



EU City Lab on active mobility

Hamburg 28-29 October



An EU city Lab



Preparing to navigate the streets for the two days ahead

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Who is present?

- EUI and URBACT Permanent Secretariat
- II. Participants and city representatives from across Europe: 99 cities from20 countries
- III. Experts in mobility from across Europe
- IV. Rupprecht Consult
- V. Moderators
- VI. German-English simultaneous language interpretation

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Agenda

- Welcome coffee, registration & informal networking
- Setting the feet and wheels in motion: Welcome & opening
- Moving differently, living better: The active mobility revolution
- Coffee/tea break
- Cities leading the way: Active mobility experiences across Europe
- Active Mobility Gallery: Learning from city to city
- Lunch break
- Walk the Talk: Hamburg's active mobility and introduction to study visits
- Study visits
- Informal networking dinner at Dialoghaus

Fover Fover Plenary Plenary Breakout Plenary session 1 Fover Breakout Foyer session 2 Active mobility Foyer gallery Breakout session 3 Foyer Plenary Plenary Fover Study visits

Fover

- Welcome coffee, registration & informal networking
- Introduction and recap of first day
- Active mobility insights: Cityto-City breakout exchange
 - Inclusive journeys: behaviour change and accessibility hand in hand
 - Beyond boundaries: modal shift and urban rural synergies
- Coffee break
 - Safe streets, shared spaces: reimagining mobility together
- Wrapping up and shaping tomorrow's mobility: what's next?
- Lunch/end of the EU City Lab



Setting the feet and wheels in motion: Welcome and opening



I - Setting the feet and wheels in motion: Welcome and opening

Welcome words by:

Christoph Holstein - State Secretary, Hamburg Ministry for the Interior and Sports

Svenja Weber –CEO Dialoghaus Hamburg gGmbH

Moderators:

Bonnie Fenton, Rupprecht Consult Mary Dellenbaugh-Losse – URBACT expert



Moving differently, living better: The active mobility revolution



II – Moving differently, living better: The active mobility revolution

Speakers:

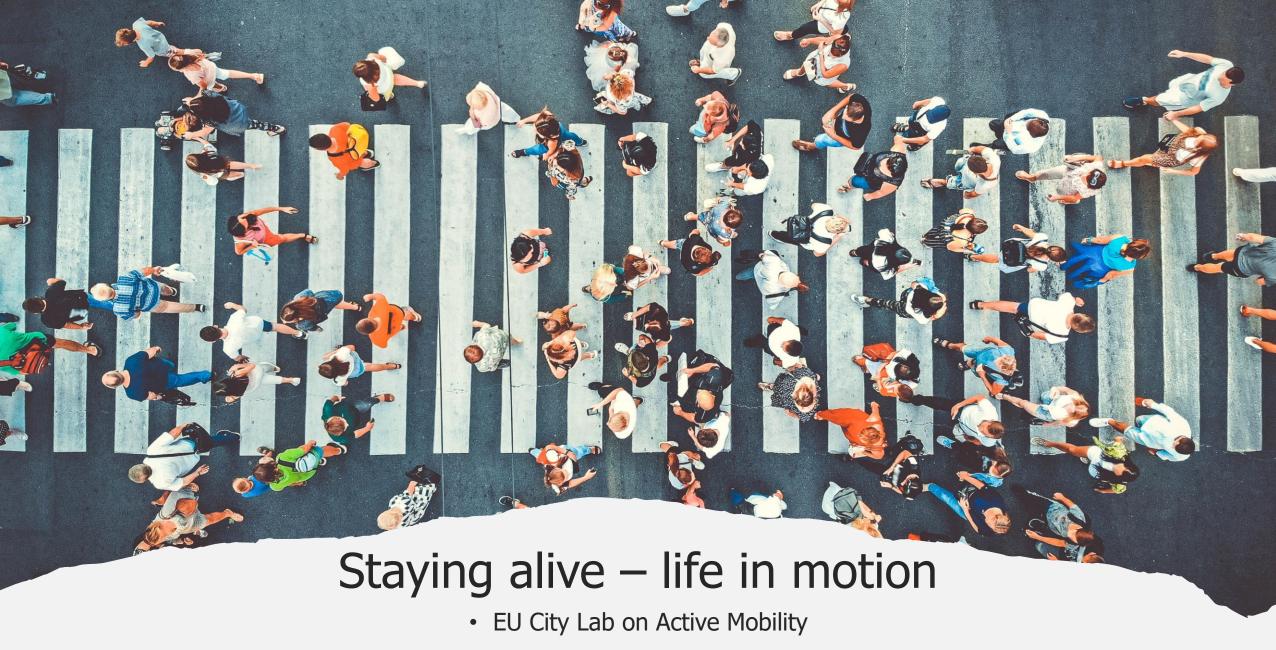
Marianne Weinreich, leading expert in active and sustainable mobility, cofounder and for 15 years Chair of The Cycling Embassy of Denmark and European Ambassador for Diversity in Transport

Bonnie Fenton, Rupprecht Consult GmbH, expert in active mobility

Anke Koller, Head of Transport Development and Mobility Strategy, City of Hamburg

Moderator:

