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Message from GIZ-SUTP Team:

Dear Reader,

We are very proud to announce that GIZ-SUTP successfully delivered its 100th training course in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In addition, this issue of the newsletter features SUTP's recent activities, such as a workshop conducted during Walk 21 and European Mobility Week. Please feel free to visit our website www.sutp.org for updated articles, publication and news. You could also send us your feedback at: sutp@sutp.org.

We welcome you to forward this newsletter to others that may be interested in sustainable urban transport.

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Featured Articles

Tubingen: An alternative mobility concept for its “French district”



Tubingen's “French district”, in German “Französisches Viertel”, is an urban brownfield development project. A 60-hectare military wasteland was converted into a dense urban neighbourhood with mixed urban functions. In a continuing development process, a new living space for 6,000 inhabitants and 2,500 jobs were created. An imaginative urban design enables the combination of living, supply, commerce and light forms of industry. Further on, the neighbourhood is characterized by low energy housing and an innovative mobility concept. Its main policy ideas are to generate fewer trips, shorten their

distances and shift traffic to efficient modes of transportation. See how these goals have been achieved in Tübingen, Germany!

The report is available for download [here](#).

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GIZ-SUTP delivers its 100th Training Course in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



After more than 7 years of delivering courses all over the world, GIZ SUTP delivered during the month of October its 100th training course in the city of Addis Ababa, on the topic of Non Motorized Transport Planning. To date, the project has trained more than 3700 participants from Asia, Latin America, Africa and Europe. These courses have been of varied durations, some being one day and others being two weeks in length. There have been various

partnering institutions in these courses from all regions, and these courses have had very positive evaluations since they started in October 2004 with a training course on Sustainable Urban Transport and Travel Demand Management in Sibiu/(Romania). Reports on these courses are available upon request, and there is also a capacity building section in construction (on this website) with more information that can be accessed [here](#).

The 100th course of GIZ SUTP was held in Addis Ababa, as part of the CODATU XV conference on October 26. A description of the course is available [here](#).

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Learning Course - Sustainable Urban Mobility in Developing Countries



GIZ, together with United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) will offer its third e-learning course on sustainable urban mobility in developing countries. The training will be delivered during 26 November 2012 and 15 March 2013.

The course aims to enhance the capacity of local decision makers and urban and transportation planners to formulate and implement appropriate policies that contribute to sustainability in urban transport in developing countries. It allows an analysis of the

important issues of sustainable transport including transport demand management, improved public and non-motorized transport, environmental protection, road safety, and gender in transport. In order to achieve sustainability, it also provides some means such as economic and financial instruments, institutional improvements, capacity building, regulation of markets and environmental standards.

Successful completion of the course requires participants to achieve a total score of at least 70% and entitles to a certificate of completion. A certificate of participation will be issued to participants who took all the exercises but achieved a final score inferior to 70%.

For registration please click [here](#).

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SUTP held training on Transport and Climate Change in Mexico City



With the support of TRL and CTS Embarq Mexico, GIZ SUTP organized a one-day training course on Transport and Climate Change as part of the Congress on Sustainable Transport/ Walk 21 in Mexico City.

The training was attended by 28 participants from various public and private organizations. Manfred Breithaupt (GIZ), Yorgos Voukas (TRL), Carlosfelipe Pardo (GIZ SUTP) and Hilda Martinez

(CTS Embarq Mexico) imparted knowledge about Transport and Climate Change. This training has been held by GIZ for the second time, this time in Spanish.

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Ukrainian Cities Celebrate the European Mobility Week



19 Ukrainian cities organized various activities to celebrate and promote sustainable mobility in the framework of this year's European Mobility Week. In addition to [16 officially registered participating cities](#), Dolyna (Ivano-Frankivsk region), Kharkiv and Poltava organized local activities without formal registration. A focus of all activities was cycling, with many cities organizing bicycle parades or bike-to-work contests. Many cities (some of which have been supported by GIZ for their activities) shared the results with us, and we have collected a few impressions in a short document available for download [here](#).

The results from a related seminar on urban mobility in Kiev including two presentations on the cycling campaign in Kiev's partner city Munich can be found [here](#).

