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# Harmony webinar "Managing the unexpected: SUMP and new mobility services during COVID-19"

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Barcelona, 15th December 2020

HARMONY stands for "Holistic Approach for Providing Spatial & Transport Planning Tools and Evidence to Metropolitan and Regional Authorities to Lead a Sustainable Transition to a New Mobility Era". It is a European project funded by the European Commission within the programme Horizon 2020.

HARMONY held its first webinar "Managing the unexpected: SUMP and new mobility services during COVID-19" on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The main goal of the workshop was to present the project initial findings and to explore whether new mobility stakeholders' requirements have arisen, especially due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The webinar was structured around two main sessions on Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning (SUMP) and new transport modelling, business models and mobility services respectively. Several HARMONY partners presented the initial project outcomes, as well as the results of the HARMONY survey on the COVID-19 impact on transport planning priorities. Additionally, HARMONY invited the project LEAD to bring the added value of their research into digital twins and sustainable urban logistics. This synergy among similar CIVITAS projects offered an enriching occasion to join forces and exchange knowledge among H2020 initiatives. Similarly, a lively discussion was encouraged by a mix of platforms, such as presentations, polls and an interactive workshop.

The online workshop was part of a wider strategy aiming at reaching out to relevant stakeholders in order to grasp their needs and preferences in terms of passenger and freight mobility and spatial solutions. The workshop addressed key topics and challenges in the post COVID-19 era, such as SUMPs, transport modelling, business models and new technologies (especially automated vehicles and drones).

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Main graphic of HARMONY webinar on 14/12/2020.