Mary Dellenbaugh-Losse – URBACT expert



- Hamburg Oct 28-29
- Marianne Weinreich





















EUI Policy Lab on integrated and active mobility: Initial findings

Bonnie Fenton, Rupprecht Consult, GmbH



Panel discussion

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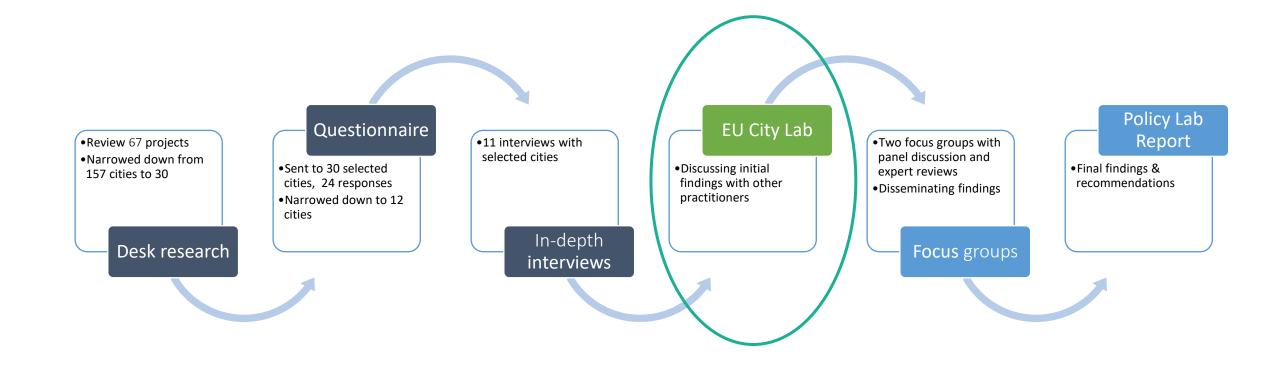
EUI Policy Lab on Active and Integrated Mobility

Preliminary results

Policy Lab process



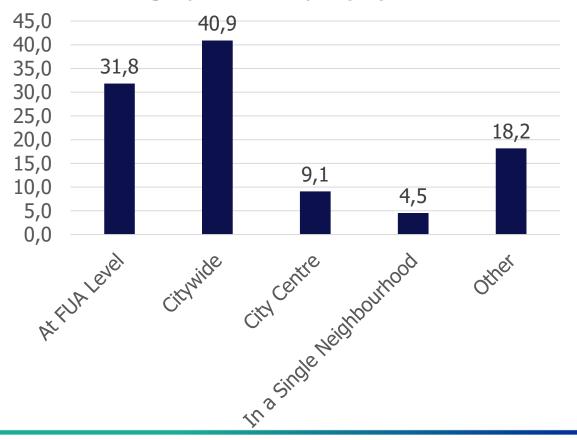




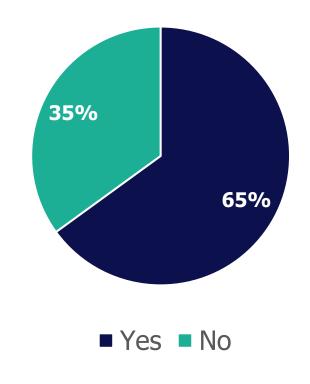
Questionnaire results







Measures listed in city's SUMP or equivalent mobility plan – N:23

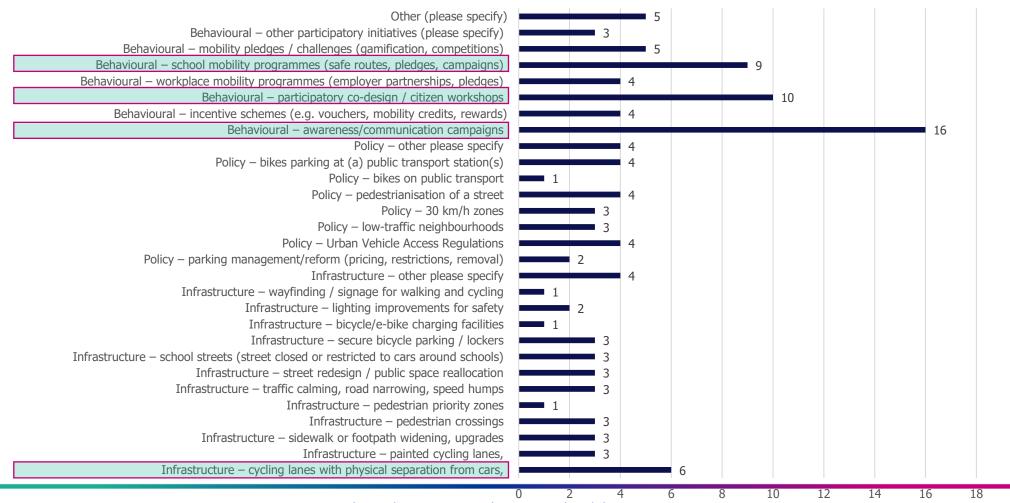


Questionnaire results





What was implemented? – N:23



Questionnaire results





Motivation for Implementation



Selected case studies – 11 cities





Cities

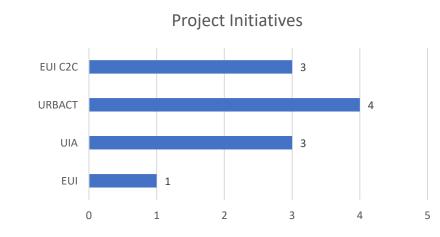
- Brussels
- Coimbra
- Faenza
- Groningen
- Hradec Králové

