

Project name:	Obstacles to the mobility budget
Date:	26/02/2018, 12.15-14.00
Notes:	Kurt Marquet & Peter Van der Perre
Location:	Blueprint Brussels

Participants		
Name	Organisation	Present
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Notes & decisions
<p>0.</p> <p>Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) is one of the strategic priorities for ITS.be. To get MaaS up-and-running in Belgium, a legal and fiscal framework for a multimodal mobility budget is a top priority. As government progress on this seems to be stalling, ITS.be organised a meeting with Core group members and VBO/FEB to see what can be done as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>VBO/FEB explains that the federal government at this moment finalising its “cash for car” initiative (second reading in the House of representatives). While it claims to support “real” mobility budget as a second step, the status of it is unclear. The current VBO/FEB position is that both should be handled jointly.</p> <p>ITS.be and VAB clarified the position of Geert Markey at the last ITS.be Board: the “cash for car” legislation is the result of a request for proposal (RFP); if the government is stalling the same method should be used for unblocking the situation and triggering rapid progress on the “real” mobility budget.</p>

ITS.be has compiled a draft letter focusing on what is still possible to do within this legislation (elections May 2019) which:

- Highlights the importance of the mobility budget for MaaS (and the mobility sector in general)
- Agrees with the proposals made so far by VBO/FEB
- Suggests to launch an RFP asap to investigate how to get to from cash for car to a “real” mobility budget; key principles are simplicity, continuity and practicality for end users
- Offers support from ITS.be and its MaaS platform to elaborate and validate the technical proposals to realise the mobility budget quickly.

VBO/FEB will check the latest status within the government. If no breakthrough is imminent, the proposed approach will be followed.

*-> Inquiries made by VBO/FEB after the meeting showed that the file was moving again. As it became clear that a breakthrough was possible and later becoming imminent the situation was no longer blocked and we did not need to send the letter.*