

# Which challenges remain in terms of rapid innovation uptake?

## Summary of D2.4: “Summary of Challenges and Next Steps for FastTrack Local Affiliates”

The FastTrack project has collected a large number of challenges and learning needs throughout the project duration. This report assesses the evolution of the challenges expressed and identified by the Local Affiliates and Ambassador Cities from the beginning to the end of the FastTrack project. As such, it allows to draw conclusions on the learning curve of the representatives that participated in the FastTrack Capacity Building Programme.

The deliverable explains the methodological approach used to assess the evolution of challenges. A continuous dialogue about perceived challenges with the local affiliates’ representatives taking part in the project has been at the core of the working methodology and a key to the success of the learning programme. Unlike more common approaches tending to assess challenges and needs only at the start of a project, **FastTrack assessed the needs at the beginning, throughout and at the end the project**. This uninterrupted dialogue allowed all parties to gain a precise understanding of challenges which ultimately did not lead to a decrease of challenges identified but rather a change in nature as they became more precise and targeted.

This report also provides an overview of the challenges faced by all representatives specifically along key enabling factors for accelerated uptake of mobility innovations including the **capacity to engage with stakeholders and citizens, sufficient planning capacities, knowledge on how to develop new business models, and new data collection models**. In its final chapter the deliverable details the evolution of learning challenges per thematic cluster. Each sub-chapter details the comparison of challenges expressed at the beginning and after completion of the learning programme. Further learning material is suggested to tackle the remaining learning needs.

Even though not all expressed challenges have been addressed, the feedback from the local representatives shows that for all dimensions including data collection and management, governance, funding and financing, as well as capacity to select and implement innovation there has been a **positive learning curve**. The figures presented in this report thus underline the positive impact of the peer-learning on the capacities and skills of local representatives.

- If you are curious to know more about remaining challenges cities face in the deployment of mobility innovations, and read about further learning material and learning suggestions, this will be an interesting read to you.
- If you are a local authority and facing challenges, then no worries, this report will show you are not alone but that there are many ways to solve those!

### Curious to learn more?

Read FastTrack Deliverable 2.4 in full on our website at [FastTrackMobility.eu/resources](https://FastTrackMobility.eu/resources).

### Background

Local authorities across Europe are motivated to take bold and swift action to accelerate the transition towards more sustainable mobility and transport. However, it is not easy for them to keep pace with innovations in the field that are rapidly changing, nor with ever updating insights regarding what works, where, why, and how to transform innovations into worthwhile, reliable and rapidly-implementable mobility solutions.

CIVITAS FastTrack helps local authorities across Europe to accelerate their transformation by addressing these knowledge, capacity, governance, data, evidence and funding challenges, and by sharing insights from this process with stakeholders around the world. In order to meet local needs and requests, and to provide them with tailored expertise, consultation, support and advice, FastTrack makes use of a range of methods that provide local authorities with opportunities to learn from the best.

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