

## Mobility hub feasibility study in Riga Metropolitan area (GoA 2.3)

Taking the concept developed for mobility hubs in SUMBA project, feasibility study was conducted at 6 municipalities in Riga Metropolitan area (RMA) – Ādaži, Ķekava, Jelgava, Ogre, Salaspils and Riga. The main goal of this activity was to take further steps for implementation of CMP activities at the local level and to integrate mobility hub concept into practice.

This activity was implemented in close cooperation of BEF Latvia, Riga Planning region, mobility experts and RMA municipalities. To enhance the engineering approach and financial and operational aspects for mobility hub feasibility assessment the external consultant ("IELA inženieri") was involved (selected in a tender process). Legislative and social aspects considering local circumstances were covered by BEF Latvia, based on information provided by involved municipalities.

Initial step of mobility hub feasibility study elaboration was the open selection procedure among RMA municipalities. Municipalities were invited to 1st stakeholder meeting (April 28, 2021) to introduce their interest in mobility development. BEF Latvia has prepared an application form, published on BEF Latvia web page and distributed to RMA municipalities (May, 2021). 10 municipalities have expressed interest by sending the filled application form. Evaluation of applications was performed in close cooperation of BEF Latvia and Riga Planning region by taking into account location, different modes of public transport and state of mobility development (June, 2021). Implementation of feasibility study comprised involvement of municipalities including individual consultations and 6 municipality meetings with Ādaži, Ķekava, Salaspils, Ogre, Jelgava and Rīga (September - October, 2021). Presentation and discussion of intermediate feasibility study results was held on 2nd stakeholder meeting (September 27, 2021) where national authorities, mobility experts and municipalities exchanged views of development of mobility infrastructure in RMA. Feasibility study results were presented at the 3rd stakeholder meeting (November 25, 2021). Feasibility study results were compiled in the report "Feasibility study for mobility hubs in RMA" (O2.3).

Based on a work performed during this activity the report includes summary of legislative, technical, financial, operational and social aspects important for erection of mobility hubs. On top, practical examples from 6 RMA municipalities are presented. Requested functionalities and services at the mobility hub are presented in these categories: micromobility, public transport, private cars, information service, additional services (e.g. parcel terminals and coffee shops). The feasibility study will help municipalities to better acknowledge priorities and steps to be taken for erection of mobility hubs in their territories