- Lahti
- Ljubljana
- Lyon
- Sofia
- Turku
 - Viladecans

Criteria:

- Policy integration
- Innovative approaches to behaviour change
- Data & technology use
- Success & satisfaction
- Learning value
- Addressing real barriers







Initial findings



Questionnaire analysis (11 selected cities)

Reasons for implementation

- Strategic and policy alignment
- Modal shift and emissions reduction
- Data-driven planning and innovation

Accessibility and inclusion challenges tackled

- Physical accessibility
- Gender and safety

Initial findings: Common challenges



Departments work in silos

Funding and resource limitations

Behaviour change resistance

Regulatory barriers

Continuity concerns

Initial findings: Common success factors



Strong political leadership and commitment

Clear strategic framework

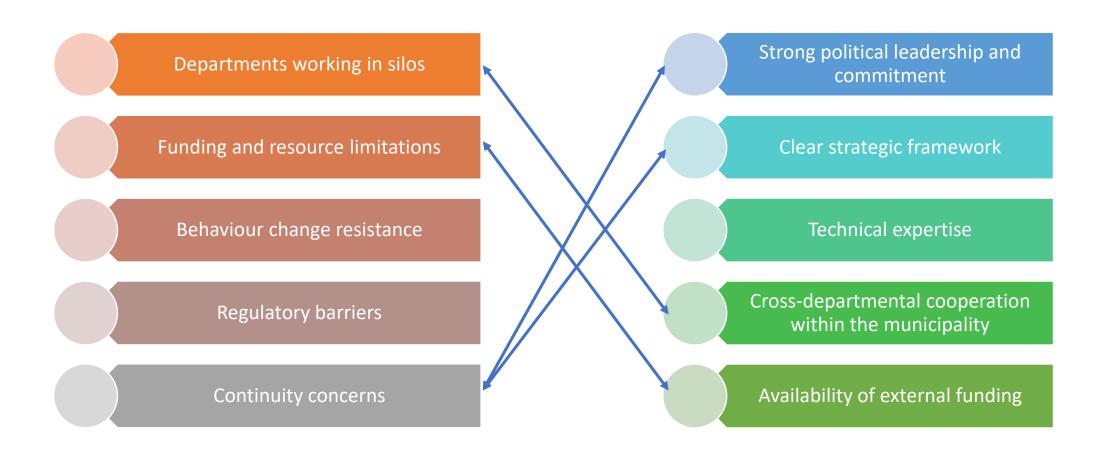
Technical expertise

Cross-departmental cooperation within the municipality

Availability of external funding

Initial findings: Success factors and barriers





Initial findings: key lessons (aggregated)



Choose good partners and foster collaborative work

Pay attention to the internal changes needed

An approach of a sociologist or psychologist could add real value

Start small and go step by step

Communicate the benefits clearly

Initial lessons: Integrated planning

Integrate with other strategies or measures Embed in complementary policies

Lyon: Vision zero, low-speed streets, pedestrianisation





Coimbra: Cycle lanes and pedestrianisation



Brussels: improved cycling infrastructure, safety standards, parking





Sofia: LEZ with annual tightening/ expansion, green corridors, PT tariff tweaks



Groningen: prioritising walking and cycling at signals, designing crossing times around vulnerable users



Initial lessons: Engagement

Empower teenagers as active partners in urban planning

- Engage with schools as disseminators
- Use existing structures or networks
- Engage directly with teenagers to understand how they use the public space and what they really need
- Partner with stakeholders who know how to talk to your target group
- Engaging with teenagers is different than engaging with children







Initial lessons: Behaviour change



Addressing behaviour change requires a holistic approach

- Think of the bigger picture
- Use a complete palette of actions to support behaviour change
- Start small and scale up
- Take advantage of existing frameworks







Initial lessons: Behaviour change takes time





A shift towards increased active mobility is an ongoing process

"We are doing it step by step —
first the cycling lane, then
improving sidewalks, and finally the
parking reorganisation. This way
people can see the benefit and
adjust gradually." **Coimbra**

"You can't expect behaviour to change in a year or two... it takes several cycles of communication and visible results for people to believe in the system." **Sofia**

"Changing mobility habits takes time... people must first see that it's possible to do their daily trips differently before they actually change." Brussels

"Behavioural change is a long process... you cannot just paint a bike lane and expect people to cycle; you have to educate, communicate and accompany them." Lyon

"It was not immediate... we first closed Slovenska Street temporarily and only after a few months made it permanent. People needed time to see it works." **Ljubljana**

"Behaviour change is not something you can buy or push. You have to build trust and show over time that the new situation is actually better." **Groningen**

Initial lessons: Data



Data is a catalyst

- Data on crashes triggered Lyon's project
- App heat-maps are published and used to feed a micro-infrastructure backlog

