

4.2 BEST PRACTICES IN SUSTAINABILITY

4.2.1 Combatting or adapting to climate change

4.2.1.1 Urban biking; Rotterdam; Karlsruhe; Dubrovnik

How to rethink urban planning and balance; Rotterdam: Rotterdam's inner "City Lounge" is a concept plan that is designed to create a balance between cars, cyclists, pedestrians, and public transport for a more attractive living environment. The clear objective: to increase the share of clean trips in the city. The centrepiece of the City Lounge is the new Coolsingel, a dual bus carriageway which goes straight through the city centre is now a green boulevard with natural stone pavements and a wide pedestrian promenade with a two-way cycle path. By doing so, the city of Rotterdam has demonstrated that creating space for cars is now a thing of the past and the city has become more accessible to clean forms of transport.

Find out more at: <https://thecityateyelevel.com/stories/rotterdam-inner-city-creating-a-city-lounge-for-all/>



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A bicycle-friendly city supported by NaturRADtour; Karlsruhe: Karlsruhe was named Germany's most bicycle-friendly major city for the second time in a row in 2020. It is distinguished by its extensive network of bike paths and the unique NaturRADtour. With the NaturRADTour, visitors can explore natural areas, protected areas and green oases. The 48 kilometers of the tour run through numerous nature reserves within the city limits. As a result, the share of cycling in the city's total traffic has already been increased to over 30%. This is also promoted by the comprehensive expansion of environmentally friendly bicycle rental systems.

Find out more at: <https://www.karlsruhe-erleben.de/en/freetime/cycling/naturradtour>



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Changer Cargo Bike (CCCB); Dubrovnik: The use of cargo bicycles across EU cities has proven to be a very successful model for solving the problem of unloading cargo, especially in their pedestrian zones. As part of the EU pilot project City Changer Cargo Bike (CCCB), the City of Dubrovnik procured four electric cargo bikes. They were presented to the public together with the advantages of their use in the historic centre, where the pilot project is being implemented, and where the use of such bicycles for delivery could



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make everyday life easier for caterers, traders, delivery services and citizens. Through this project, the CCCB wants to demonstrate the benefits of the solution, raise awareness in the public and private sectors, reduce pollution and congestion with motor vehicles, and improve the safety and use of public areas.

Find out more at: <https://civitas.eu/projects/city-changer-cargo-bike>

4.2.1.2 Sustainable transportation; Izmir; Helsinborg

Eco-friendly, economical, and sustainable transportation policy; Izmir: For an environmentally friendly and sustainable transportation policy, Izmir's administration has implemented many infrastructure and incentive projects to reduce motorized transportation and to increase bicycle and pedestrian transportation. The "Izmir Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan" has added 84 km of bike paths, a bike rental system BiSiM with 55 stations and 890 bikes. There are 120 tandem bikes in BiSiM stations especially for the use of blind people