

SUMI - creating added value for local authorities

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The logo for SUMI, consisting of the letters S, U, M, and I in a stylized, outlined font. The letters are white and set against a blue background. The 'S' and 'U' are connected at the top, and the 'M' and 'I' are connected at the bottom. There are small circles at the end of the lines forming the letters.

SUMI



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The scoreboard should not be about conditional funding, but about the creation of a learning and resilient system.



Recommendations on the deployment of the indicator set

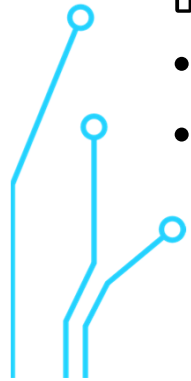
- Maximise usefulness and applicability by allowing cities to tailor and 'embed' the indicator set, with suggested clusters of indicators
- Provide a perspective from the side of EU institutions to continue the use of SUMI as a basis for policy definition
- Mainstream SUMI in policy and funding programmes (Horizon Europe, LIFE, CEF etc.)
- Coordinate between EC and member states, and between member states

Creating value (I): benchmarking

- Longitudinal as well as horizontal benchmarking: learning from yourself, as well as learning with/from other cities
- Benchmarking can support a SWOT analysis and can help to understand the reasons for success and failure
- What is the balance between effort and result? efficiency and effectiveness can be substantiated
- Benchmarking can help cities to set realistic ambitions
- Risk: does this provide a political 'push' or 'exposure' (name and shame)?

Conditions:

- Peer-to-peer learning process with confidentiality firewalls
- Transparency about data collection and quality



Creating value (II): SUMI and funding

- Support mechanisms for data acquisition:
 - city-specific assistance to harmonise existing data as well as support the acquisition of new data or tools that enable data gathering
 - Cooperation with data gathering organisations
- 'The EC should consider whether core indicators/SUMP indicators should become an obligatory requirement or should constitute a competitive advantage for EU funding.'
- 'Pragmatic solutions to penalise cities that are challenged in supplying reliable data'.



Conditionality (Polis)

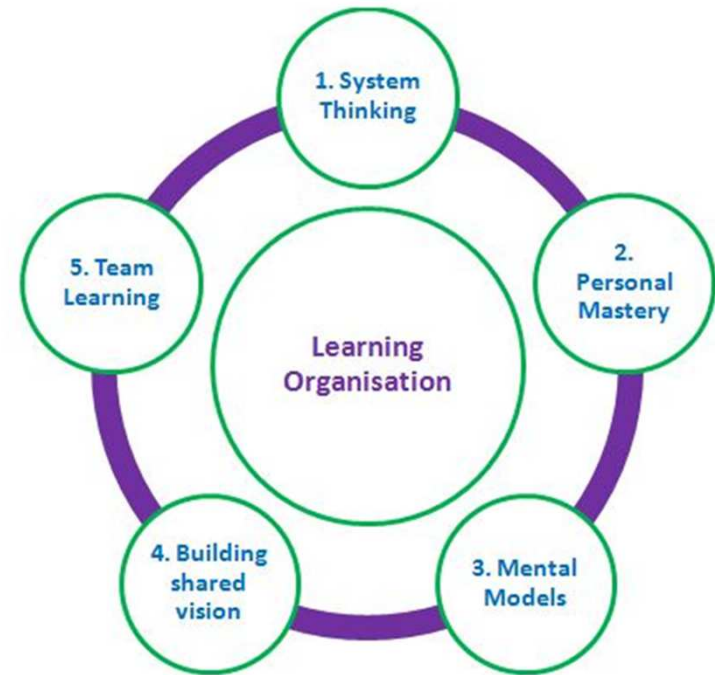
- With EU funding, we want to deliver relevant projects in an efficient way, to contribute locally to EU goals.
- What do we want to achieve with making this funding conditional to the use of SUMI :
 - high quality indicator completion and sustained monitoring culture
 - better performing cities
- The risk of conditionality is that
 - cities produce pro-forma indicator sets, and
 - Cities don't show improvement
 - It constitutes a penalty for those who might need the funding the most
 - It punishes citizens that could benefit from the measures (e.g. not make their roads safer, not make transport more accessible) but are living in places where strategic insight to look into monitoring is lacking
- Proposal: conditionality, but not at application phase.
 - As soon as there is EU budget confirmed, cities commit to (at least) an ex-ante and ex-post collection of the SUMI indicators, using centralized tools.
 - This means a ratio of the budget is earmarked for this purpose.



Thank you!

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