

## Impacts and Polis – Joining forces for designing tomorrow's urban transport

Proposals for enhanced cooperation

## Today

- Impact represents the capital cities and largest cities in Europe
- Polis represents a range of cities from medium-size to large cities
- Both networks work in the urban transport field, with an emphasis on ITS and new technologies for Polis, and strong international connections for IMPACTS
- The networks have signed a MOU

## Challenges for urban transport

- Threats on financing transport infrastructures
- Increased congestion and pollution
- Not many support from the EU to urban transport policies and projects
- Difficulties in developing integrated strategies at city level
- Better link transport and urban development (social, economic etc)

## The needs at technical and political level

- Need for closer relationship with the EU
- for more support and demonstration opportunities
- for exchange of experiences between cities
- for structuring the cities' lobbying capacities and organising the cities' requests and needs
- for developing a common vision of the largest EU cities on "what kind of transport they want".

## Proposals for cooperation (1) Political dimension

- Identify joint political priorities
- Agree on requests to Commission and other stakeholders
- Organise joint lobbying relying on a clear vision of the future of transport, the role of the cities
- Use the capacity of both IMPACTS and Polis politicians
- Organise joint hearings with the Commission / Parliament

## Proposals for cooperation (2) Technical dimension

- Exchange of outcome from EU projects
- Select joint working priorities
- Agree on the level of joint activities (exchange of results, joint seminars etc)
- Articulate the transfer of expertise and capacity - building from capitals to other cities



## Proposals for priority areas



- Polis priorities 2004:
  - Safety in urban transport (SAFE city campaign)
  - ITS awareness raising at urban level (IT°S Urban)
  - Social aspects of transport and accessibility to all
  - Forward thinking on future urban trends (UIRAP)
  - Financing innovative transport systems

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## How to cooperate?



- Draft an appendix to the MOU presenting working areas and method (the formal way)
- Jointly draft a paper (informal) presenting steps for cooperation in 2004
- Have both the process and content agreed by IMPACTS and Polis management bodies
- Make a first assessment end of 2004.

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