

# GIZ SUTP Newsletter

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Dear Readers,

This issue of the newsletter features information on recent GIZ-SUTP activities, our newly released publications and upcoming training courses.

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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### Upcoming training course on “Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning” jointly organized by IsDB, GIZ and IRU – May 31-June 2 in Dubai



Mobility is a basic necessity for the social and economic development of people, cities and entire countries. People must be able to reach their places of work or education and must have access to shopping facilities and social services. Most cities in the MENA countries have inadequate mass transport systems, as the basic networks were developed for much smaller populations. The public sector has often neglected collective/public transport, with investment in transport infrastructures not keeping pace with population growth. Private bus companies and services exist in some cities, but the legislative framework is still either not in place or inadequate. Consequently, many people rely on private vehicles to reach work or social events, leading to an uncontrolled growth in car use and the associated congestion, high accident rates and air pollution. The demand for travel (especially private car use) arises but, at the same time, the supply of transport systems has not kept pace; as a result, mobility systems are close to collapsing.

The regional training on “Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning” is jointly organized by the German

International Cooperation (GIZ), the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB) and the International Road Transport Union (IRU). The training will be held in Dubai, UAE from 31/05/15 until 02/06/15, and will be hosted by the Automobile and Touring Club of the United Arab Emirates (ATCUAE). Target Group of the training workshop are about 25-35 selected decision-makers and planners of municipal transport systems from cities with urban mobility planning experiences from the following countries: e.g. Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Tunisia, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates.

Limited number of seats are still available – register now via [Insa Eekhoff](#).

For the programme, please click [here](#).

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## Joining forces for better urban mobility in Georgian cities



Increasing congestion, air quality and affordability of mobility are ranking high on the agenda of decision-makers and citizens in Georgian cities. In this context, on March 19/20th 2015, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia and GIZ hosted a workshop on “Involving Cities in Georgia’s National Climate Action Planning: Moving towards a vertical integration of local and national priorities in the urban transport sector”.

More than 25 participants from 7 Georgian cities, from the national government and donor representatives jointly identified challenges and barriers. Further, the participants sketched options for moving ahead, in particular in view of INDC-process and considering v-NAMAs as an appropriate tool for integration of local and national climate action. Identified priority areas include strengthening of public transport, regulation of taxis, technical standards (including related to fuel quality) as well as a need for clarifying responsibilities for regulating and financing

urban transport between national and local government.

The workshop has been conducted in the framework of the project “Support of selected partner countries for the elaboration of their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC)” on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB).

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## PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

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### GIZ “Avoid-Shift-Improve” infographic now available in Spanish



Based on the approach “avoid-shift-improve”, the GIZ urban mobility team has designed a vibrant info graphic on 10 principles for sustainable urban transport. Besides English, the infographic is now also available in Spanish and very soon in Bahasa Indonesia!

Have a look at the [infographic](#) and follow 10 principles of sustainable urban transport! Click here for the [English](#) version and find out about 10 principles for sustainable urban transport!

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## SUTP Policy Brief: Non-Motorised Transport Policy in India



The first 2015 edition presents 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 “green wave” for cyclists in Copenhagen, new smart bike locks, smart parking in Madrid, solar bike paths and plastic bottles which are being used as public transport fare.

To download the report, please click [here](#).

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## Joint publication by GIZ and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) on “Big Cities, Big Challenges – Sustainable Urban Transport across Major Middle East and North African Cities”



The urban population in the MENA region is forecasted to grow significantly over the next decades. Cities in the region face major mobility challenges, as transport systems are sometimes inadequate, as investment is directed toward private cars. For cities to remain attractive to inhabitants, mobility obstacles need to be overcome.

Using examples of international best practices, the report gives an overview of the challenges sustainable urban transport faces in the MENA region and offers possible solutions. Experience worldwide has shown that solving transport issues requires more than mere investment in infrastructure. Vision and political will to change and improve urban transport mark the first step toward a sustainable transport system. Following this, successful change requires a can be reframed through proper urban planning and accompanying policy measures.

