

Quarterly Report – PUMA Project

October – December 2024



Overview of Activities

Over the last quarter, the PUMA network has continued to make steady progress despite the absence of a transnational meeting during this period. The primary focus has been on evaluating mid-term achievements, advancing local group activities, and planning for the upcoming transnational meeting in Gdańsk in January 2025.



Key milestones

- The completion of the Mid-Term Review, offering critical insights into the project's progress and identifying challenges.
- Active engagement and contributions by ULGs,
- Preparations for the 4th Transnational Meeting in Gdańsk, including the agenda's focus on practical workshops and thematic discussions.



Mid-Term Review: Key Insights

The Mid-Term Review has been a pivotal moment for the PUMA project, evaluating progress across partner cities. Highlights include:

- Progress: 77.8% of partners report being on schedule, reflecting strong efforts in Integrated Action Plan (IAP) development, including foundational assessments and vision-setting.
- Challenges: Some partners faced delays due to stakeholder alignment issues, resource constraints, and time limitations.
- Key Recommendations: These include organizing focused workshops, fostering stakeholder alignment, and providing targeted financial and technical support to partners.



The insights gained from the review will serve as a foundation for discussions and strategic planning at the upcoming Gdańsk meeting.

Local Updates



Throughout the quarter, partners dedicated significant efforts to their ULG meetings, which serve as critical platforms for engaging stakeholders and advancing IAPs. These meetings provided opportunities to:

- Discuss and align local priorities with the broader goals of the PUMA project.
- Foster collaboration among diverse stakeholders, including local authorities, community representatives, and technical experts.
- Develop actionable strategies to address mobility challenges and test innovative solutions.

ULG meetings have proven to be instrumental in maintaining project momentum, as they allow partners to adapt to local needs while sharing best practices across the network. Key focus areas included stakeholder alignment and the refinement of sustainable mobility measures. By addressing both technical and community-specific challenges, these sessions laid a solid groundwork for advancing IAP development.



Example of Partners' activity: Viladecans

On November 15, Viladecans hosted its second extended Local Support Group (ULG) meeting. Key outcomes included:

- A workshop focused on building a vision for future mobility, emphasizing reducing car use and enhancing sustainable modes of transport.
- Concrete proposals, such as creating "super-streets," expanding bicycle infrastructure, and improving public transport services.
- Discussions on reallocating road space to prioritize pedestrians and cyclists while implementing innovative waste collection methods to free up public space.



This collaborative approach demonstrated Viladecans' commitment to integrating stakeholder input and advancing its local mobility agenda.



Other Partners

- Partners have been actively engaged in scaling up their testing actions and refining IAP measures. Examples include initiatives to promote road safety and pilot sustainable transport solutions.
- ULGs across the network continue to strengthen stakeholder collaboration and align local priorities with project objectives. These efforts underscore the importance of community-driven approaches in achieving PUMA's overarching goals.



Preparations for Gdańsk Meeting (January 2025)

The upcoming transnational meeting in Gdańsk, scheduled for January 21–23, will be a cornerstone event for the network.

Gdańsk will share its expertise on:

- Road safety initiatives, including traffic calming and "30 Zones."
- Sustainable mobility with a focus on accessibility.
- The Mevo 2.0 public bike system, showcasing resilience and innovation in overcoming challenges.

These sessions aim to provide valuable insights and practical solutions that can inspire partners across the network.



Conclusions and Next Steps

The past quarter has been marked by continued progress and collaborative efforts within the PUMA network. As we prepare for the Gdańsk meeting, key priorities include:

- Addressing the challenges highlighted in the Mid-Term Review through targeted support and strategic workshops.
- Strengthening stakeholder engagement and aligning local initiatives with project objectives.
- Building on the momentum generated by ULGs to ensure timely and impactful delivery of Integrated Action Plans.

The next quarter promises to be a dynamic and productive period, with the Gdańsk meeting providing a platform to advance the project's goals and foster deeper collaboration among partners.



"May the New Year bring renewed energy, fresh opportunities, and continued success to our projects. Here's to making meaningful progress and achieving our shared goals in 2025. Best wishes for a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead!"