

# The FastTrack approach to assessing innovation performance

## Summary of D4.1: "FastTrack Innovation and Knowledge Strategy"

To ensure that FastTrack's work is effective and scalable, it is important to assess how the project transfers knowledge to its local areas, and how this knowledge increases local capacities, and improves innovation implementation. FastTrack is also using "Innovation Performance" assessment to gauge its local areas' capacities to swiftly roll-out innovations, and to help identify factors that may enhance innovation capacity at the local level. **Deliverable 4.1 presents FastTrack's novel assessment approach.**

The project assesses innovation performance in two ways: (i) by mapping the "city innovation profile" of its local areas; and (ii) by analysing the efficiency and impact of its capacity building programme through a set of key performance indicators. The innovation performance methods will allow cities to identify their innovation strengths and blind spots. In fact, innovation "blindness" is the focus; FastTrack will provide "lenses" to help local areas see new aspects and actions that help them achieve sustainability goals in fast-changing systems.

FastTrack is assessing "city innovation profiles", using (and building on) guidelines developed by the CREATE project. FastTrack's second line of assessment is monitoring and refining the knowledge it provides to its local areas, using a thorough list of key performance indicators that measure the efficiency and impact of the FastTrack capacity building programme.

The **city innovation profile** is explained in Chapter 3 of Deliverable 4.1 (page 14), and can be easily taken-up and used by others! The assessment method has already been used to generate the innovation profile for each of the FastTrack local areas. The steps for **monitoring and refining the FastTrack knowledge framework** is presented in Chapter 4 (page 41).

### Curious to learn more?

Read FastTrack Deliverable 4.1 in full on our website at: [FastTrackMobility.eu/resources](https://FastTrackMobility.eu/resources).

### Background

Local authorities across Europe are motivated to take bold and swift action to accelerate the transition towards more sustainable mobility and transport. However, it is not easy for them to keep pace with innovations in the field that are rapidly changing, nor with ever updating insights regarding what works, where, why, and how to transform innovations into worthwhile, reliable and rapidly-implementable mobility solutions.

CIVITAS FastTrack helps local authorities across Europe to accelerate their transformation by addressing these knowledge, capacity, governance, data, evidence and funding challenges, and by sharing insights from this process with stakeholders around the world. In order to meet local needs and requests, and to provide them with tailored expertise, consultation, support and advice, FastTrack makes use of a range of methods that provide local authorities with opportunities to learn from the best.

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