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## LEADING TRANSFORMATION WITH INNOVATION: THE UMii INDEX RETHINKS URBAN MOBILITY



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**Cities today find themselves in the driving seat when it comes to experimenting with new approaches to repurpose limited city space – improving urban living for all.**

Innovation can help to better meet travel needs, address pressing requirements to bring transport carbon emissions to zero, and bring more sustainable cities closer to all of us.

First launched in 2016 by the [Roads and Transport Authority Dubai \(RTA\)](#) and UITP, the **Urban Mobility Innovation Index (UMii)** gathers insight and shares knowledge into cities' ways of fostering innovation to address urban transport challenges.

Now, as the world lives through important transformations and challenges, UITP is proud to announce the launch of the **Urban Mobility Urban Innovation Index 2021 Report**, including updated cities' profiles – capturing important improvements made by those cities, as well as new innovation profiles.

The first UMii report was delivered in 2017, and is an indicator framework assessing the maturity of a city's innovation ecosystem in urban mobility, using a collection of indicators. For the 2021 report, the UMii framework has been reviewed in order to better address new realities.

The University of Žilina (UNIZA) has taken the leading role in the research work for UMii since December 2020.

*“The aim of the Urban Mobility Innovation Index is not to rank cities, but to engage in a reflexive process, to share best practices, and to showcase innovative solutions.”*

**Karine Sbirrazzuoli, Deputy Director Knowledge & Innovation, UITP**

### ***Reflecting on innovation with 38 cities...***

The new UMii report highlights urban mobility innovative solutions deployed in 38 cities worldwide, aiming to inspire other city leaders to experiment, pilot and adopt innovations that contribute towards safer, healthier, quieter, cleaner, and happier cities for all.

The report captures recent changes and translates best practices into practical and actionable recommendations for cities to strategically integrate innovation as part of urban transport planning.

Cities are proactively engaging with innovation more than ever, and are also experimenting with a wider range of innovations, with the ultimate goal of increasing their liveability.

### ***Innovation comes in many forms...***

The UMii Report shows that there is no silver bullet for innovation – it is not to be understood as merely ‘smart’ technological innovations.

They can relate directly to mobility innovations in terms of modes, services, and infrastructures, or can refer to ‘smart’ uses of data, such as intelligent transport systems.

They can be connected to planning processes, tools, and engagement practises, or to regulatory, financial, or institutional enablers facilitating the work of transport planning agencies.

The world has been through many important transformations in recent years and cities have faced many challenges. The new UMii publication takes a closer look at the new realities.

## **The Urban Mobility Innovation Index 2021**

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