Understanding how people move leads to more adapted solutions

- Coimbra: Data on how users move is useful to plan not just for active mobility, but also for other modes
- Groningen: Annual reports by mode (cars, public transport, cycling) analyse where/when networks underperform
- Sofia: Extensive user research
- Ljubljana: Mixed methods to "read" use

Initial lessons: Evaluation

Embed evaluation for lasting impact

- Evaluate before, (during) and after the project
- Use both quantitative and qualitative evaluation
- Evaluate against policy KPIs
- Scale up based on use and satisfaction data



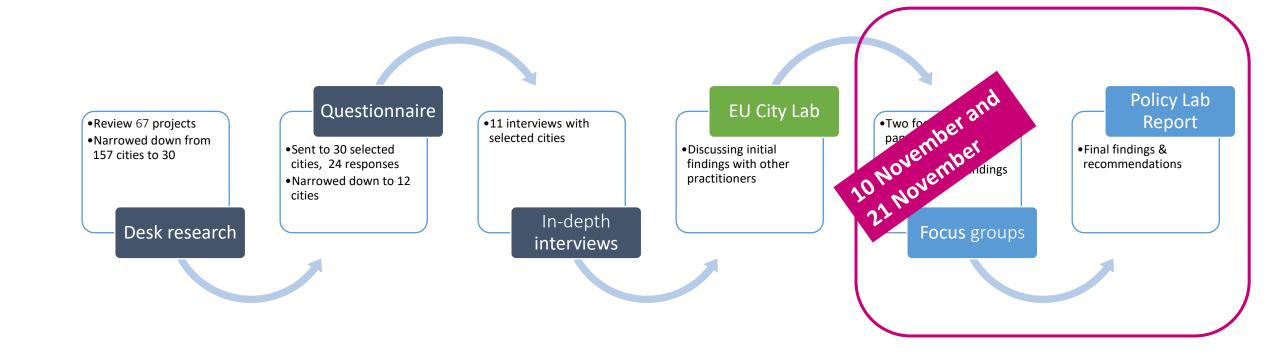


Policy Lab next steps











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• What resonates the most with you?





EUI Policy Lab on Active and Integrated Mobility



Aim: Enable learning and peer-to-peer knowledge exchange through an exercise with cities in the spothlight

Speaker Cities

- Brussels, Belgium (Bonnie)
- Coimbra, Portugal (Mary)
- Faenza, Italy (Camilla)
- Hamburg, Germany (Ana Francisca)
- Pombal, Portugal (Katy)
- Turku, Finland (Eleni)
- Varaždin, Croatia (Naima)

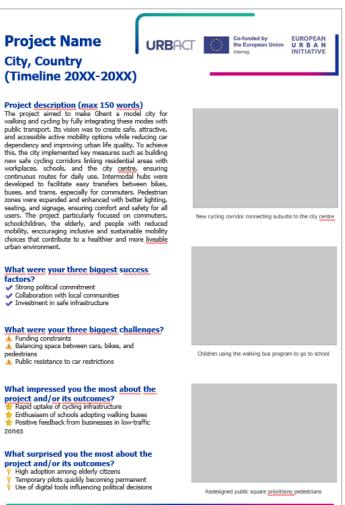
Format: World Café

- Seven cities present their experiences through posters. Participants first explore the posters for five minutes.
- Four rounds, each including a 12-minute presentation by city representatives and 12 minutes for gathering questions, with the moderator noting key questions on post-its.
- Between rounds, there are short 5-minute breaks to move around; this cycle repeats three times.

