

## Update MoU Curitiba-UT

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This memo provides an overview of the current state of the art concerning the collaboration with the City of Curitiba, Brazil.

### Visiting news

Early April 2016, a UT delegation (Jelle Ferwerda, Anna Grigolon and Maya van den Berg) together with Heijmans visited Curitiba leading to a proposal on the BikeScout, a traffic training pilot and intensification of the academic intensification. This led to the delivery of the UT *Action Plan for the Collaboration with Smart City Curitiba: Background and Actions*.

13-15 July 2016, UT Professor Karst Geurs will probably be visiting Curitiba to meet key contacts and to discuss future collaboration with the academic and city partners. Prof Geurs supervises the students currently being present in Curitiba (Paul Schilte and Bruno Motta). Prof Marcel Boogers from Public Administration/Governance and I will join.

### Student projects and exchange agreements

Two UT students (Civil Engineering) are currently finalizing their research period in Curitiba. A third one from Civil Engineering decided to cancel his research project. Two UT students (Industrial Design) are preparing their stay over there and an urban planning master student has started her preparations for a master thesis project on/in Curitiba. As to draw in social science students as well, recently a recruitment campaign started at the Social Science faculty.

Currently, between PUCPR-UT and UTFPR-UT exchange agreements are being negotiated. The current status is that there are two formats sent by PUCPR resp. UTFPR that are now checked, revised and approved at UT.

In order to smoothen the exchange programs, I am clarifying the visa procedures and a guideline for outgoing students.

### Curitiba research campaign and MoU ceremony

In Curitiba, currently a survey on the mobility is running that will allow the research partners to analyze the commuter behaviors of the university staff and students. See banner below (Figure 1).



Figure 1 Curitiba is currently running a research campaign on urban mobility

On June 17, a ceremony will be organized on the First Deliverables of the MoU between Brazilian and Dutch Institutions to increase the potential for cycling towards a Smart Curitiba. This will consist of a bike ride to the Curitiba City Hall and a word of welcome by the Mayor. After that, UT students Paul Schilte and Bruno Motta will present their findings for their projects “Curitiba bikeways quality mapping index” (Paul) and the “Mapping bicycle friendly areas for the city of Curitiba” (Bruno).

**Collaboration in the 2016 Summer course on Smart Cities**

As part of the UT Summer School Festival CuriousU, the [Smart Cities course](#) focuses on Resources and Infrastructure (water, energy and mobility), the Digital City (Big and open data, geo informatics) and Social Innovation (new modes of governance and behavioral change). UTFPR Professor Tatiana Gadda will come to Twente to lecture at the Smart Cities course. Students from the Curitiba universities are most welcome at the Summer School. There are some free tickets for Curitiba students.

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