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# THE SUMP SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL

## Key features & Uses for SUMP

The SUMP Self-Assessment Tool (SSAT), co-developed with CIVITAS SUMPs-Up, is a diagnostic online survey for municipalities and Functional Urban Areas (FUAs) to assess how closely their strategic mobility planning is related to approaches of a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP), whether they have a SUMP or not.

After completion of the 30-45 questions (depending on each region's mobility situation) an assessment on the quality of the strategic mobility plan and an evaluation of general planning activities is deduced. Following this, catered guidance, resources and suggestions are offered for the unique mobility context and region's needs. The tool is simply accessed online via an internet browser.

## Regional Context

*LOW-CARB Partners*
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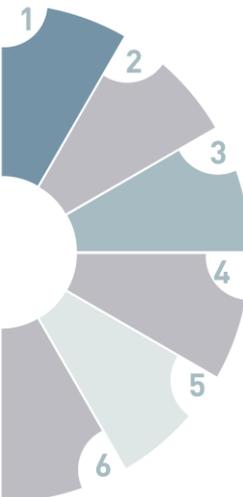
- The SSAT was developed for Europe with input from partners of the LOW-CARB project. Their roles were to help fit the tool to the specific needs of Functional Urban Areas of central Europe (CE) where SUMPs are not yet widely adopted. They were also responsible for translating the tool into several programme area languages.

- The concerned groups and territories of the Interreg program area are therefore targeted by providing the tool in CE-specific languages. The key benefit for users is being able to engage and analyse their mobility plans and scenarios in their mother tongue. Thereby removing a language barrier often experienced in low carbon mobility planning in CE.

Stakeholder workshops
**3**

**13** Languages available
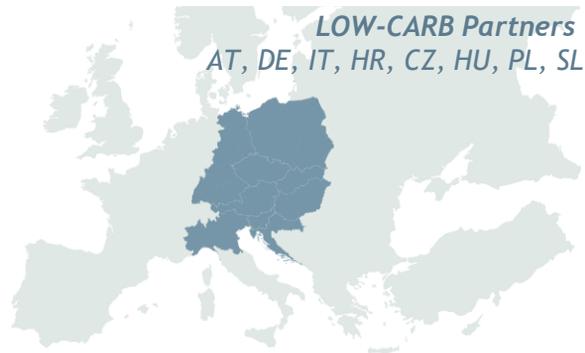
## Impacts

**>140**
Cities evaluated worldwide

**87%** *
User Satisfaction
* derived from qualitative data

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## Continuity & Transferability
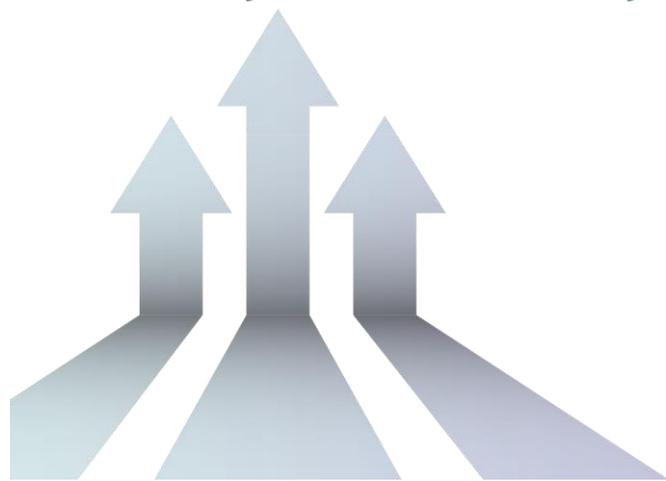
- Sustainability of the SSAT is ensured by being housed on the *Eltis platform,* an urban mobility hub which has long been funded by the European Commission's Directorate for Mobility and Transport. The SSAT will additionally be accessible via *the CE-SUMP Competence Centre* (a newly developed knowledge and networking hub dedicated to SUMP implementation in CE).

- The SSAT is already available in 13 languages and is being translated to more, thus increasing transferability potential to other regions across Europe. In addition, the tool has been tested with multiple users in workshops and live demonstrations to ensure maximised usability by other territories and stakeholder entities.

## Transnational Co-operation

Transnational cooperation experienced during the development and implementation of this tool has added value to it by being co-created by a diverse target group that it is also intended for. SUMPs involve complex and collaborative processes with stakeholders that shouldn't be hindered by language. Without transnational cooperation and co-development with CIVITAS SUMPs-Up, this would be another tool usable only by English speaking stakeholders. Now CE governments can overcome the language barrier of finding planning guidance, resources and expertise.

## Key Lessons Learned

While developing the SSAT, it was learned that:

- a wider approach of the tool was needed for CE regions *without an existing* SUMP & regions without an identified functional urban area;

- user-identified shortcomings in the 2nd version of the <u>SUMP Guidelines</u> could be incorporated to the SSAT, making it more flexible and exhaustive for varying competence levels of governments;

- several existing benchmarking tools could be used to guide & model the SSAT's survey logic structure & subsequent software development.

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