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Exchange of experience: what's new? Good practices and Study Visits

After the study and selection of 43 Good Practices on school mobility management, School Chance is entering in a more practical phase with first-hand experiences: Study Visits to go in depth through the most successful Good Practices shared in the project.



First Study Visit was hosted by **Gävle** –Sweden in February, to share its experience on the promotion of winter cycling. During the visit, the participants coming from Utrecht and Gdansk had the chance to know more about mobility culture in Sweden, winter cycling (snow clearance on bicycle lanes, how is it planned and executed) and a study about school mobility. **Winter Cycling** campaign

implemented in Gävle is aimed at getting people to try cycling during winter time, in order to experience that cycling benefits can be achieved during this season as well.

The second Study Visit in the **City of Gdansk** was organized on May, during the **Cycling May** campaign. This action was first implemented in the city of Gdansk and it is now a great success all around Poland.

Last but not least, on 5 and 6 June, **Utrecht** -Netherlands has been visited by partners of the project. They received information about the Dutch cycling culture and about projects such as the Way2Go (cycling/walking) Campaign and the Road Safety Label & School Zones.

Discover more about the Study visits on our website:

www.interregeurope.eu/schoolchance/news/news-article/3411/exchange-of-experience-what-s-new/ and www.interregeurope.eu/schoolchance/news/news-article/3412/and-what-are-you-gonna-steal-from-utrecht/



School Chance Project Meeting Group #3

On 17 and 18 of April 2018 partners' representatives met in Reggio Emilia -Italy, for the third Project Meeting and for the **Thematic Training on Education**. The meeting was the occasion to share some results about the survey on travel behaviors carried out in the cities and to plan Study Visits.



The Thematic Training hosted some interesting experiences of school mobility management. **Mr. Valter Baruzzi**, professor of Citizenship Education at the University of Bologna and scientific

director of the Camina association, gave a speech on “School mobility, an opportunity for growth for children, schools and the community”. Baruzzi stressed that municipalities need to promote participative alliances of parents, children, associations and the community to enhance a cultural change in mobility. **Mrs. Nives Fedel** from Bolzano showed good practices from her municipality, such as temporary school streets, walking bus and other educational measures. Vigilant grandparents (in Italian called “*Nonni vigili*”) in Bolzano became children’s cops: half an hour before schools start, retired grandparents under 75 years old were paid to monitor pedestrian zones since 1998.

More info about meeting here: www.interregeurope.eu/schoolchance/news/news-article/3414/school-chance-project-management-group-meeting-3/



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News from partners

The Municipality of Girona presented a poster in the 13th **Meeting of the Spanish National Network of Educating Cities (RECE)** in Lleida. It gathered more than 250 participants from 86 different Spanish Cities. This network belongs to the International Association of Educating Cities (IAEC), a non-profit association, founded in 1994, constituted as a permanent collaborative structure of local governments committed to the Charter of Educating Cities.

“**Rethinking the city**” was the congress theme, focusing on three main topics: mobility in the city, the city as a meeting point and the children’s voice.

A poster on “Promotion of autonomous, sustainable and safe school mobility” was presented by María Mercedes Teixidor, head of the Mobility and Public Way Department of the Municipality of Girona (Spain). She explained the four phases targeted to change mobility school routines: approve the Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning (SUMP); development of safe routes to schools; School Chance project as an exchange of experience good practices on school mobility; and a pilot-test in a school to promote school mobility on foot.

Projects and International Events

- 10-11 October: SCHOOL CHANCE Study Visit in Reggio Emilia-Italy
- 27-29 November: SCHOOL CHANCE PMG4 and Thematic Training on Infrastructure in Utrecht-Netherlands
- 16-22 September: European mobility week co-organised by DG MOVE
<http://www.mobilityweek.eu/>
- 19-21 September: CIVITAS FORUM Conference in Umeå- Sweden
<http://civitas.eu/forum2018>
- 22-23 November: POLIS Conference in Manchester, UK
<https://www.polisnetwork.eu/events2/2018Conference>



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- Municipality of Reggio Emilia (IT)
- Austrian Mobility Research FGM-AMOR, Graz (AT)
- Regional Governement of Catalunya (ES)
- City of Utrecht (NL)
- Municipality of Gävle (SE)
- City of Gdansk (PL)
- Brasov Metropolitan Agency for Sustainable Development (RO)

