

**“International Conference on “Changing Cities 2”:
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2nd Call for papers

Special Session: In Quest of Sustainable Urban Mobility

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During the last decades, the modern societies demonstrate a strong tendency for alternatives modes of transportation in order to protect the environment, to promote the physical activity, and to improve the quality of life and the well-being. This trend was reinforced by the economic crisis in Europe and in Greece where we observe forced changes in mobility behaviour. This session welcomes papers investigating the challenges facing by European and the Greek cities in quest of sustainable urban mobility and focus on two specific topics: **Emerging issues and challenges in times of crisis & Planning and Evaluation**

In Quest of Sustainable Urban Mobility: Emerging Issues and Challenges in Times of Crisis

What are the main technological, administrative, institutional, legal, political, economic, social, cultural, psychological barriers that incommode the achievement and the implementation of a sustainable mobility system?

What are the necessary reforms that should be made in order to promote and implement an integrated urban and transport planning approach, which are the appropriate policies, measures and tools, what are the proper organizational structures, processes of consultation and decision making, and modes of actors and citizens participation?

How the financial and economic crisis influence the urban mobility and behaviour? There is ways to reclaim and exploit the opportunities that emerge for the alternatives modes of transport in times of crisis?

In Quest of Sustainable Urban Mobility: Planning and Evaluation

This session aims to discuss the implementation of appropriate Plans and evaluation techniques for the alternative modes of transport i.e. Public Transport, walking and bicycling in urban areas.

What are the European policies towards Sustainable Mobility and the attempts towards the integration of sustainable urban mobility plans in Urban Development Plans?

How can we evaluate the level of sustainability in urban areas through a system of appropriate indicators?

What are the policy instruments for sustainable urban mobility and how they influence the externalities of road transport?

Here it should be also pointed out the contribution of ITS towards urban sustainable mobility.

Submission of a paper

Please submit your abstracts (max one page), by e-mail as a Word file attachment to the session organisers apa@plandevel.auth.gr, magda@hermes.civil.auth.gr and to the Conference secretariat, by **31st of January 2015**, with the indication "Special session: In the Quest for sustainable mobility".

The final date for full paper submission is **16th of March 2015**.

Please follow the instruction found on the conference webpage:
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