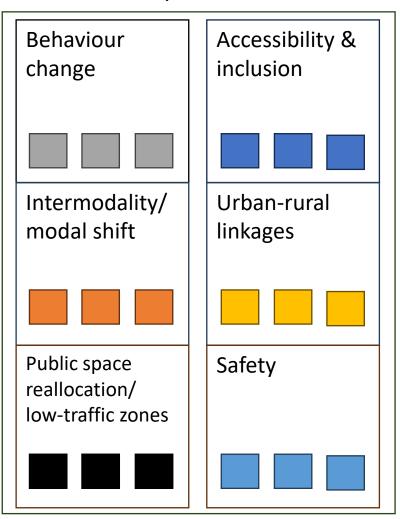


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City Poster

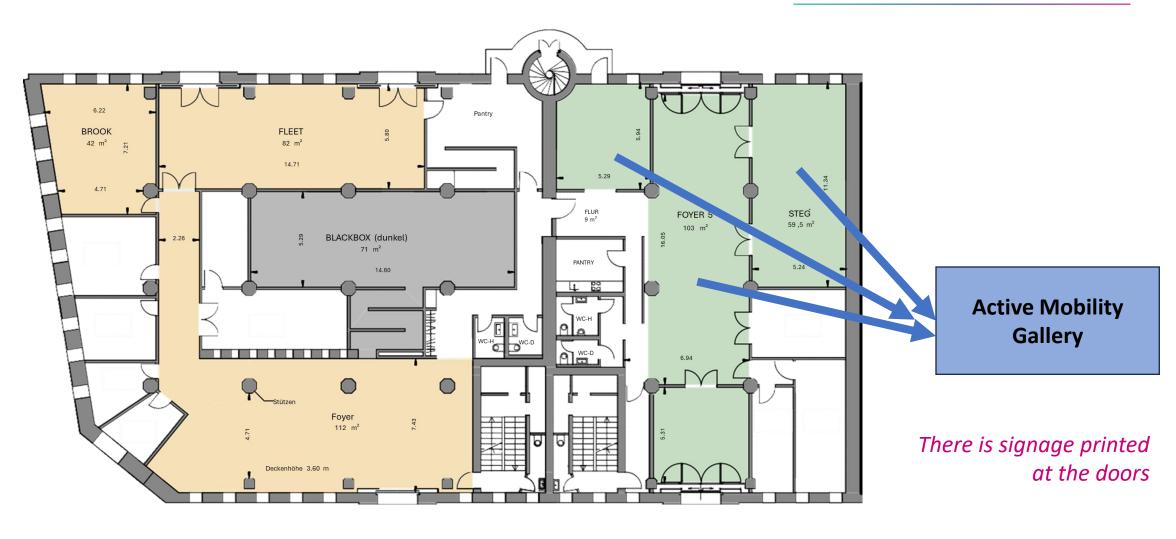


Flipchart













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Coffee break (30')







Cities leading the way: Active mobility experiences across Europe



III – Cities leading the way: Active mobility experiences across Europe

Moderators:

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Active Mobility Gallery: Learning from city to city



IV - Active Mobility Gallery: Learning from city to city

Brussels, BE – Kristof De Mesmaeker

Faenza, IT – Nadia Carboni

Turku, FI – Stella Aaltonen

Coimbra, PT – Ângela Fernandes, António Albuquerque

Pombal, PT – Nuno Gomes, Henrique Ferreira

Varazdin, HR – Slađana Miočić

Hamburg, DE – Martin Krekeler



Lunch break







Walk the Talk: Hamburg's active mobility and introduction to study visits





V -Walk the Talk: Hamburg's active mobility and introduction to study visits

Speakers:

Susanne Elfferding, Hamburg Ministry of Transport and Mobility Transition

- Hamburg's new walkable city centre
- Connecting walking with public transport: reshaping public space for walkable cities

André Mezzich-Santaya, Product Owner Custom-App, EUI Innovative Action CUSTOM project

- EUI Innovative Action CUSTOM project

Pia Köber, Event and Project Management, Dialoghaus Hamburg gGmbH

- Dialoghaus "Dialog im Dunkeln" workshop





Walkability

Shedding Light in a Blind Spot

Susanne Elfferding (Doctor of Engineering, Waseda University)
Hamburg Ministry of Transport and Mobility Transition







Kasimir Sewerinowitsch Malewitsch: Black Square

Black box walking?

New focus on walkable and barrier free spaces

- Ageing society
- UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Lifestyle trends

Walking needs are different from driving needs

- Moving in space and sitting or standing
- Seeing and be seen
- Experiencing the city with all your senses
- Baseline mobility for vulnerable people and basis for social participation





No public transport without people who walk!

90-50-70: ideal measurements for PT

Approx. **90%** of people on public transport walk to and from stations – and all walk between different modes of transport.

50 % of door-to-door travel time in public transport people walk, wait or change modes of transport. And the time spent walking is increasing!

The recollection of a public transport trip is 70 % walking.





Who needs barrier free walking spaces?

- People with disabilities
- Children, very old people, pregnant women
- People doing care work
- People in poverty, with injuries, heavy loads or language barriers

Who is affected?

- One in five persons has sensory or physical restrictions
- One in three persons including all other restriction again and again









Situation in Hamburg

Most rapid transit stations in Hamburg are barrier free, but...

Problems in station surroundings

- Barriers when accessing busses or other transport
- Mobile barriers (shops, e-scooters)
- Poor wayfinding

Problems in pedestrian transport network

- Old, narrow and uneven footpaths from homes and to destinations
- Mobile barriers on footpaths

No common administrative process defined:

Surrounding areas are not in focus, when stations are improved





Aiming for seamless travel experiences

Investments in walking are investments in pt

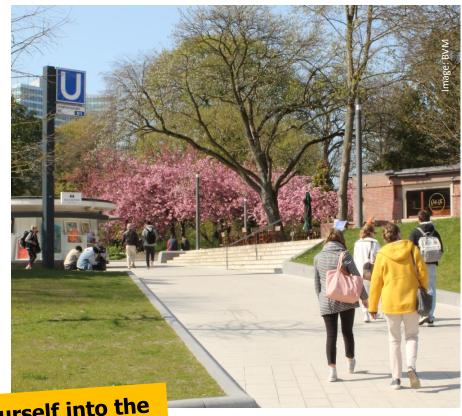
- Reach to new customers
- Up to triple catchment area

Better return on investments:

Holistic approach to unlock synergies and potentials

Cost efficiency:

- Low cost investments in walkability
- Much can be achieved by increasing awareness and tweaking processes



