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## HARMONY second cross-metropolitan workshop

*Barcelona, 22nd October 2021*

HARMONY held the **second cross-metropolitan workshop** on 20th October, within the [CIVITAS Forum 2021](#) in Aachen, Germany.

### What is the CIVITAS Forum?

The CIVITAS Forum is a bi-annual event hosted by the [CIVITAS Initiative](#) that celebrates, promotes and encourages **sustainable cities** and **sustainable urban mobility** advancement across Europe. The 2021 hybrid edition, hosted in Aachen, Germany, will be guided by the central theme *Smart routes towards climate-neutral cities*.

The coordinator Maria Kamargianni from UCL MaasLab presented the role of HARMONY in creating climate-neutral cities, as well as how local authorities can engage to shape and stimulate local economies towards the goal of creating 100 climate-neutral cities in Europe by 2030.

### Why a cross-metropolitan workshop?

The main goal of the workshop was to exchange the experiences of the six HARMONY metropolitan areas based on the initial results of **surveys, co-creation activities, and simulations** of different components of the **Model Suite**. Additionally, the workshop gave urban and regional authorities from the [CIVITAS](#) community the possibility to express their needs and challenges related to sustainable spatial and transport planning, multimodality and integration of new mobility services and technologies.

Parallel Session 1 “Parking management, planning for e-charging infrastructure and innovative planning decision support” gave the opportunity to exchange expertise, ideas and best practices among the Horizon H2020 projects [Park4SUMP](#), [Green Charge](#), and HARMONY. In fact, the application and evaluation of the impact of **different spatial or transport planning scenarios** will generate evidence-based recommendations to update Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs) not only in the HARMONY cities and regions, but also in other metropolitan areas on a European scale. Likewise, the challenges faced during the **first demonstration with drones in Trikala**, Greece and the upcoming demonstrations with drones and automated vehicles in Oxfordshire (UK) and Rotterdam (NL), along with the findings of simulations of the **Model Suite**, will inform roadmaps to promote and enable new forms of mobility for both passenger and freight in the EU.

Also, the CIVITAS Forum attendees’ feedback to [HARMONY surveys](#) will considerably benefit the analysis of the **growing demand** of platforms such as the HARMONY Model Suite in metropolitan areas dealing with the transition towards efficient, inclusive, sustainable and responsible regional transport, especially in this time of COVID-19 pandemic. The workshop will ultimately contribute to the identification of challenges and opportunities in terms of urban and regional transport planning, multimodality and integration of traditional and new



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mobility services at the European level. Therefore, CIVITAS local and regional public authorities will be supported by the HARMONY Model Suite as an adequate tool for **informed decision-making** and **data-driven investing** towards updated SUMP's improving smart mobility in their regions.

## What's next?

Have a look at the [presentation](#) given during the workshop and keep following HARMONY to stay in the know of the project activities, such as next cross-metropolitan workshop envisaged in Autumn 2022.

You can follow Harmony on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep updated with its next developments.



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## Project Factsheet

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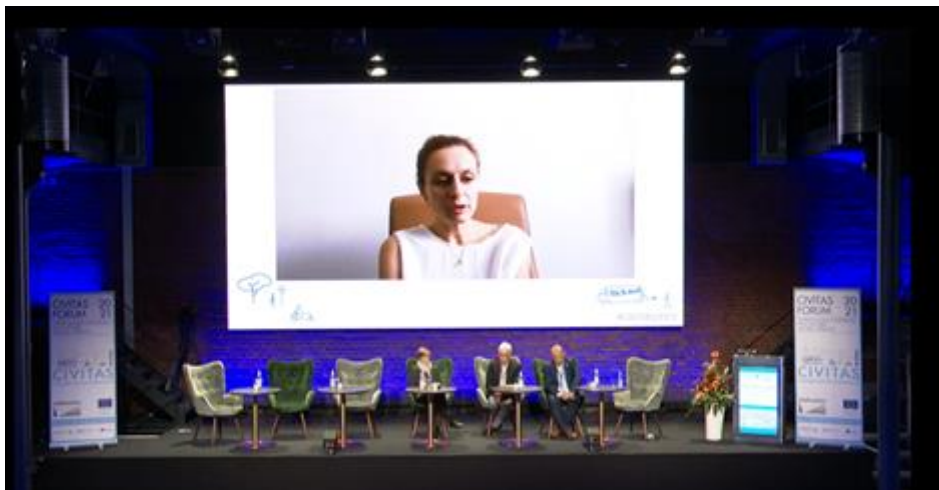
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HARMONY second cross-metropolitan workshop during CIVITAS Forum 2021, 21/10/2021



The coordinator Maria Kamargianni from UCL MaasLab contributing to the discussion of Parallel Session 1 at CIVITAS Forum 2021, 21/10/2021



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Participants taking part physically in HARMONY second cross-metropolitan workshop in Aachen, Germany



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