

# Number and use of time banks

## Dimension - Institutional Arrangements

Associated Key Factor:

### Civil society and participation

Data Source:

Information on time banks in the UK

[www.timebanks.co.uk](http://www.timebanks.co.uk)

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General Availability:

Reporting unit: Time bank as such

**The indicator:**

'Number': as in indicator with reference to geographical field under examination. 'Use' established on the basis of number of persons using time banks as a share of total population of locality under question.

### Description

Time banks are institutions where participants deposit their time by giving practical help and support to others and are able to withdraw their time when they need something done for themselves. A time bank is a type of social innovation or experiment. These do not exist as of yet widely.

### How is it measured?

'Head' count and analysis of use as stated under 'definition'.

### What are the advantages of the indicator?

Assuming it is widely diffused, it can be used to benchmark innovation with regard to transport and mobility. In a context of low diffusion it is indicative of best practice.

### What are the disadvantages of the Indicator?

This is a social innovation which only exists in some countries. Information is scarce.

### What is the policy relevance of the indicator?

The emergence of time banks and other social innovations is indicative of changes in behavioural patterns and attitudes regarding time and speed. Also Indicative of the role of voluntary sector in managing transport / environment problems and social exclusion.

### The Indicator is relevant for the following pathways of the FORESIGHT FOR TRANSPORT exercise:

	Transport Impact	External Determining Variable	Intermediate Variable	Contextual Information
Valorization of time and speed and daily mobility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More power for the cities in urban transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>