Put yourself into the shoes of the users





Walking and PT: One network

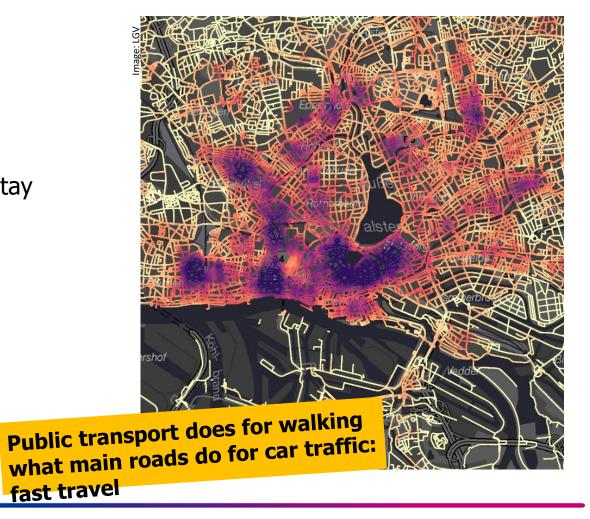
Networks that work for users

- Walkability between rapid transit and busses
- Attractive station areas that invite people to stay
- Walkability on the ways to stations:
 Connectivity, attractiveness and accessibility

Key questions to ask

What do users need?
What do they need where?

How can we improve the maintenance of station areas?







Let the data speak!

Visualise walking

- Areas with high demand
- GIS analysis

Rapid transit stops

- Overground train stops (green)
- Underground train stops (blue)

Public transport stops and lively areas often overlap





Activities in Hamburg

- Drafting a **Design Guideline** for station surroundings
- Integrated transport concepts for the new underground line U5
- Redesigning the **station forecourt** in Hamburg-Harburg in cooperation with Deutsche Bahn
- Design lab for streamlining processes to keep station surroundings clean and inviting
- Establishing processes to systematically upgrade bus stops to be barrier free
- **→** Get everybody on board!









Katsushika Hokusai: The great wave

Get into people's heads

- Increase awareness
- Look for quick wins
- Set realistic priorities
- Find allies
- Get things already happening on board
- Think out of the box: Include pt providers, urban planning and health
- → Establish Walk+Ride as a cross-sectional approach
- **→** Co-operate to advance walkability





Explore accessibility using personas

Aiming for the inclusive city

A common goal of all ministries!

- Who needs accessible spaces?
- Universal design strengths and pitfalls
- The use of personas in planning and evaluation





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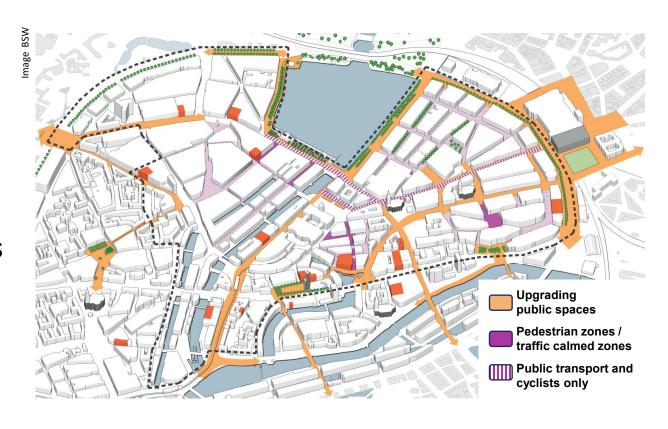




Hamburg's New Walkable City Centre

"an attractive inner city for all" A common goal of all ministries!

- 1. More space for pedestrians
- 2. Excellent accessibility and connectivity
- 3. Improved quality of stay in public spaces
- 4. Versatile use and more housing
- 5. Collaborative development







Thanks for your attention!

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Towards Inclusive Mobility: The Next Step of the hvv Custom App

Funded by the European Urban Initiative (EUI)

Project start: Oktober 1st, 2025



What We Build On



Building on the existing hvv Custom App



The app was developed with the constant involvement of the target group to support people with visual and hearing impairments.

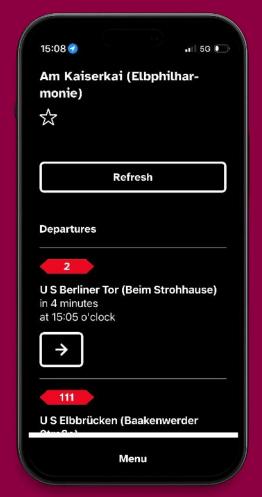
Present features:

- Departure monitor
- Route progression
- **3** Journey registration
- 4Help in disruption situations

The Vision Ahead



Evolving from the existing hvv Custom App to the next-generation CUSTOM platform



EUIfunding project



Our Objectives during the Funding Period:

- Further technical integration of buses, trains, and ferries in the Hamburg metropolitan region into the hvv Custom App
- Improvement and automation of existing app functions to enhance usability and efficiency
- User-centered development of new designs and features in close cooperation with the target group
- Assessment of transferability of CUSTOM solutions across Germany and the EU

Our Next Steps



The Journey Has Just Begun

Monitoring and evaluation

Joint upscaling strategy

User workshops and co-implementation

Iterative testing and user feedback

Knowledge transfer to enable replication

Backend integration

Final reporting to secure long-term impact



Dialoghaus "Dialog im Dunkeln" workshop

Pia Köber, Event and Project Management, Dialoghaus Hamburg gGmbH

Study visit's groups

Group 1



Group 2



Group 3



Group 4







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Second day



Introduction and short recap of first day





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Active mobility insights: City-to-City breakout exchange



