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ECOPOLIS CASE STUDIES: A FEW INNOVATIVE PRACTICES IN URBAN PLANNING, MOBILITY AND ENERGY SAVINGS

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ABSTRACT

The contribution starts with briefly reminding the societal background of unsustainable land-use and present foresights.

It goes on reviewing a few policies & practices that aimed at a balanced modal split and of possible consequence for tomorrow's cities and energy savings, namely:

- Curitiba and its urban and regional development through transfers of development rights and diversified bus rapid transit, financed with help of employer-paid travel vouchers (vale transporte/transport stipend)
- Singapore, pioneer of congestion pricing and automated metros, and water recycling
- Bilbao, award-winning city of industrial reconversion
- The central Belgium conurbation, a “coopetition” between Brussels and regional development nodes: the case of Louvain-la-Neuve.