

UITP Sustainable Development Commission
Work Programme 2012 – 2013

Develop and Influence Policies

Climate Change and Energy

The SDC formally established the Climate Change EU Policy Working Group to provide expertise for commenting, reacting and preparing opinions on climate change and energy related EU policies.

At the start of each year, the Working Group will identify lobbying priorities. On these issues, the Group will either: a) provide UITP with input to EU consultations; b) produce reports to the SDC and interested UITP Commissions on EU decisions; and c) react to European Commission (EC) proposals.

When reacting to EC proposals, the Group will develop draft position statements (in support of UITP's EU Committee) which include simple advocacy messages, supported by key facts, figures and solutions for UITP to lobby on. The Group will also assess what other organisations are doing in order to find links or divergence with UITP's position. In due course, advocacy messages will be integrated into a lobbying toolbox which and made available to all UITP's Members.

The Group will also look to assist cities in taking action on climate and energy issues and act as a sounding board for international climate / sustainable development lobbying efforts.

Social Responsibility

The International Organization for Standardisation (ISO) has developed a social responsibility guidance standard called "ISO 26000". The SDC subsequently established an ISO 26000 Working Group to look into the standard as other industries were actively preparing their position it.

The ISO 26000 Working Group will look to develop a set of voluntary implementation guidelines for the public transport sector, without recommending its adoption. It will also look to show how the standard aligns with the UITP Sustainable Development Charter and respond to an EU Communication (October 2011) in relation to the standard. Led by the SDC, the work will be done over the course of this work programme and in cooperation with UITP's Business and Human Resource Management Committee and its Social Matters Expert Group.

Raise Awareness

Breakthroughs

'Breakthroughs' aim to showcase the wealth of ideas from across Charter signatories that exist to illustrate how the public transport sector is taking practical steps to make sustainable development a reality. SDC Members should note examples of good practice and inform UITP of their existence. The most compelling of these will be

showcased in Public Transport International (PTI) magazine articles dedicated to sustainable development and high level conferences planned for 2013.

Campaigns and Initiatives

UITP will continue to forge campaigns with international and European wide partners. Campaigns will aim at raising awareness of the benefits of public transport as well as the Charter. Where joint initiatives are identified, proposals will be developed in cooperation with the SDC. The SDC will also look to forge linkages internally by raising awareness of the Commission’s work programme throughout UITP.

Share and Improve Knowledge

Analysis and Development

Charter signatories are required to submit annual data against the Sustainable Development Reporting Framework. UITP will analyse returns up to and including 2012 and this work will lay the foundation for identifying best practice and crafting a baseline on Charter implementation. In parallel, the SDC will look to identify those material indicators that all organisations should report, so as to improve the quality and quantity of data reported in future years.

Training and Coaching

The SDC has recommended that trainings and coaching be scaled back and decentralised to Members. In order to achieve this, a PowerPoint training template and programme will be developed by the SDC. The output will introduce the tools of the reporting framework, provide cutting edge examples of signatories as well as show how the Charter is a tool for driving performance. The material will be shared with Members, who will be in a position to translate it themselves so they can integrate it into their own training programmes and raise awareness of the Charter.

Collaborative Working

The SDC will look to trial a new system of collaborative working whereby Members will work in collaboration with a Pledge for a limited time period. The initiative will include top management engagement and the SDC will develop a programme with interested Members should they come forward. The objective will be to help build capacity within both organisations through the exchange of ideas, experiences and actions. At the trial’s conclusions, an assessment of what works and what does not in this form of partnership will be undertaken.

Attached below is a chart outlining key activity periods.

Key Activity Periods: 2012 - 2013

Objective	Work Area	Activity Areas	Active Periods (shaded)									
			2012				2013					
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Developing and Influencing Policies	Climate Change EU Policies	Energy Efficiency										
		Review of EU Air Quality policy										
		Internalisation of External Costs										
		CO ₂ Emissions from HDV										
		Clean Transport Systems										
		Urban Mobility Package										
	ISO 26000	Definition of deliverables and project objectives										
		UITP position on ISO 26000										
		Linking ISO 26000 domains to Charter indicators										
		Development of Guidelines and best practice										
Guide validation and finalisation												
Raising Awareness	Breakthroughs	Conferences (* = key milestones)						*	*			
		PTI Articles										
	Campaigns and Initiatives	Rio+20										
		Bridging the Gap										
		UITP Commissions and Committees										
	Covenant of Mayors											
Share and Improve Knowledge	Analysis and Development	KPI Review and Materiality										
		Analysis of Reporting Framework Data										
	Training and Coaching	Development of Charter Training Programme										
	Collaborative Working	Members to work in collaboration with Charter signatories										