



Agenda Connective Cities local project workshop

Skopje Velo-City: increasing the number of cyclists in the Macedonian capital city

13-15 December 2017 in Skopje, Macedonia

About a quarter of the Macedonian population lives in the capital Skopje. The City of Skopje is not only an important transport hub within Macedonia, but is also the hub of the transport corridor from Central Europe to Greece.

The cityscape is characterized by a high volume of motorised traffic and frequent traffic jams, 90% of the population owns a car. Despite investments in cycling, such as the development of a network of bicycle paths, the proportion of cyclists is still very low. Many citizens do not regard bicycles as a safe and reliable means of transport, and many motorists do not pay enough attention to cyclists.

In order to improve the traffic situation in Skopje and to make the city more liveable and sustainable, a new bicycle concept is to be developed for Skopje. The city's goal is to increase the proportion of cyclists from the current 2% to 5% by 2020. The infrastructure for bicycles is mostly already in place. In the last 5 years, the cycle path network has been extended by 60 km. In addition, the city offers subsidies for residents to buy bicycles.

The City of Skopje took part in a Connective Cities event on sustainable mobility in June 2017 and presented its cycling concept, which aims to increase the share of cyclists in road transport. The upcoming event therefore is specifically geared towards supporting Skopje to implement this concept which has been a challenge so far. The objective of the event is to draft an implementation-oriented plan to put the existing concept into practice.

Venue: Hotel Arka

Ul. Bitpazarska 90/2

Skopje 1000

Tuesday, 12 December 2017

Time Agenda

19:30 Dinner

Da Gino - Ristorante Italiano, Skopje 1000

Day 1: Wednesday, 13 December 2017

Time	Agenda	Contents
09:00	Registration of participants	
09:30	Welcome & introduction	Welcome addresses Marina Petrovska, City of Skopje Silvia Boehmsdorff, Connective Cities Joachim Gaube/Dubravka Bosnjak, GIZ Open Regional Fund for SEE EE Introduction of participants and programme overview Birgit Laue, Moderator
10:15	Municipal input	Skopje Velo-City: a municipal goal <i>Focus on current mobility culture in the city and municipal goals with regards to sustainable urban mobility</i> Marina Petrovska, mayor's office, City of Skopje
	Municipal input	Skopje Velo-City: the technical aspects <i>Focus on current projects to support non-motorised mobility in the city, cycling infrastructure, subsidies and upcoming planned projects</i> Daniel Pavleski, Mile Biljanovski, Traffic department Vladimir Strezovski, Urban planning department
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30	Review of the current state of Skopje Velo City and the implementation of the Bicycle Action Plan 2014-2017: achievements and further challenges	Joined review of the achievements, collection and clustering of the current challenges
13:00	Lunch break	
14:00	Site visit	Skopje's cycling network and facilities (see attachment)
16:00	Practitioners' Corner: Presentations and Discussions of Good Practices	Systematic bicycle promotion and evaluation Thomas Böhmer, team red, Germany
16:45	Success factors and transfer	Comparison of challenges in Macedonia and Germany
17:15	Summary of the challenges and opportunities for Skopje Velo City	SWOT analysis based on the current state of the art
17:45	Closing of the first day and mini-wrap-up	
18:30	Dinner	Hotel Arka, Ul. Bitpazarska 90/2, Skopje 1000

Day 2: Thursday, 14 December 2017

Time	Agenda	Contents
09:00	Introduction to the day	Discussing open questions
09:30	Internal requirements for Velo-Cities	
	Practitioners' Corner: Presentations and Discussions of Good Practices	Municipal framework for cycling development Jan Rickmeyer, Sector project sustainable mobility, GIZ Germany
10:15	Success factors and transfer	Drawing lessons from the German case – open discussion
11:15	Coffee break	
11:45	External requirements for Velo-Cities	
	Practitioners' Corner: Presentations and Discussions of Good Practices	Public relations for a functioning cycling city Franziska Voigt, City of Mainz, Germany
12:45	Lunch break	
13:45	Success factors and transfer	Drawing lessons from the German case – open discussion on PR and communication - information, campaigns and participation
14:45	Elaboration of recommendations for increasing the number of cyclists in the Macedonian capital city	Collection and clustering of recommendations
15:30	Coffee break	
16:00	Concept for Skopje Velo-City to increase the number of cyclists	Requirements for updating the Bicycle Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guiding principles, review of goal and targets • Regulations • Needs for improvement • Stakeholder Involvement • Activities and projects
17:15	Main Activities and next steps	Action Planning and agreements
18:00	Wrap up	

Day 3: Friday, 15. December 2017

Time	Agenda	Contents
09:00	Introduction to the day	Discussing open questions
09:30	Action planning	In working groups: Implementation plan/road map: campaigns, infrastructure, services for citizens, cycling culture, stakeholder communication ...
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30	Presentation of results	Presentations and discussion of results
12:00	Project planning	In working groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for new projects • Action plan for Skopje Velo-City
12:45	Action plan for Skopje Velo-City	Summary of planned activities and next steps to be taken
13:15	Lunch	
14:00	Feedback and evaluation of the workshop	
14:30	Closing	
15:00	City Tour	

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Attachment

Map Site visit 13.12.2017:

