



# GIZ SUTP Newsletter

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## Message from GIZ-SUTP Team:

Dear Readers,

This issue of the newsletter features information on recent GIZ-SUTP activities in Stuttgart and Leipzig, along with the recent webinars. Please also note the Sustainable Mobility Innovations Summer 2014 collection.

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

*The **Sustainable Urban Transport Project (GIZ-SUTP)** aims to help developing world cities achieve their sustainable transport goals, through the dissemination of information about international experience, policy advice, training and capacity building.*

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## FEATURED ARTICLES

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### SUTP webinar on “*Promoting Sustainable Urban Mobility*”



As part of the new SUTP webinar series, the second webinar was held on June 25. This webinar discussed the tools and means for disseminating the idea of '*Sustainable Urban Mobility*' to the general public. The webinar also focussed on the essential elements for changing the perception of mass transit in people's minds. Examples from different cities were used as a means for illustrating the ideas. The webinar was conducted by Santhosh Kodukula, ICLEI.

Read more [here](#).

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### GIZ at the "*Cities for Mobility, 2014*" conference in Stuttgart, Germany

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The 7<sup>th</sup> annual International Congress of the network '*Cities for Mobility*' took place from June 1 to 3, 2014, at Stuttgart's City Hall. The theme for the meeting was "City on the move – Rethinking and implementing mobility".

Over 200 experts and stakeholders from 30 countries came together to exchange ideas, and to debate new approaches for sustainable mobility. The conference specifically aimed to facilitate discussion on the 'Software' of our Cities Transport Systems: Behavior, Networking, Communication, Intelligent incentive systems, and improved quality of life in cities. GIZ-SUTP successfully delivered a workshop on 'Providing Priority for Sustainable Urban Transport Modes' to 22 participants from various countries. The speakers Carlosfelipe Pardo (Espacio) and Manfred Breithaupt (GIZ) specifically focused on means of prioritizing sustainable mobility, such as providing safe and convenient sidewalks and crossings for pedestrians, integrating cycling networks to make trips by bicycle more convenient, and providing signal priority and dedicated bus lanes for high capacity public transport corridors.

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### **GIZ at the "*International Transport Forum (ITF) 2014*" in Leipzig, Germany**



This year's International Transport Forum (ITF) annual summit carried the slogan '*Transport for a Changing World*' and was held in Leipzig, Germany, 21-23 May 2014. Over 1100 participants from 69 countries debated on how megatrends will reshape the world and how transport policy can shape responses to emerging trends. The summit covered a variety of topic areas of transport including climate change adaptation, access to sustainable transport for all, livable cities and the potentials

of international cooperation.

During the side event, GIZ in partnership with the Bridging the Gap (BtG), The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) and The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) highlighted the importance of national transport policies in achieving sustainable development goals (more information: [International Transport Forum](#)). Urda Eichhorst (GIZ) presented lessons learned from an international review of national urban transport programmes, policies and financing frameworks as well as GIZ-SUTP's work on sustainable transport financing (more information at [www.sustainabletransport.org](http://www.sustainabletransport.org) and [www.sutp.org](http://www.sutp.org)).

Read more [here](#).

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### **A discussion in Kiev, Ukraine on the regulatory framework for bicycles**



On May 20-21<sup>st</sup> a meeting was held in Kiev to discuss the need for amendments to the legal framework of Ukraine for the planning and design of bicycle infrastructure. The meeting was attended by engineers and representatives of local governments of Ukrainian cities that are directly involved in planning and designing bicycle infrastructure, as well as German experts in bicycle infrastructure, the Ukrainian Ministry of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Communal Services, and the Association of Cyclists Kiev. The organizers of the meeting, Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the NGO "Association of Cyclists Kiev" were technically supported by the companies DREBERIS, VCDB and PTV Group.

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## **PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST**

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### **Sustainable Mobility Innovations - the expert's choices summer 2014**

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The world of sustainable mobility is full of innovations!

The summer 2014 collection presents a variety of new tools, approaches and concepts which are being developed, tested and implemented to make the life of pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users more comfortable. Read here about the new urban ropeway in Ankara, “Prescribe-a-Bike” in Boston, Massachusetts, the Bike Elevator in Trondheim, Norway and many more.

