







# Composing Effective Packages of Push and Pull Measures to Reduce Inner City Car Traffic

Learning from European governance innovations

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### Do not copy everything you see!







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#### World Fair 1900, Paris

# Two moving sidewalks running in parallel

- one at 5 km/h and one at 8 km/h -

on top of a great iron viaduct

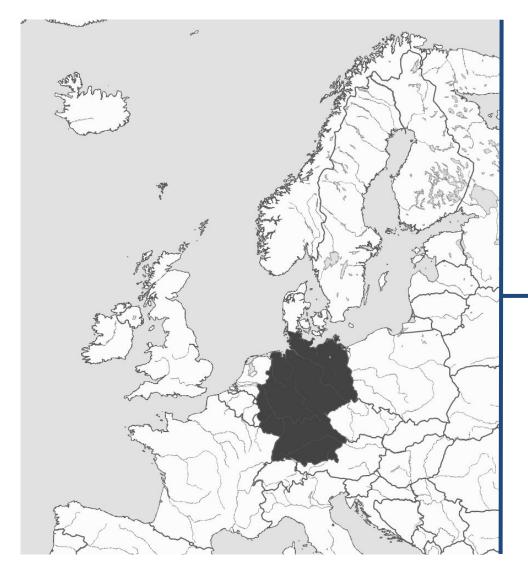












- renegotiation of public urban space in many (progressive) places around us
- the promise of a more livable and sustainable city
- persisting or rising number of cars in German cities
- emissions and land consumption of traffic
- conflicting objectives of forward-looking planning

### The Research Project





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Running Time: August 2022 - July 2024

Client: Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs & Spatial Development (BBSR)

Federal Ministry of Housing, Urban Development & Building (BMWSB)

Contractors: Fraunhofer Transport Alliance | BBG & Partner | INFRAS

Working Packages: Analysis of the German legal framework

Selection of case studies Interviews & site visits

Assessment of transferability to the German context

Output: "Legal building blocks for a strategic reorientation of mobility planning in German municipalities" (2023)

[Analysis and assessment of case studies] (in progress)

[Guidance for decision makers] (upcoming)

### Case Studies

- Umeå (Sweden)
- Delft (The Netherlands)
- Paris (France)
- Pontevedra (Spain)
- Zürich (Switzerland)
- Vienna (Austria)
- Villach (Austria)





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- Possibilities in the German legal framework
- Interdependence of traffic law and urban planning law
- European role models for a successful transformation
- Regulatory "recipes" for reducing car traffic and reallocating public urban space
- Composition of effective and feasible packages of measures
- Systematic analysis of how to deal with legal and regulatory differences to the German context







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Research question of this accompanying study







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How can effective measures for reducing inner city car traffic be analyzed comprehensively

AND THEN

integrated in a sustainable urban mobility plan of a city with a **different legal and governance context**?







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COLLECT

ASSESS EFFECTIVENESS

ANALYSE CONTEXT



- qualitative analysis of interviews with local experts and planners
- literature review of different typologies of low car urban mobility systems
- avoid shift improve
- push & pull
- parking | street space | transport modes | integrated concepts
- regional & urban planning context
- legal framework | governance structures | administrative organisation
   | leadership | user behaviour
- sequencing & baseline

- Does the city have a SUMP?
- What are the specific objectives and constraints?

## **Preliminary Results**





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A successful mobility transition with substantial benefits for climate protection and sustainable urban development always requires a carefully developed integrated transport concept.

The creation of only sectoral plans, such as a cycling plan, inevitably leads to legal failure.

→ calls for anchoring SUMPs in urban planning law

### "Momenta" in case studies

preparation

Pontevedra

as a question of governance structures & legacies





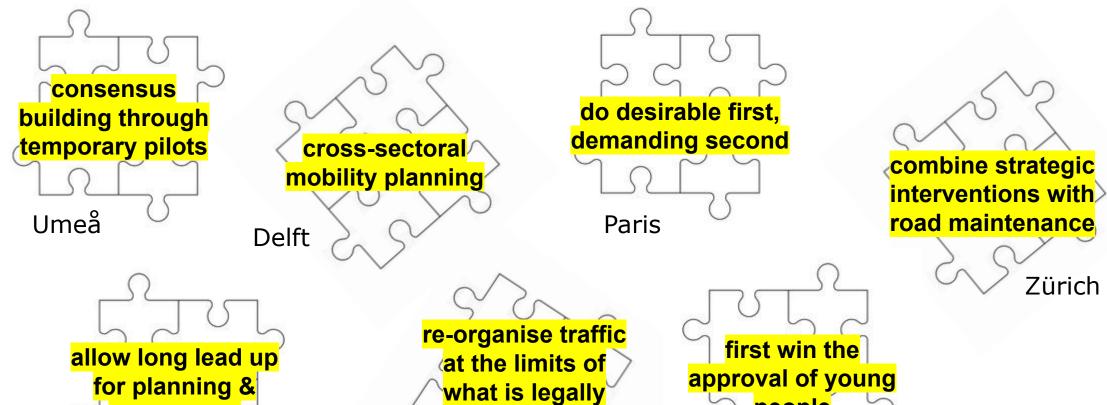
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Zürich



possible

Vienna

approval of young people

Villach







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#### Where we come from

Decision-making processes in the political-administrative system are characterised by routines for legal certainty, accountability and quality

#### What we need

Effective measures to reduce car traffic beyond routine tasks that require micro-political negotiation and interpretation processes at the edge of legal and democratic limits

=> systematic analysis of legal and regulatory differences for implementing "governance innovations" in the German context









### Next Steps

COLLECT SAMPLES

ASSESS EFFECTIVENESS

ANALYSE CONTEXT



- workshop at AMS Scientific Conference (24.04. | Amsterdam)
- systematically enhance literature review (continuing)
- publication in research project (Q2/2024)

- dialogue session with European experts (Q2/2024)
- meeting with project's advisory board (Q2/2024)

- publication in research project (Q3/2024)
- (maybe) policy paper

### Outlook

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- leadership vs. consensus
- planning vs. evolution



rivals, adversary, enemy, foe, rival, enemies, opposer, antagonist, opposition, adversaries



**ii** Thesaurus.plus











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