Break-out rounds

EUI Policy Lab on Active and Integrated Mobility

Break-out rounds session

Aim: Forster exchange and discussion among cities around the key topics linked to active mobility:

- Behaviour change
- Accessibility and inclusion
- Intermodality / modal shift
- Urban-rural linkages
- Public space reallocation / low traffic zones
- Safety

Dynamic of the session: Fish bowl

- A five-minute oral input from a city
- The first panel is formed including one speaker city, two volunteers from participants, and one empty chair.
- The session begins with kick-off questions answered by the panel.
- For every new question, one new person occupies the free chair while someone from the panel moves to the public.
- Discussion continues using the fishbowl format, focusing on questions identified the previous day.

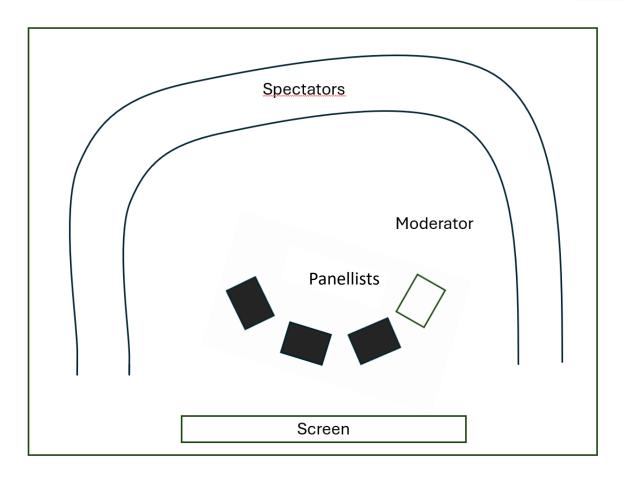




Panelists:

- **Brussels**, Belgium
- Coimbra, Portugal
- Faenza, Italy
- **Hamburg**, Germany
- **Pombal**, Portugal
- Turku, Finland
- Varaždin, Croatia
- And volunteers who would like to join the discussion

Break-Out Rounds session



Format: Fishbowl style

Break-out rounds session

Behaviour Change Group 1 -

Coimbra

Moderator: Bonnie

Room: Foyer 5

Intermodality/Mod al Shift Group 1

Pombal

Moderator: Bonnie

Room: Foyer 5

Public Space Reallocation/Low Traffic Zones Group

Hamburg **Moderator: Bonnie Room: Foyer 5**

Behaviour Change Group 2 -

Brussels

Moderator: Katv

Room: Brook

Intermodality/Mod

al Shift Group 2

Moderator: Katy

Room: Brook

Varaždin

Accessibility & Inclusion Group 1

Faenza

Moderator: Mary

Room: Stea

Urban-Rural

Hamburg

Room: Steg

Linkages Group 1

Moderator: Mary

Accessibility & Inclusion - Group 2

Turku

Moderator: Ana

Room: Kai

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Break-out round 1 (09:15-10:00)

5-minute break to change rooms

Urban-Rural Linkages Group 2

Turku

Moderator: Ana

Room: Kai

Break-out round 2 (10:00-10:45)

15-minute coffee break

Safety Group 2

Brussels

Moderator: Ana

Room: Kai

Break-out round 3 (11:15-12:00)

Public Space Reallocation/Low **Traffic Zones Group**

Coimbra **Moderator: Katv**

Room: Brook

Safety Group 1

Faenza

Moderator: Mary

Room: Stea

Break-Out Rounds session

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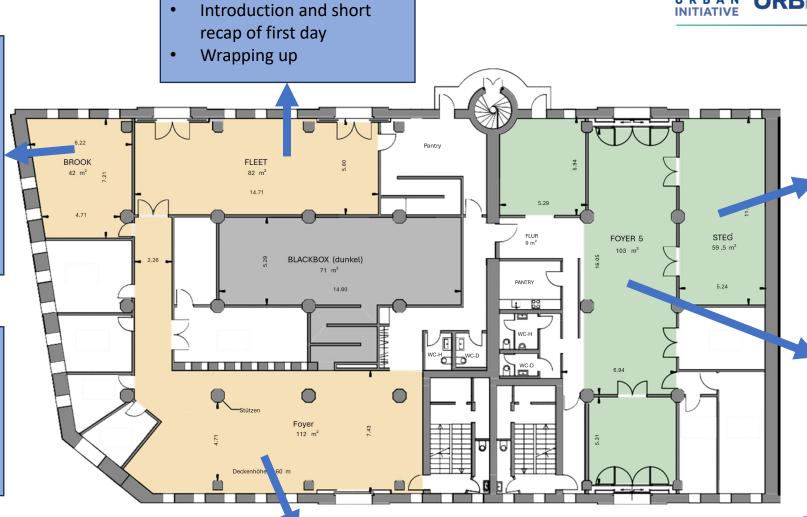


BROOK – Katy Huaylla

- Behaviour change
- Intermodality / modal shift
- Public space reallocation / low-traffic zones

KAI – Ana Francisca Jijon

- Accessibility & Inclusion
- Urban rural linkages
- Safety



STEG – Mary Dellenbaugh-Losse

- Accessibility & Inclusion
- Urban rural linkages
- Safety

FOYER 5 – Bonnie Fenton

- Behaviour Change
- Intermodality / modal shift
- Public space reallocation / low traffic zones

There is signage printed at the doors

Coffee Break



Wrapping up and shaping tomorrow's mobility: what's next?

