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Malta-Bulgaria Project Aims to Train New-Gen Urban Mobility Innovators

EIT Urban Mobility-funded project pilots its training programme as it seeks to bridge the gap between young talent and the mobility sector.

Urban Minds (Cultivating Future Innovators for Sustainable Urban Mobility), a new project co-funded by the European Union through EIT Urban Mobility, has officially launched across Malta and Bulgaria. The initiative brings together young people, organisations, and urban mobility experts in a shared mission to build the skills and connections that the mobility sector urgently needs.

The project, launched in January 2026, is being delivered by a consortium of four partners: Deep Tech Foundry and the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works from Malta, and Cleantech Bulgaria and the Sofia Urban Mobility Centre from Bulgaria. Over the course of twelve months, Urban Minds will run a structured training programme, experiential workplace placements, public showcase events part of the European Mobility Week, and a cross-country Innovation Mobility Lab to equip the next generation of innovators with the tools to address real urban mobility challenges.

Why Urban Mobility?

Urban mobility is undergoing rapid transformation across Europe. Cities are grappling with congestion, pollution, ageing infrastructure, and the urgent need to transition towards cleaner, smarter, and more equitable transport systems. Yet the pipeline of skilled professionals equipped to lead this transition remains insufficient.

Urban Minds was conceived to address this gap directly. The project targets young people aged 18 to 30 in Malta and Bulgaria that are working in and / or studying relevant disciplines such as urban planning, geography, and architecture. Participants will engage in hands-on learning experiences designed not only to build technical and entrepreneurial skills, but to connect them with the organisations, mentors, and networks that can turn ambition into impact. Furthermore, Urban Minds is looking to create opportunities for collaboration across the mobility ecosystem, connecting companies, municipalities, NGOs, startups, and entrepreneurs through its activities.



The Urban Minds Programme

Urban Minds unfolds across four interconnected stages throughout 2026. The first stage delivers expert-led training in innovation, entrepreneurship, advocacy, and urban mobility leadership. The second stage introduces the flagship 'Manager-for-a-Week' programme, in which participants undertake short experiential placements with host organisations across both countries. The third stage brings participants and stakeholders together for public Demo Days during European Mobility Week in September, providing a platform to present solutions to real urban challenges. The fourth and final stage convenes both national ecosystems at a cross-country Innovation Mobility Lab, fostering collaboration and peer exchange between Maltese and Bulgarian innovators.

How You Can Get Involved

With the development of the Training Programme curriculum now complete, the Urban Minds consortium is pleased to announce that registrations for the pilot training sessions are open.

Young people aged 18 to 30 based in Malta and Bulgaria are invited to apply to participate in four expert-led courses, delivered virtually over a four-week period between late May and mid-June 2026:

- Mobility Data Spaces, Data Management & AI
- Entrepreneurship & Impact
- Sustainable Mobility, Policy & Urban Citizenship
- Leadership & Communication

Prospective participants from Malta may submit their applications via the official Urban Minds [registration form](#).

In parallel, the Urban Minds consortium has confirmed the participation of a number of host organisations across both Malta and Bulgaria for the project's second phase: the 'Manager-for-a-Week' experiential placement programme. Young people interested in being considered for a placement are encouraged to register their interest through the same application forms above.

Further updates on the project's activities and upcoming milestones will be communicated through the official Urban Minds social media channels on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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About EIT Urban Mobility



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Urban Minds is a project under the support of EIT Urban Mobility.

EIT Urban Mobility, an initiative of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a body of the European Union, aims to accelerate solutions and the transition towards a user-centric, integrated and truly multimodal transport system. As the leading European innovation community for urban mobility, EIT Urban Mobility works to avoid fragmentation by facilitating collaboration between cities, industry, academia, research and innovation to solve the most pressing mobility challenges of cities. Using cities as living labs, its industry, research and university partners will demonstrate how new technologies can work to solve real problems in real cities by transporting people, goods and waste in smarter ways.