

## IUC-NA Integrated Local Action Plan (iLAP) Summary

June 2020

<b>City:</b>	<b>Vila Nova de Famalicão</b>	<b>Fort Collins</b>
<b>Province, State, Department</b>	Braga District	Larimer County
<b>Country:</b>	Portugal	USA
<b>Population:</b>	133,832	167,500
<b>Size (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	201.6 km <sup>2</sup>	147 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Period of cooperation</b>	June 2018- June 2020	

<b>Cooperation Themes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sustainable Urban mobility</li> <li>- Climate Resilience</li> </ul>
<b>Related SDGs and Urban Agenda topics:</b>	<p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8- Decent work and economic growth</b></li> <li><b>11- Sustainable cities and communities</b></li> <li><b>12- Responsible consumption and production</b></li> <li><b>13- Climate action</b></li> </ul> <p>EU Urban Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Urban Mobility</b></li> <li>- <b>Jobs and skills in the local economy</b></li> </ul>
<b>Key focus of cooperation themes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Circular economy</i></li> <li>- <i>Inclusive and sustainable economic growth</i></li> <li>- <i>Sustainable production/consumption</i></li> <li>- <i>Sustainable use of land and nature-based solutions</i></li> <li>- <i>Urban mobility</i></li> </ul>
<b>Key challenges of cooperation theme:</b>	<p>The main challenges related with this city-to-city cooperation were related with the identification of the common values of the two cities. After the identification of common challenges and values, and after the initial process of aligning the two cities, the work between Fort Collins and VNF flowed naturally, and the small constraints such as time zone differences and/or the different native language were easily overcome.</p> <p>The key challenges around pilot projects are a. that we are in the middle of a major planning process so we will have a clearer picture of how ideas</p>



	<p>developed through IUC fit into the larger landscape in 2021 and b. COVID19 has shifted capacity and priorities. While this is a time where we will need third party funding, there is also a strain to apply for grant opportunities at present.</p>
<p><b>Main <u>objectives</u> of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:</b></p>	<p><b>Objective 1:</b> Build in-house capacity around sustainable mobility solutions through participation in educational opportunities offered by the partner city or third parties/conferences. Opportunities will be sought out or designed to close gaps identified by City planners and decision-makers as those most needed to successfully design solutions. The goal is to close one knowledge gap by the end of the cooperation program.</p> <p><b>Objective 2:</b> Capacity building for City staff around public engagement, communications, and behavior change. Opportunities to learn from VNF will be designed based on what City staff identify as the most realistic and transferable elements of VNF’s approach to public engagement. The goal is to explore one element of their approach to pilot in the upcoming climate action plan update in 2019.</p> <p><b>Objective 3:</b> Explore investment-ready pilot project around travel demand management, receiving input and ideas from VNF and other contacts made through the program. The goal is to determine whether creating a pilot project through this program is feasible.</p>
<p><b>Short description of main <u>activities</u> and key <u>outputs</u> (e.g. pilot projects):</b></p>	<p>-Fort Collins-Vila Nova de Famalicão Cooperation in World Urban Forum in Abu Dhabi: Established by the United Nations, the World Urban Forum (WUF) addresses one of the most pressing issues facing the world today: rapid urbanization and its impact on communities, cities, economies, climate change and policies. The Forum is a high level, open and inclusive platform for addressing the challenges of sustainable urbanization. Fort Collins and Vila Nova de Famalicão presented their cooperation process, as a good practice and a successful pairing story, and exchanged views and experiences on sustainable urbanization in all its ramifications.</p> <p>-Considering the Fort Collins Bicycle Plan 2014 as an inspiration and a reference, VNF created the “AtiveMob, VNF Action Plan for Active Bike and Pedestrian Mobility”, the community action plan to encourage pedestrians and bike use, with FoCo’s cooperation and technical support. VNF adopted a similar structure/index; presented the best practices and recommendations of FoCo for each thematic area; set up monitoring indicators to enable future comparison with FoCo.</p> <p>-FoCo and VNF designed and took a mobility tour in Vienna based on direction from Viennese planning contacts. The group explored Vienna’s sustainable mobility projects, walking through the city streets, identifying and analyzing the pedestrian and bike solutions implemented, and using the public transport systems.</p>



	<p>-The cities attended to CIVITAS Forum Conference and to Ecocity World Summit 2019 in Vancouver and increased knowledge on global challenges, dynamics and trends for sustainable mobility and access to the worldwide good practices tested and implemented in other EU cities.</p>
<p><b>Expected results and benefits:</b></p>	<p>All the technical exchange for sustainable mobility solutions, best practices and knowledge exchange increased municipal staff knowledge, with new ideas and solutions, good practices, global goals and trends. The knowledge gained during all the activities of this iLAP will be permanently present and translated into municipal action, as the result of all the technical and social exchange that occurred throughout this cooperation process.</p> <p>The AtiveMob, VNF Action Plan for Active Bike and Pedestrian Mobility is the major result, as a product, of this city-to-city cooperation. Its structure was inspired by the Fort Collins bike plan and updated to include the pedestrian approach.</p> <p>The enhanced and deepened cooperation between both cities in other cooperation areas, for future projects is one of the biggest achievements of this city-to-city cooperation.</p> <p>With this city-to-city cooperation, one big achievement for VNF is the internal/local process of reflect, exchange and generate new ideas which will serve to make our own community a better place to live in, with permanent qualification of municipal action.</p>

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