

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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Background

The European Commission's award for Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning (**SUMP Award**) was launched in 2012 and has been presented seven times. The aim of the award is to encourage the adoption of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs) by local authorities across Europe and to reward outstanding achievements in each year's thematic priority area.

The **SUMP Award** is presented alongside the [EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK Awards](#). Nonetheless, each award scheme has separate objectives, whilst remaining complementary. The EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK Awards are given to towns and cities for their outstanding promotion of sustainable urban mobility during EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK (16-22 September), whereas the **SUMP Award** recognises local and regional authorities for excellence in sustainable urban mobility planning.

Applicants are not required to have completed the entire process of developing and implementing a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan in order to be eligible for the award.

The award concept is in line with [the Eltis SUMP guidelines](#) which define a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan as a 'strategic plan designed to satisfy the mobility needs of people and businesses in cities and their surroundings for a better quality of life. It builds on existing planning practices and takes due consideration of integration, participation, and evaluation principles'. The guidelines provide information on the necessary actions to be undertaken for different aspects and at different stages of the plan, and are a recommended resource.

SUMP Award theme

Each year, the award focuses on a specific theme. Previous themes were:

- 1st **SUMP Award**: Stakeholder and citizens participation while planning and implementing the SUMP
- 2nd **SUMP Award**: Integration of economic, social and environmental policy criteria
- 3rd **SUMP Award**: Thematic Focus: Monitoring implementation to improve the SUMP
- 4th **SUMP Award**: Providing for multimodality and intermodality in sustainable urban mobility planning
- 5th **SUMP Award**: Freight in sustainable urban mobility planning
- 6th **SUMP Award**: Shared mobility in sustainable urban mobility planning
- 7th **SUMP Award**: Multimodality in sustainable urban mobility planning

The theme of the 8th **SUMP Award** is "**Safe Walking and Cycling**". The award focuses on the integration of safe active mobility in sustainable urban mobility planning. This covers the development and promotion of walking and cycling as urban transport modes and the improvement of safety for pedestrians and cyclists. More information about the concept of safe walking and cycling is available in the [EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK 2019 Manual](#).

The theme "Safe Walking and Cycling" is shared in 2019 by both the 8th **SUMP Award** and the EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK campaign, which has adopted the call for action "Walk with us!". This motto clearly highlights a mode of transport that is too often underestimated: walking.

Walking and cycling as modes of transport are also referred to as active mobility. These modes are crucial for the future of towns and cities across Europe. Europe's cities can no longer afford over reliance on the car. Therefore, the 8th **SUMP Award** encourages planning authorities to promote and plan for active modes. In addition to flexibility, walking and cycling have many other benefits, such as social and economic accessibility; reliability; a low environmental footprint and a positive impact on health.

Most of all, perhaps, cities where active mobility predominates are transformed. To secure all these advantages, walking and cycling must be safe and look safe to the public. Local authorities should provide the relevant infrastructure to make pedestrians and cyclists 'vulnerable road users' no longer, to enable them to move safely

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and feel safe in our cities. EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK and the 8th SUMP Award support Project EDWARD, European Day Without A Road Death, which aims at raising awareness in Europe and beyond about road safety

Eligibility

The competition is open to local authorities from the European Union, European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein), EU candidate countries (Albania, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey) and the potential EU candidate countries that are part of the Stabilisation & Association Process (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo¹) that have initiated or completed the development of a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan.

Applicants can be local and regional public authorities that have legal competence in developing and implementing a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan on their territory.

The contact person for each application must be a representative of a public authority. Consultancies and transport operators are not eligible. In case of doubt, applicants will be contacted to provide proof of their legal status as a local or regional public authority.

Evaluation criteria

Following an eligibility check, all submissions will be reviewed by an expert jury. The list of categories and criteria that the jury will apply can be downloaded from: <http://www.mobilityweek.eu/sump-award/>. For each criterion, a maximum of 5 points (5 being best) can be achieved:

0 points	Does not meet requirements at all
1 point	Poorly meets requirements
2 points	Almost meets requirements
3 points	Meets requirements
4 points	Meets requirements with excellence
5 points	Meets requirements with excellence and even exceeds them

The average score will be calculated for each criterion based on each jury member's evaluation. The sum of all criteria will be built (max. 25). The jury will agree on the top 3 finalists, and the winner will be chosen from these.

Jury

This year's jury consists of three distinguished European experts in the field of active mobility and sustainable urban mobility planning, and is chaired by a representative from the European Commission's Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport. They are:

- Siegfried Rupprecht, Rupprecht Consult
- Bronwen Thornton, Walk21
- Fabian Küster, European Cyclists' Federation

Prize

Political or high-level representatives of the three finalists will be invited to attend the award ceremony, which takes place in March/April 2020 in Brussels. The winner will receive a trophy from the hand of the EU Commissioner for transport.

The winner will receive a professional video clip highlighting the inclusion of safe walking and cycling in the local transport system. Shorter video clips emphasising the achievements of the finalists will be presented at the award ceremony.

The winner and the two finalists will benefit from visibility at the European level. This includes case studies on the

¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

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Eltis portal, and recommendations to invite the winner and finalists to participate as speakers in relevant events such as the European Commission's Urban Mobility Conference.

Promotion

We reserve the right to publish award applications as examples of excellence on the European Commission's EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK website. The winner and finalists will feature in dedicated video clips, to be posted on the campaign's YouTube channel. The three shortlisted applicants will be requested to cooperate in the production of the video clips between January and March 2020.

Competition stages

The competition is open from 17 June to 31 October 2019 – 24:00 (CET).

The jury will review the applications by early December 2019. The winner and the two finalists will receive official notification towards the end of December 2019 or in January 2020. The videos and other promotional materials on the finalists will be produced between January and March 2020. The award ceremony will take place in Brussels (Belgium) in spring 2020 – the exact date remains to be fixed.

Submission format and guidelines

Applicants must complete the online application form at: <http://sump-award.mobilityweek.eu/application.php>. The application should be submitted in English. Applicants are invited to answer the questions with clear and relevant information about how their Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan addresses the evaluation criteria.

Applicants are encouraged to upload supporting documents and images to illustrate their SUMP actions.

Deadline

The closing date for the 8th Award for Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning is 31 October 2019 – 24:00 (CET).

Costs and reimbursements

All finalists will be invited to attend the award ceremony in Brussels in spring 2020. The travel and accommodation costs will be covered by the EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK budget.

Contact

In case of any questions about the award for sustainable urban mobility planning please contact: sumpaward@mobilityweek.eu

How to apply

Complete the online application form in the English language and by 31 October 2019.
We look forward to receiving your application!

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