



# 12th SPA Conference - Conclusions

## „Parking in towns“ „Parking and urban mobility“

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Conference participants (126), having discussed proposed themes related to the present parking and urban mobility conditions and necessary improvement of the given situation **stated, that:**

- Traffic in our towns continues to change for the worse, and uninterrupted traffic during peak hours actually does not exist. This situation limits not only functions and safety of traffic but also creates critical situations for ambulances, fire rescue, and police actions.

The reason behind is underestimating of aspects and importance of urban mobility (traffic servicing) of towns as well as long-term neglected traffic engineering planning.

- Urban mobility is conditioned by available space, mainly for stop and parking of cars providing efficient servicing of the given area.
- According to experience, the present use of streets for dynamic traffic as well as parking is no longer possible. Such approach would endanger other activities and functions of street within the town organism.
- The present approach to solving of parking needs is in each and every town different. In fact, everywhere this approach is based in principle on pricing of presently available areas, without any attempt for a long - term system approach.
- Another problem of functional urban mobility represents the incomplete, inaccurate legislative related not only to rules for operation of parking (traffic signs, dedicated places for disabled and parking on pathways, and so on.), but also to realistic and enforceable sanctions in case of lack of compliance with determined rules.

With regards to very unfavourable situation of parking and traffic in general, it is necessary to help towns to solve above mentioned problems of urban mobility by elaboration and acceptance of principles and recommendations for such activity for the entire scope (concept, strategy, procedures) up to implementation and operation of parking areas in accordance with their other functions.

Participants in the 12<sup>th</sup> SPA Conference **recommended:**

- To **Ministry of Transport and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic** to elaborate and approve the document „National Strategy for Parking (representing a substantial part of urban mobility) as an amendment to the „Methodology for Preparation of Plans of Sustainable Urban Mobility“, prepared by the Ministry in 2015.
- To **the Association of Towns and Municipalities of the Slovak Republic** and **The Union of Towns and Municipalities** to cooperate in elaboration and approval of the above mentioned recommended document of the ministry. To coordinate activities of towns concerning parking and urban mobility.
- To **SPA** to continue in presentation and distribution of knowledge on solving of problems of parking and urban mobility. To cooperate with specialized institutions involved in solving of similar problems and to elaborate necessary amendments to legislative for the ministry.

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