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TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY PLANS

Interactive sessions: Administrative framework for NSSPs, and funding

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Administrative framework for NSSP

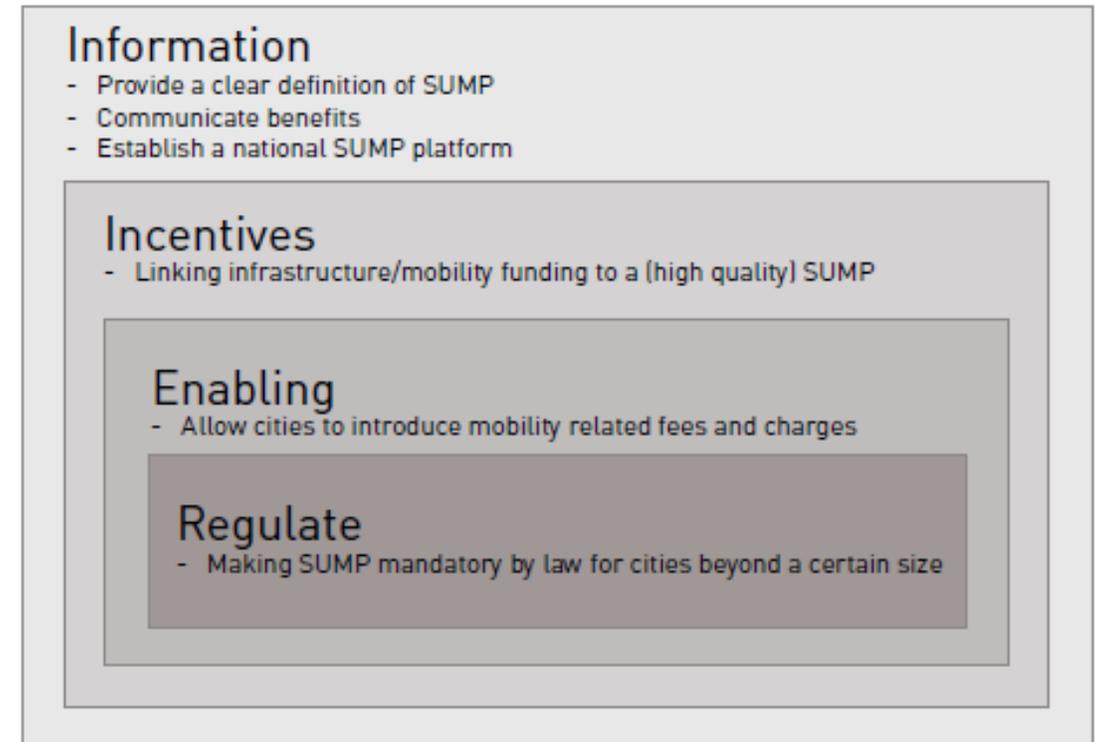
- Effective NSSP needs structure and people to deliver it
- Scale related to NSSP functions – more functions, more people
- Basic level of NSSP (platform, guidance, exchange of experience) can be outsourced
- In-house team may be required for e.g. evaluation, city-level support on SUMP development and implementation

Funding for SUMP development and implementation

- National level funding can encourage SUMPs by:
 - Funding SUMP development – staff, consultancy support, training (e.g. Flanders)
 - Funding SUMP measures e.g. cycling and walking measures, road safety measures, pedestrianisation (e.g. Spain)
 - More flexible funding, to spend on range of measures (e.g. services, demand management) not just infrastructure (e.g. Netherlands, Germany)
 - Requiring parking revenues to be used for sustainable transport (e.g. Poland)

Possible issues to resolve for administrative framework for NSSP

- What should be its functions?
- At national or regional level?
- Under which Ministry or Agency should NSSP sit?
- How large should the NSSP team be?
- How does it relate to current relevant legislation?
- Relationship to wider sustainable transport policy in Ministry



Durtin and Rudolph, 2019

Issues in relation to funding for SUMP

- Source and scale of funding
- Regular or one-off
- Competitive award, and how to manage this
- Development of a SUMP “industry” among consultancy companies in the country
- Ensuring value for money

Good practice example: Wallonia, BE

- Long history of Walloon govt support to cities and now transport regions on SUMP
- Legislation on SUMPs since 2004
- 2 Metro Area with FUA SUMPs
- 65% of 262 Municipalities with SUMPs
- Annual reporting to Walloon Mobility Agencies
- Funding available for SUMP development and now measures:
 - Mobility advisors to municipalities
 - Funding for studies and measures

Points to bear in mind?

- Getting buy-in from the Ministries that have some responsibility for SUMP issues.
- Providing quality support to municipalities that is really valuable for them.
- Getting the balance right between contracting out the NSSP operation, and keeping elements in-house.

Objectives and structure of interactive session

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- Exchange experience
- Identify and define key elements of NSSP

Structure

- Group work 40 minutes:
 - Exchange experience
 - Identify key elements of NSSP
 - Work out in detail at least 2 elements
 - Operating and resourcing NSSP

Report back in plenary (7 minutes per group on average)

Key points from report back – experience sharing

- Very necessary, but way too short – lots to discuss
- Different countries are at very different levels – this was experience of lots of groups -
- Definition of competent authority to elaborate SUMP's esp in urban node
- Interesting discussions about levels of regulation?
- Integration with urban planning is a key issue the NSSP needs to address
- How do countries with long term tradition of SUMP at regional or urban level of their own align this with new EU level requirements? Do they need to establish a parallel system?
- Getting data, having data is an issue in all countries

Key points from report back – key elements of NSSP - prioritised?

- **Dedicated unit for SUMP in the Ministry (to support and/or administer)**
- National law – but not for all countries? (Relate this to EU law)
- **Funding is particularly important – how do you connect funding for measures to whether or not there's a SUMP?**
- Expert group (for checking SUMP)
- National definition/criteria to define SUMP
- Digital platform to share applied practice, allow benchmarking etc.
- **Networking activities – at national level, plus information and training (maybe including bespoke support?) for cities**
- Monitoring of SUMP implementation
- Research and innovation – to identify and demonstrate need for new measures
- Establishment of common indicators (and who collects this data and how?)
- Integration with urban planning is a key issue the NSSP needs to address – through involvement with other Ministries and stakeholders