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While SUTP.org has always been providing all information for free, we recognize that the registration process required has been a barrier for many potential users. This is why we have given green light for a major change on SUTP.org: From 17th Sept 2012 onwards all downloads were made possible without registering. All existing registered SUTP.org-users will continue to receive our regular SUTP newsletter, while their user profiles and data formerly required to log in for downloads will be deleted. This open access policy allows us to increase the outreach of SUTP and the convenience for our users.

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News from Partners and Elsewhere

Rajkot City Launches BRT Pilot Corridor



Rajkot, a fast-growing city in the western Indian state of Gujarat, has just launched a BRT pilot corridor, which replicates the world-class Janmarg BRT in Ahmedabad. The new corridor, called Rajpath, runs parallel to the 150 Feet Ring Road, a rapidly developing area with new shopping malls and residential construction.

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Workshop - Mobility for Poor: Improving Informal Transport



The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) in partnership with UN-Habitat organized a three-day workshop titled 'Mobility for poor: Improving informal transport' from 3-5 October 2012. The aim of the workshop was to create a holistic understanding of informal transport systems and to facilitate knowledge/experience sharing on challenges and solutions for improving informal modes of transport like cycle

rickshaws, shared autos, mini buses, etc.

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Air quality in Europe – 2012 EEA Report



Microscopic particles, among the most harmful forms of air pollution, are still found at dangerous levels in Europe, although law has cut some toxins from exhaust fumes and chimneys, a European Environmental Agency (EEA) report said on Monday.

On average, air pollution is cutting human lives by roughly eight months and by about two years in the worst affected regions, such as industrial parts of Eastern Europe, because it causes diseases such as lung cancer and cardiovascular problems.

"European Union policy has reduced emissions of many pollutants over the last decade, but we can go further," EEA executive director Jacqueline McGlade said in a statement, highlighting the risks before an upcoming review of relevant EU legislation.

"In many countries, air pollutant concentrations are still above the legal and recommended limits that are set to protect the health of European citizens."

Using data from 2010, the report said 21% of the urban population was exposed to larger particulate matter at concentrations above a daily EU limit.

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Bicycle mapping in Berlin using crowd sourcing Germany



Cyclists can now mark the suitability of streets for bicycle riding on an online map.

The Urban Mobility Portal Eltis reported about a project run by an Australian traffic planner that has produced an interactive bicycle map for the city of Berlin. On a dedicated website cyclists can mark roads and streets on a Google Map with safety and cycling suitability information. The input of many different cyclists will

make the satisfaction and comfort of cycling on this particular road visible to all.

It works in a simple way. Users mark a particular road and answer a few questions on the website. The answers to these questions automatically determine whether a road is "friendly" or not. The road then appears on the map as either green if it is friendly or red if it is not.

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First Asia BRTs Conference held in Ahmedabad, India



The first Asia BRTs Conference was held in the city of Ahmedabad, India, during September 6-8, 2012.

Urban mobility issues in Asian cities are escalating due to population growth, rapid rate of motorization and rapid growth of the city. As a result, many Asian cities have looked at bus based systems as a sustainable option. With more than 25 cities in Asia operating some form of BRTS –with varying degrees of success

and many more Asian cities likely to follow this path it is crucial to share knowledge and best practices. While the BRTS debate has tended to focus on the architectural and engineering aspects (cross-sections, transit infrastructure, pavement design etc), there is much more to learn from successful cities about engaging stakeholders, branding and communication strategy, network selection and operations planning.

Sharing of BRTS experience across Asian cities would help build capacity in developing cities as, and a pan-Asian forum will leverage exchange of ideas, promotion of best practices and technological innovations. This 'Asia BRTS Conference' is the first step in building an Asian BRTS Community.

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Upcoming Events

- [04.11.2012, Sustainable Mobility Summit 2012, Hamilton, Canada](#)
- [05.11.2012, ADB Transport Forum 2012, Manila, Philippines](#)
- [11.11.2012, Urban Transportation Systems, Paris, France](#)
- [13.11.2012, Mobilis 2012, Mulhouse, France](#)
- [05.12.2012, Better Air Quality 2012, Hong Kong](#)
- [05.12.2012, Urban Mobility India Conference CUM Exhibition \(UMI - 2012\), New Delhi, India](#)

For complete list of events click [here](#).

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