Cleaner and better transport in cities

CiViTAS Vitoria-Gasteiz



Vitoria-Gasteiz and CIVITAS

With a population of 233,399, Vitoria-Gasteiz is the capital of the autonomous community of the Spanish Basque Country. Unspoiled by massive urban sprawl, the 2012 European Green Capital is noted for its careful planning and for the caution taken to balance new development with environmental concerns and social initiatives.

In March 2006, Vitoria-Gasteiz prepared its Sustainable Mobility and Public Space Plan to reorganise traff c, redefine its public transport networks, improve the pedestrian network and reduce the city's environmental impact.

This plan continues today as part of the CIVITAS MODERN project, tackling new challenges relating to mobility management and the consolidation of an eff cient model of public space, developed jointly

with citizens.

Infraestructure Developments

Citizens travel in sustainable style on foot and by bicycle

- Create a new pedestrian and bicycle network to complement the superblocks model
- Minimise conflict among pedestrians and private cars users
- Improve pedestrian connections within the city centre

A brighter better transport plan

- Increase network frequency and speed
- Increase the number of public transport journeys
- Make mobility safer

Innovations

Superblocks divide and conquer mobility problems

- Divide the city into 68 superblocks with boundaries defined by certain streets
- Reserve space for pedestrians and cyclists
- Reduce noise levels
- Reduce emissions of polluting gases
- Reduce the number of surface-level car parks
- Maintain accesibility
- Promote the use of public transport

Expected Results

- Plan and cost calculation for city-centre superbloks developed
- A demonstration superblock of 80,152 m2 developed
- Objectives continuosly evaluated



CIVITAS Forum in Vitoria-Gasteiz

In the autumn of 2012 the CIVITAS Forum Conferences will bring to Vitoria-Gasteiz representatives of CIVITAS Forum Network member cities including their politicians and technical experts. The meetings include plenary and smaller technical and roundtable sessions. This ensures ample opportunity for contact and exchange between participating cities.

CIVITAS Forum Conference will show measures developed in Vitoria-Gasteiz to advance towards sustainable mobility and to recover public space for other uses. It will also offer an opportunity to transfer expertise in these fields.

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