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The [TRIMIS](#) database includes many EU-funded projects that focus on urban freight transport. Figure 1 presents the timelines of some of these projects.

Efficient and sustainable urban freight transport relies on successful transport and land-use planning. Urban planning is very complex and requires several steps from first gaining an understanding of current logistical issues to finally implementing measures.

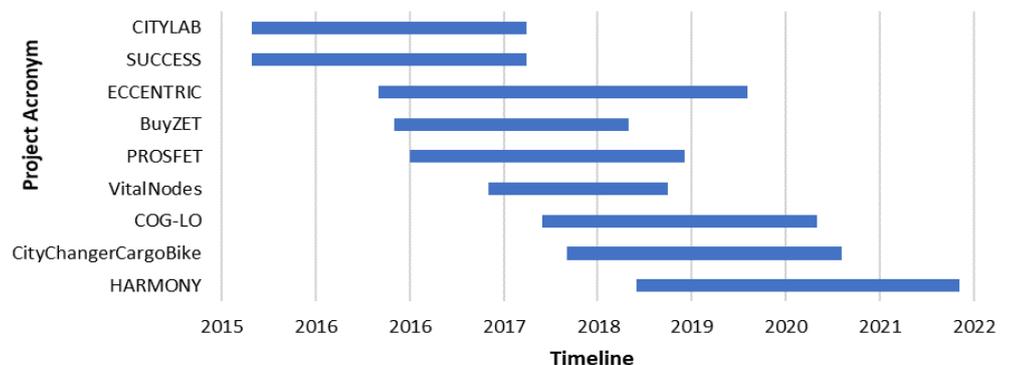
Some projects focus on building and sharing knowledge between cities to foster networks that help improve urban mobility throughout the EU. Examples of such projects are [VitalNodes](#) and [CITYLAB](#).

Other projects focus on the planning stage by developing tools that support authorities in their decision making on matters related to urban logistics, such as [HARMONY](#), [PROSFET](#) and [BuyZET](#).

Demonstrating and testing new planning approaches and technologies is a further type of project through which valuable insights can be gained. These projects run pilots and demonstrations of new ways to develop the urban freight transport system to become more efficient and sustainable. [ECCENTRIC](#), [SUCCESS](#), [COG-LO](#) and [CityChangerCargoBike](#) are examples of such projects.

More information on these projects, as well as details of more projects on urban freight transport and logistics, can be found on the [TRIMIS](#) website.

Figure 1: Timeline of EU-funded projects related to urban freight transport (Source: TRIMIS)





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Highlight: [ECCENTRIC](#) (September 2016-August 2020)

The CIVITAS ECCENTRIC project was funded through a EUR 17.4 million contribution by the EU under the Horizon 2020 programme and ran for 4 years before finally concluding in August 2020. The full name of the project was 'Innovative solutions for sustainable mobility of people in suburban city districts and emission free freight logistics in urban centres'.

ECCENTRIC demonstrated and tested integrated inclusive urban planning approaches, innovative policies and emerging technologies to develop more sustainable urban mobility. The cities of Madrid, Stockholm, Munich, Turku and Ruse formed the ECCENTRIC consortium to tackle the challenge of clean, silent and carbon dioxide (CO₂) free city logistics. To do so, ECCENTRIC tested clean vehicles and fuels, formulated new regulations and services, and developed consolidation solutions.