

5th European Rural Mobility Network Meeting

Workshop outline (15 May 2024, 16:00-17:30)

Title of workshop:	What are the “rural dimensions” that should be considered by SUMPs and eventually incorporated into guidelines	
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Short description of the workshop and purpose:		
<p>SUMPs are mandated by urban authorities and often focus its scope solely within the build-up area, disregarding the mobility flows and dynamics that exist between that area and the surrounding rural hinterland. To avoid designing transport policies that leave behind all citizens that either live, work or visit such rural areas, SUMPs ought to become more rural sensitive, i.e. more attentive to certain rural mobility dimensions which remain to be identified. This is the aim of the workshop, which will build on the ERMN experience to explore prominent rural dimensions that transport practitioners developing SUMPs should take into consideration, so as to close the cohesion gap between urban and rural areas and contribute to more well-connected territories.</p> <p>In practice, during the workshop participants will have the chance to collaboratively identify such dimensions using post-its. This will be followed by a group discussion to prioritise the most stringing dimensions and share viewpoints on how they can be addressed within SUMPs.</p>		
Structure of the session*:		
<i>Timing</i>	<i>Title of session</i>	<i>Short description</i>
16:00 – 16.10	Welcome and introductions from TIS	Introduction of the WS leads and explanation about the workshop purpose
16.10 – 16.20	Roundtable presentation of all participants	Getting to know who is in the room
16.20 – 16.50	Group exercise for identifying rural mobility dimensions	Participants will be split in groups and collaborate to identify rural mobility dimensions
16.50 – 17.10	Group exercise for prioritising the most relevant rural mobility dimensions	Groups will prioritise the most relevant dimensions
17.10 – 17.20	Outcomes of group exercise (strategies for redesigning SUMPs)	Each group will summarise the key points discussed during the group exercise, and WS leads will try to converge and convey a discussion on the obstacles and opportunities for integrating the most relevant dimensions into SUMPs
17.20 – 17.30	The perspective of National SUMP Support Programmes (tbc)	Short reflection about how the NSSP can help to further integrate these dimensions in SUMP design