

European Commission launches new-look Eltis portal on urban mobility

The European Commission has today unveiled the Eltis web portal, which features a brand-new look and is now available in eleven languages. The website - www.eltis.org - is aimed at European professionals working in the field of urban transport, environment, energy and health. The new web portal acts as an urban mobility observatory by facilitating the exchange of information and good practice in the field of urban mobility in Europe.

In addition to hundreds of good practice case studies and news items from across Europe, Eltis now also provides information on EU funding, regular updates on EU legislation and policy, downloadable video case studies, a free image library, a listing of training opportunities and a helpdesk. Eltis already attracts more than 150,000 hits per month.

Eltis offers its users the opportunity to upload their own news stories, case studies and events and to share these with fellow professionals. The portal is now available in eleven languages: Czech, Dutch, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian and Spanish.

On the website, Eltis users can register to receive Eltis Mobility Update, a new free monthly e-mail service in six languages (German, English, French, Spanish, Polish and Italian), providing a summary of the latest developments in urban transport from across Europe.

The launch of the new Eltis portal fulfils one of the commitments of the Commission's Action Plan on urban mobility - the establishment of an urban mobility observatory that facilitates the exchange of information and best practice in the field of urban mobility throughout Europe. Eltis will be further expanded over the next two years.

The Eltis portal is financed by the Commission under the Intelligent Energy-Europe programme and managed by the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation (EACI). The EACI has contracted a consortium led by Austrian Mobility Research to operate and promote the Eltis portal. <http://ec.europa.eu/eaci/>

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