

Guidance on integrating a rural dimension in SUMPs



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Purpose

Integrated and strategic plan designed to satisfy the mobility needs of people and businesses in cities and their surroundings for a better quality of life. It takes due consideration of integration, participation and evaluation principles

- SUMP's correspond to the policy pillar of the SMARTA-NET project
- The main objective is to produce a guidance document that helps to integrate the rural dimension into existing SUMP guidelines:
 - Learning how to mainstream rural mobility aspects along all phases of SUMP design so as to enhance territorial cohesion
 - Extending the typical catchment area of SUMP's in order to 'leave no one behind'
 - Addressing concerns about the surrounding rural communities and the tourist flows between urban and rural sites



Target groups

- The main target audience are transport practitioners and planners (or prospective planners)
- The guidance document will be codesigned with representatives from:
 - Small cities and towns
 - Medium-site cities
 - Large metropolitan areas
 - Policycentric regions
 - Local NGOs and umbrella organisations
- It is essential to grasp sites understanding of how rural aspects can be embedded in urban planning approaches



Scope

- The guidance document is expected to:
 - Identify the interplay of rural-specific challenges
 - Assess the preconditions for rural mainstreaming
 - Define key research questions for rural proofing, i.e. for integrating rural perspectives into SUMP design
 - Tailor the planning approach to meet rural areas needs
 - Share best-practices and practical recommendations for planners



Timeline

Explore

Consolidate

Disseminate



Interviews
with
experts

Public
consultation

Thematic
focus groups

Production
of the
guidelines

Validation

Training

1st quarter 2023

2nd quarter 2023

3rd quarter 2023

4th quarter 2023

1st quarter 2024

2nd quarter 2024



Workshop on mobility policies and plans

- Discussion revolving ways to strengthen urban-rural transport policies
- Inspiring examples and experiences of SUMP's that cater for the needs of those that live, work or visit rural areas
- Share your views, needs and ideas with participants from all over Europe
- Results will be used for the development of a guideline on incorporating a rural dimension in SUMP's