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Workshop 4 – Micromobilities, multimodality and public spaces

Report

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I. Presentation of the subgroup’s theme

In december 2019, EU adopted the greenddeal with the aim to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. The greenddeal is an ambitious framework to reduce greenhouse gas emission in several sectors which includes transport sector. Indeed, this sector now accounts 25% of greenhouse gas emissions in the Europe. In addition, unlike other greenhouse gas emitting sectors within the EU, transport related emissions have increased since 1990's. The question of multimodality and micro-mobility in the public areas is one of the main challenges in order to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. The objective is to reduce greenhouses gas emissions linked to the transport sector by 90% by 2050

This workshop revolved around the 3 values of the NEB which are sustainability, inclusion and aesthetics. Indeed micro-mobility, multimodality and the adaptation of public spaces respond to the NEB 4 axes of transformation which are:

- Reconnecting with nature
- Regaining a sense of belonging
- Giving priority to the places and people who need it the most
- Fostering long term life cycle and integrated thinking in the industrial ecosystem.

II. Examples of St Omer city in France

St Omer put in place the action « heart of the city » which consists in investing the centre in order to enhance the living conditions in the city. They did so by developing different structures allowing to balance the different means of transportation. The goal was to keep cars outside the city centre by putting big parking lot outside the city, but also meeting zones for pedestrians, or some cycle tracks. They went big on the bike strategy with bike parking spots around the cities and are now aiming at developing it also around schools. They have also capitalise on biodiversity protection and climate change with the vegetalisation of city so that the city has the capacity to absorb water in order to fight heat stress. They've also promoted health and wellness by putting in place a sport circuit.

III. Vision of the world in 10 years from now regarding the theme. What forms can it take?

The vision for cities in 10 years revolves around the idea that there will be some alternative choices to the use of the car in rural and urban areas and to be able to live in peaceful cities with a facilitated and incentive multi-mobility

The main stake is the implementation of seamless mobility for everyone and every territory. This cross-cutting issue can be broken down into 4 other stakes: planning, governance, awareness, services and support for change.

When it comes to the land use planning and development the idea will be to design cities for pedestrians and share a comprehensive roadmap that all actors outside the city and between the cities can rely on.

IV. What would support this vision and make it happen? What are the axes of intervention or types of public actions and the most relevant synergies of actors to make those changes happen?

Concerning governance, the goal will be to be able to rely on a strong political will to reinforce the environmental legislative framework but also to develop a platform at EU level allowing Data sharing on the same methodology and best practices based on knowledge sharing.

Regarding sensibilization, it is important to encourage the use of walking and cycling from childhood. This can be done at local level by implementing fun activities, but also setting some group actions, games and providing different trainings for all.

This workshop highlighted some key points in the transition to multimodal and micro mobility.