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## NEWS FROM PARTNERS AND ELSEWHERE

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### Greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector in Europe – EEA Report 7 highlights progress



The latest CO<sub>2</sub> emission numbers and trends from the transport sector are highlighted in the most recent annual Transport and Environment Reporting Mechanisms (TERM) report from the European Environment Agency (EEA), “[Focusing on environmental pressures from long-distance transport – TERM 2014: transport indicators tracking progress towards environmental targets in Europe](#)”.

The report does not only provide detailed data for individual modes of transport for each European country, but also gives an overview of total land transport data, as well as longer-term changes of emissions from 1990-2012. Only six countries showed a decrease in emissions from land transport between 1990 and 2012, amongst them Lithuania (-39%), Germany (-6%), Finland (-1%), and Estonia (-7%). However, the data shows different trends if we only look at emission values between the years 2000 and 2012.

More information could be found [here](#).

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## Bicycle Activism in Brazil: Reaching Beyond Niches



The bicycle has made big strides in recent years toward becoming a legitimate option for urban transport in Brazilian cities, and dedicated activists are at the heart of these advances. Organizations from 18 cities from 13 (of 26) Brazilian states gathered in Rio de Janeiro from March 25-27 to receive awards for bike promotion and participate in a workshop organized by the [Brazilian NGO Transporte Ativo](#).

[Ciclo Urbano](#), an NGO from Aracaju (pop. 615,000), in the state of Sergipe, in the Northeast region of Brazil, won two first-place awards. The “Bike Blitz” program, where the NGO performed bicycle maintenance and distributed information to urban cyclists, took top honours in the “Education and Awareness” category. In the “Data and Research” category, the NGO was rewarded for its bicycle counts, after carrying out its 8th 12-hour count of Aracaju’s most frequented cycle routes in 2014. [Kuritiba](#), a business that offers urban bike tours in Curitiba (pop. 1.7 million) in Parana state, Southern Brazil, won first place in the “Entrepreneurship” category. Its tours include coffee tasting and nocturnal photography options.

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## Brainstorming towards an integrated transport system in Cochin

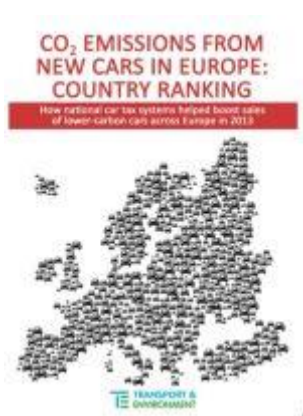


A two day workshop on sustainable transport solutions was held in Cochin, India to resolve transport issues of the city and to identify prospective solutions. The workshop, organised as a part of the SOLUTIONS project, was attended by representatives of various organisations from the city, who discussed various solutions that could be implemented as short, medium and long term measures and reiterated the advantages of current density patterns as an add on for providing better public transport. Cochin has been selected as one of the take up cities under the Sharing Opportunities for Low carbon Urban transportation (SOLUTIONS) project funded by European union and implemented by Wuppertal Institute with its partners.

More information could be found [here](#).

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## How policies and taxation can influence customer choice and encourage the purchase of low carbon cars



As part of their annual series, Transport & Environment has published its eighth report on progress in reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and improving the fuel efficiency of cars in Europe. By looking on average new car emissions, the report investigates how different taxation policies in Member States are effective in encouraging consumer choices towards the purchase of lower carbon cars.

Even though new cars only represent a small share of the car fleet, understanding consumer choice behind the purchase of new cars is extremely important for long-term prospects of CO<sub>2</sub> emission. The cars that are sold today will affect the fuel economy of the whole vehicle stock as they age and trickle down when they are re-sold through second-hand sales. Therefore, new car sales have an influence on the future fuel costs of motorists, the total expenditure on oil and the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions generated.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- [20.05.2015, Metropolitan Solutions 2015, Berlin, Germany](#)
  - [27.05.2015, ITF Transport, Trade and Tourism, Leipzig, Germany](#)
  - [02.06.2015, Velocity 2015, Nantes, France](#)
  - [08.06.2015, Resilient Cities 2015, Bonn, Germany](#)
  - [08.06.2015, 61<sup>st</sup> UITP World Congress and Exhibition, Milan, Italy](#)
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