17th 2005. The aim of the workshop was to present the experiences of six CIVITAS cities with regard to different aspects of goods management: development of environmental zones, of goods management in historical but narrow city areas and of freight consolidation for city retailers. Furthermore, expectations and possibilities of partnerships with logistics service providers were shown. The major focus was on how the different goods management schemes are implemented, different strategies followed about how the schemes can be communicated and enforced. The participants came from city administrations all over Europe as well as from private companies. There was a vibrant discussion of urban goods transport issues. All had the opportunity to work in small and quite heterogeneous

## **Canals to provide greener mode freight transport**

More than £1.5m is being invested to help restore London's canals to their former Victorian glory. British Waterways (BW) and Transport for London (TfL) have pledged £1.6m to allow freight containers to travel on canals in west London. The project aims to create a greener alternative to road haulage and it is hoped more construction materials will be transported by barge. A TfL spokesman said the project would help ease road congestion. "In Willesden they're building a recycling centre that could take aggregates from buildings that they've pulled down, cardboard, metal and even old fridges," said Steve Steele. "That could take 100,000 lorry journeys off the road each year." This London development is emerging alongside other plans to revitalise inland waterways freight in the UK, much of which serves dense urban areas. (All from the BBC: <http://tinyurl.com/bc3py> and <http://tinyurl.com/dmnag>)

## **WHAT IS BESTUFS II?**

BESTUFS II is a co-ordination action funded by the European Commission under the Framework 6 programme. It is a follow-up initiative of the thematic network BESTUFS and aims to maintain and expand an open European network in order to identify, describe and disseminate best practices, success criteria and bottlenecks with respect to City Logistics. The BESTUFS II project started in 2004 with a duration of 4 years. Anyone who wishes to participate in BESTUFS events or to receive information should contact the administration centre ([bestufs@nea.nl](mailto:bestufs@nea.nl)).



### 3rd BESTUFS II workshop: Kaposvár, Hungary

The third workshop of BESTUFS II was held in the Hungarian city of Kaposvár on the 29th and 30th September 2005 on the subject of "Freight logistics in small and medium sized cities: Approaches, solutions and success factors". 45 participants addressed the subject of urban logistics in the smaller and medium sized cities in which 60% of the EU population live (*Towards an urban agenda in the European Union*. 1997). Speakers ranged from the Hungarian Ministry of Economy and Transport, the Hungarian Logistics Association, to the the City of Utrecht. Topics included Italian city logistics experiences, managing freight in the City of Cork and an overview of urban freight measures implemented in small and medium cities in The Netherlands. The visit ended with a tour of the Videoton Freight Village. The workshop attracted a wide range of EU experts, city governments, academics and commercial operators. The warmth of the welcome from Kaposvár was combined with a professional and well run event. Of attendees who responded (two-thirds) 83% regarded the quality of the presentations as good or excellent. The presentations and minutes are available at:

<http://bestufs.net/bestufsII.html>

### CIVITAS I Final Conference: Nantes, France

By the time this newsletter goes to print the final CIVITAS I conference will have been held in Nantes on the 3rd and 4th of November 2005. As the experience of CIVITAS I is coming to an end, the 19 involved demonstration cities feel the need to exchange the knowledge acquired in the process, and engage cities and stakeholders in an open and challenging debate. The Final Conference of CIVITAS I is to present the innovative measures, technologies and infrastructures set out by the CIVITAS I cities. The event with experts from authorities, public transport operators, consultancies and industry, places the accent on the results thus achieved by the CIVITAS Initiative and presents participants with the chance to informally discuss technical aspects of policy implementation directly with the CIVITAS I experts. CIVITAS II has already commenced and Call 4A of Framework Programme 6 includes a call for further support actions. From the beginning CIVITAS has addressed urban freight and this emphasis is increasing. <http://www.civitas-initiative.org/>

### VIVALDI Conference: Delivering Urban Transport Innovations

On the 14-15 September the CIVITAS VIVALDI project held a UK national conference 'Delivering Urban Transport Innovations' in Bristol. The event attracted 100 delegates from across Europe with speakers presenting on the the themes of technical innovation, marketing & communications, and partnerships. The VIVALDI project has helped implement urban freight trials including the Broadmead Consolidation Centre. The gathering provided an opportunity for politicians from each of the four member cities and others from Europe to discuss their experiences and the benefits the project has had. For further information and to

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### BESTUFS 2006 Conference 18-19 May 2006: Malta

The movement of goods in urban areas is well organised by private companies while European municipalities started to develop policies to change urban transport towards sustainable solutions. In this area of tension between established traditional transport structures and the objectives of cleaner, safer and more attractive Cities, there are meanwhile many innovations taking place European wide and the interest in being informed about interesting solutions and experiences in city logistics is growing. The BESTUFS Conference will highlight recent innovative examples and will present main development directions and common problems faced as seen by transport operators, public bodies, retailers and domain experts. The final programme will be available in January 2006 and you will receive further notice. The Conference is not for profit and financially supported by the European Commission. "We will be pleased to welcome you on Malta on the 18th and 19th of May 2006".

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### Future Events

- November 30 2005, London, UK: Transport Statistics: Meeting the Challenges? 20th Anniversary Conference: [ninawebster@streetmanagement.org.uk](mailto:ninawebster@streetmanagement.org.uk)
- January 24-27, 2006, Milan, Italy: International Exhibition of Technologies and Services for Environment: <http://tinyurl.com/87gsm>
- February 1-3, 2006, Long Beach, CA, USA: NATIONAL URBAN FREIGHT CONFERENCE: [www.mettrans.org](http://www.mettrans.org)
- February 13-16 2006, Vienna, Austria: 11th International Conference on Urban Planning & Regional Development in the Information Society: <http://www.corp.at>
- March 9-10 2006, Zurich, Switzerland: BESTUFS Workshop on "Innovations in urban waste logistics": [www.bestufs.net](http://www.bestufs.net)
- March 28-31 2006, Barcelona, Spain: MetroRail: <http://tinyurl.com/8onqw>
- April 2-5, 2006, Göteborg, Sweden (Academic workshop on April 2): The 3rd conference on FUTURE URBAN TRANSPORT: "Dynamics of urban transport development - what is generic and what is specific?": <http://www.fut.se/>
- May 7-10 2006, Norwegian Dawn, USA: Logistics and Supply Chain Forum: <http://www.logisticsandsupplychainforum.com/>
- May 18-19 2006, Valetta, Malta: BESTUFS Annual Conference: <http://www.bestufs.net/>
- May 31-01 June 2006, Zaragoza, Spain: Supply Chain Summit: <http://www.zaragozalogistics.com/summit2005>
- June 4-8, Montréal, Canada: 7th World Congress on Railway Research: <http://www.uic.asso.fr>
- June 12-16 2006, Göteborg, Sweden, Transport Research Arena: <http://www.traconference.com/>

