



Call for participants: Connective Cities learning process

Sustainable mobility – Combination of future-proof mobility forms

Dialogue event in Bonn, November 25 – November 27, 2025

Background

The global transition towards sustainable transportation is essential for a sustainable future. Experts agree: there is no one-size-fits-all solution for sustainable mobility. Instead, we must create public transport services that include a range of mobility solutions and combine them in the best possible way – in a smart, accessible, and time- and resource-efficient manner. In addition, measures must be tailored very individually to the needs of citizens in individual regions, cities, counties, or municipalities. For strategic planning, German municipalities often develop concepts across regions in collaboration with transport and special-purpose associations. Innovative solutions and considerations for connecting transport are particularly reflected in concepts for mobility, tourism, or strategic regional development. In the Global South, municipalities are often challenged by urbanization and increasing traffic volumes to formulate solutions for developing their communities, and are increasingly relying on digital solutions and private providers.

The international city platform Connective Cities has been bringing together experts from Germany and the Global South for over 10 years; the 2.5-day in-person event in November is aimed at both German and international municipal actors. Municipal actors include official representatives from interested municipalities, municipal companies and associations, as well as actors from civil society, science and business who are involved in projects in this field. The dialogue event marks the start of a one-year learning process in which participating municipalities are also invited to take part in further optional activities.

Objectives of the event

The event brings together experts from cities, counties, and municipalities and supports international expert exchange on the interaction of sustainable forms of mobility.

Goals for participants

- Learn about innovative mobility solutions and how to combine them in a smart way
- Compare strategic approaches and instruments for sustainable mobility in cities and surrounding areas.
- Acquire skills to solve challenges in the implementation of planned measures, drawing on an extended network and the method of peer consultation
- In addition: getting to know each other as a basis for expanded peer exchange, e.g., through professional exchange trips.

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Participation and contact

If you would like to participate in the learning process, please send us an email by **October 15, 2025**, with details about your municipality or organization, your role, and a brief description of the project or challenge you would like to present to the other participants. All participants are expected to proactively engage in the international dialogue (project presentation using a poster).

We look forward to the participation of two experts from your municipality, particularly from the fields of urban planning and transport planning.

All costs will be covered by Engagement Global; we will book your hotel room and you can claim your travel expenses using a form.

If you have any questions about the Connective Cities learning process, the event and your participation, please feel free to contact us:

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