Read more [here](#).

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## NEWS FROM PARTNERS AND ELSEWHERE

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### National Urban Transport Policy: ITF Side Event in Leipzig



On 23 May 2014, a group of experts presented and discussed on “*National Urban Transport Policy: Enabling More Sustainable Development in a Changing World*” within this year’s International Transport Forum (ITF) in Leipzig. Colin Hughes, Director of National Policy and Project Evaluation ITDP, presented on a new Comparative Analysis of Rapid Transit Growth, Investment & Access and introduced the so-called Rapid Transit to Resident Ratio as an indicator to compare access to rapid transit across cities, countries or years.

Urda Eichhorst, Project Manager, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) summarised findings from an “*International Review of Sustainable Urban Transport Financing Policies and Programmes*” (download the study [here](#)), emphasizing and illustrating the potential of national urban transport financing policies to lift sustainable urban transport developments to a new scale (download her presentation [here](#)).

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### The National Cycling Plan (NRVP) 2020



The National Cycling Plan (NRVP) 2020 represents the German Government’s commitment towards the promotion of cycling as part of its sustainable transport framework. It sets out the principles over the coming years. Since there’s a broad demand for Germany’s know-how in bicycle policy and infrastructural planning, the German bicycle portal [www.nrvp.de](http://www.nrvp.de) has been developed by the German Institute of Urban Affairs (Difu) in 2004. Funded by the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI), it is one of the biggest sources on cycling policy and planning in Europe and provides experts and the general public with all kinds of information: It contains more than 7000 news, publications, research results, good practice examples, and events. The site is mainly in German but has selected information and downloads also in English. There are two newsletters which contain the most recently published news – a German one (published fortnightly to monthly), and an English one (published approximately 4 times a year).

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### Brazil inaugurates its newest bus rapid transit (BRT) corridor with presidential flourish



On June 1, at a ceremony with Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff, Rio Mayor Eduardo Paes, and Governor Luiz Fernando Pezão, Rio de Janeiro inaugurated its newest BRT corridor, TransCarioca. Limited operations began on June 2, and the system will continue to bring more stations and routes on line as construction is finalized, including the start of express lines on Wednesday the 4th. The new corridor cuts across the city, providing fast, efficient transit through the city’s streets and creating a strong symbol of Rio’s commitment to high-quality public transit. The route is the first high-capacity route between

Barra da Tijuca in the south to Ilha do Governador in the north, and Rio's second BRT line. By providing increased access for the city's residents and expanding the transit network, TransCarioca is transforming Rio de Janeiro.

Read more [here](#)

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## World Cities Summit convenes city leaders and technical experts to chart the course towards sustainable urbanization



The city-state of Singapore played host to the 2014 World Cities Summit, which saw over 120 mayors convene to discuss common challenges and solutions for making cities more livable and sustainable.

The decisions that city leaders make today will impact the lives of billions of urbanites for decades to come. Not only are cities home to half the world's population – with that figure set to increase to 70% by 2050 – but the long life of urban infrastructure for basic services like water, energy, and transport means that the next decade is crucial for putting cities on the path to sustainable growth. Nowhere is this more pressing than in developing cities, which will be home to the majority of the projected 1.4 billion new urban residents by 2030, including 494 million in China and India alone.

These great challenges demand great leadership and innovative solutions. The World Cities Summit – held in Singapore from June 1 – 4, 2014 – brought together city officials and thought leaders in sustainable urban planning and development to build partnerships aimed at achieving financially, environmentally, and socially sustainable urban future. Unified by the theme of *“livable and sustainable – common challenges and shared solutions,”* the Summit was a platform for sharing knowledge and best practices, highlighting game-changing initiatives from the over 120 world cities represented.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- [21.07.2014, Transportation Planning in Small and Medium Sized Communities, Burlington, Vermont](#)
- [05.08.2014, IV SIBRT Conference, Lima, Peru](#)
- [12.08.2014, Africa Road Safety Seminar 2014, Cape Town, South Africa](#)

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