

Welcome to EVUE

An URBACT II Project

It is with great pleasure I welcome you to the first EVUE newsletter. EVUE aims to help cities make the transition to electric vehicles (EVs). Along with partners in Beja, Frankfurt, Katowice, Lisbon, Madrid, Oslo, Stockholm, Suceava and Zografou, we will be working on addressing the key issues facing cities that want to assist the transition to EVs:

- Business Models
- Infrastructure
- Procurement, and
- Awareness Raising.

We will be producing an update every eight weeks with the latest news and developments from the project and our wider network. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please contact your local project coordinator or email nwhyte@lambeth.gov.uk.

Electric Vehicles in Urban Europe

EVUE stands for Electric Vehicles in Urban Europe. It is an URBACT Thematic Network of ten cities, led by Westminster City Council in London. The overall aim of EVUE is to explore, exchange and implement ideas on how cities can develop integrated and sustainable strategies to increase the use of electric vehicles. The objectives are to:

- Promote exchange of experience and learning amongst policy makers and practitioners about introducing electric vehicles as part of an integrated and multimodal transport plan
- Disseminate the lessons drawn from the exchange and ensure transfer of knowledge, and maximise the impact of the transnational exchange, both within the EVUE partnership and beyond.
- Support better action planning for city wide transport polices that incorporate introduction of electric vehicles
- Speed up the policy innovation processes and contribute to an information base for the 'long term revolution' of clean car use in European

In addition to improving the urban policies with regard to EVs, the project will also seek to identify and secure external funding to assist cities with implementing the new technology and supporting infrastructure

Introducing:



Matthew Noon
Lead Partner, EVUE

Matthew works for Westminster City Council in London and is the lead partner for the project and has a background in environmental management and transport planning.



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Sally is an independent consultant who has a wealth of experience and European projects and will be assisting all partners in the delivery of the project.

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Shifting to a new EV world?

Across the world, a shift is taking place from the traditional internal combustion engine to cleaner, more efficient forms of motive power. The options range from bio-ethanol and other oil substitutes through to hydrogen and electric driven motors. We believe that while there is no one solution to the problems facing us; EVs (including plug-in hybrids) provide a very viable solution to the challenges faced by cities.

The benefits for cities and their residents from EVs are well recognised:

- EVs produce no pollution at point of use helping improve the air quality of our cities
- Traffic noise is a major problem in most cities and the near silent operation of EVs will help improve residents quality of life.
- With a range of renewable energy options available, EVs can provide a clear option for carbon free motoring.
- The cost of operating an EV is significantly less than traditional vehicles helping users save money as well as insulate owners from increasing oil costs.

However, unlike the existing infrastructure available for traditional petrol & diesel vehicles, EVs will require a number of changes to be made to support them: public and private charging facilities, support services such as qualified mechanics and supportive land use and planning policies.

Each requirement will need to be carefully evaluated and considered to ensure that the cities can effectively and efficiently assist this process to a cleaner and greener future.



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