

# Conclusions of the 14<sup>th</sup> SPA Conference

## „PARKING IN TOWNS“

### „SPECIFIED PROBLEMS OF PARKING“

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130 participants from public and state administration of towns, institutions, local and foreign experts, producers of equipment, operators and other parties participated in this Conference.

With regards to the scope of specified problems of parking, the discussions on information and experience were organized in three sessions:

- Decisive aspects of parking
- Interaction between parking in town and region
- Enforcement and parking

Conference participants discussed about experience and options for solving of conditions for parking with regards to the present development of automobilism, new methods for solving of the traffic servicing (car sharing), electrical mobility, digitalization of management of traffic servicing during permanently increasing share of individual motorized transport.

Presently prepared programmed (technical) measures financed by different EU funding, are in the majority oriented only on partial measures, suitable for check of occupancy of parking facilities, eventually check-up of dedicated parking places for physically disabled drivers and so on; but would not provide any substantial improvement of options for organizing of the regulated parking.

Experience documented that a parking facility is a space with an impact on quality, function and use of surrounding area for: tourism, sport events, hospitals and also naturally on housing.

Functionality, mainly traffic servicing of towns, would not exist without any change of modal split; Therefore it is necessary to create attractive conditions for public transport, in order to gain more passengers presently using own cars. And vice versa, in the individual transport to limit stepwise free movement and long term parking and simultaneously improve the quality of public transport for all passenger groups.

The presentations of participants and discussions have documented that the problem of traffic servicing of towns (including parking as its integrated part) is presently solved without any coordination and complex approach in towns and also regions of Slovakia.

The conference participants therefore recommended to the highest state bodies, ZMOS and UMS, to arrange an elaboration and approval of a binding methodology document „The Concept and Strategy of Solving of the Integrated Part of the Traffic Servicing of Towns and Regions of the Slovak Republic, as a part of the solution „The Concept of Urban Development of the Slovak Republic until 2030“.

With regard to the present differences in the solving of parking as a decisive part of the urban mobility, it is necessary that this document would include:

- An analysis of causes and consequences of the present situation of parking.
- A method for proposal of the traffic servicing with options for parking (different modal split).
- Standardization of possible methods for solving (immediate and perspective measures).
- Methodology for evaluation of economic efficiency of regulated parking.
- Update of legislative.

This conference has documented present differences in methods for solving of organized parking in towns and regions in Slovakia and participants therefore recommended to elaborate and approve Technical Conditions (TC) „ Establishment and Operation of Zones with Regulated Parking“.

The conference participants recommended to the provider for the elaboration of the above mentioned document to use experience and cooperation with SPA.

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