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• What are your key takeaways from the workshop?





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Next URBACT and EUI funding and networking opportunities





The journey continues at EUI...

Ana Francisca Jijon

Knowledge & Capitalisation Officer European Urban Initiative



...With EUI Policy Lab on integrated and active mobility

EUI Capitalisation Study of the Policy Lab on Integrated and Active Mobility.

- Policy Lab on integrated and active mobility Inception report
 Portico
- Report with recommendations to be published March 2026

Series of webinars:

- Under the surface: the infrastructure and systems powering active mobility, 10 November 11:00am - 12:30pm CET
- Shifting mindsets: Behavioural and inclusive pathways to active mobility 21 November 11:00am 12:30pm CET



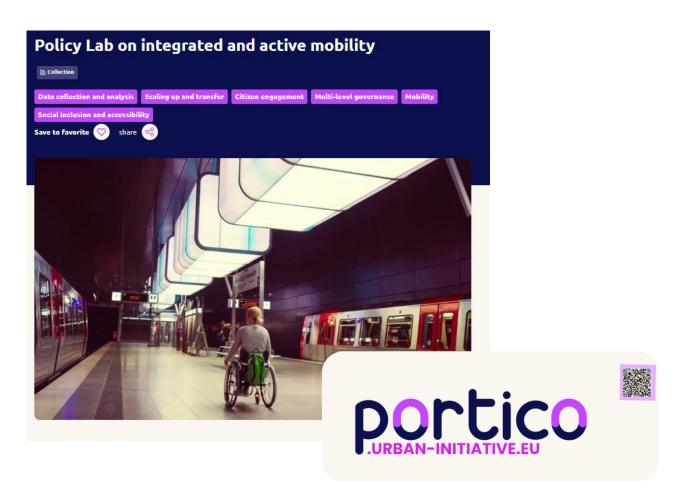






...Portico knowledge hub

- +1500 resources online
- 401 resources on 'mobility'

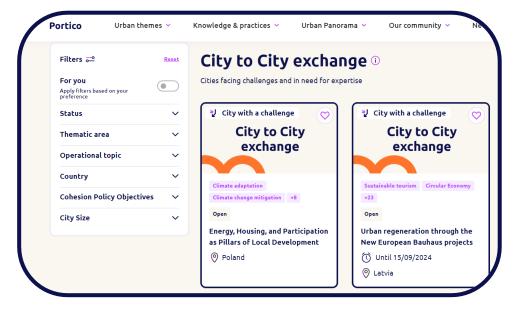


...With City-to-City Exchanges Still looking for the perfect fit?

- Explore the <u>Portico Urban Match Maker</u>
 - Tool that helps cities match with each other to share knowledge & expertise for city-to-city and Innovative Action calls
 - Ask the Capacity Building Unit for support in finding a match: https://www.urban-initiative.eu/news/sign-city-city-exchange-assistance-service









...With EUI and the Urban Agenda for the EU



Upcoming Call 4 for Innovative Actions Projects, to be launched early

2026

- Apply for a Peer Review by 18 November, 12:00 CET
- Apply for a City-to-City Exchange call permanently open, matchmaking support sign-up by 25 November

Let's meet again!





EUI events

- EUI Focused Policy Lab, 'Cities for housing making affordable housing work' Fuenlabrada, ES, 18th & 19th November
- Join us in Barcelona for
 the Smart City Expo World Congress 2025
 visit EUI stand and participate to sessions
- Join our next national Capacity Building Events: Slovenia (18-20 Nov), Ireland (26-27Nov), Sweden (4 Dec), Czechia (20-22 Jan), Belgium (27-29 Jan), Germany (11-12 Feb), Finland (19-21 May), Denmark (9-10 June)...



Register to
- Focused Policy
Lab on **Housing**







Next URBACT funding and networking opportunities

Camilla Chiappini

Communication & Knowledge Officer URBACT



Upcoming opportunities from URBACT







Upcoming opportunities from URBACT



We welcome:

City representatives

Urban development enthusiasts

Registrations will open on 4 of November!

Stay tuned on urbact.eu









Become part of an URBACT network

A new Call for Networks* will open from April to June 2026

Stay tuned on: urbact.eu/get-involved





Cities and local stakeholders co-produce an Integrated Action Plan to tackle their common policy challenges.

URBACT at the Smart City Expo World Congress







- 5 November 2025 14:20 - 15:05 How to create a greener urban economy? Stories from **URBACT** cities
- 4-6 November 2025 **URBACT** stand at the **Exhibition area**





Register now: urbact.eu/events







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- Greening urban economies
- Nature based solutions

December 2025 on urbact.eu/knowledge-hub



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