



## Good Practice

1. General information	
<b>Title of the practice</b>	<i>Transport planning principle towards sustainable modes of transport</i>
<b>Does this practice come from an Interreg Europe Project</b>	No

<b>Specific objective</b>	<i>Improving low-carbon economy policies</i>	
<b>Main institution involved</b>	<i>City of Helsinki</i>	
<b>Location of the practice</b>	Country	Finland
	NUTS 1	Manner-Suomi
	NUTS 2	Helsinki-Uusimaa
	NUTS 3	Helsinki-Uusimaa

2. Detailed description	
<b>Detailed information on the practice</b>	<p><i>Helsinki and its metropolitan region are growing rapidly. The population of Helsinki is estimated to rise to 860,000 inhabitants by 2050 and the population of the entire region to 2 million.</i></p> <p><i>As the city and the urban structure densify, the need for mobility increases, but the space available for traffic does not grow. The dense urban structure therefore requires an efficient transport system that is able to move as many people and goods as possible in as small a space as possible. In order to manage transportation in the growing city, more and more journeys are to be done using efficient and space-saving modes - walking, cycling and public transport.</i></p> <p><i>The general principle of Helsinki transport planning is to serve the needs of the walkers first and next the needs of cycling, public transport, freight transport and passenger cars in this order. This is the basis for all land use and transport planning.</i></p> <p><i>These objectives and policies of Helsinki's transport system are defined in the Helsinki Transport Development Program. The position and progress of sustainable modes of transportation is ensured through political will. The city council approved the program in 2015 and made it valid and binding to all city departments and sectors, including the budget. This way the measures will be included to action plans.</i></p> <p><i>This planning principle follows the targets of Helsinki Region Transport System Plan. Main stakeholders are all sectors and city planners and Helsinki Region Transport (HSL). This will benefit residents by reducing congestion, emissions and improving air quality. It also helps the city meet its climate targets.</i></p>
<b>Resources needed</b>	<i>Obeying this planning principle will be implemented mainly by using internal human resources. It will be hard to calculate internal work in planning processes but will probably comprise several hundreds of man-hours.</i>
<b>Timescale (start/end date)</b>	<i>2015 - ongoing</i>
<b>Evidence of success (results achieved)</b>	<i>This planning principle ensures sustainable modes of transport in growing city. It reduces congestion, noise, emissions and air quality problems and helps to meet the climate targets. International BEST-research shows that public transportation is very popular among residents in Helsinki. New measures have been implemented towards sustainable transport system, like the city bike system and investments on new trams and electric buses.</i>
<b>Difficulties encountered/ lessons learned</b>	<i>The processes from planning to implementation haven't been that <b>fluent</b> as it could have been and responsibilities haven't always been as clear as it should. The city is currently developing this process based on identified problems.</i>
<b>Potential for learning or transfer</b>	<i>This practise helps metropolitan areas and bigger cities in shift towards more sustainable transportation, especially by creating facilities for walking and cycling. A very high level</i>



	<p><i>political decision and commitment to sustainable transportation ensures that the planning principle is obeyed in every level of planning. Inclusion to the budget will concretise these plans step by step.</i></p>
<b>Further information</b>	<p><a href="https://www.hel.fi/helsinki/fi/kartat-ja-liikenne/kadut-ja-liikennesuunnittelu/liikennesuunnittelu/liikennesuunnittelun-tavoitteet/">https://www.hel.fi/helsinki/fi/kartat-ja-liikenne/kadut-ja-liikennesuunnittelu/liikennesuunnittelu/liikennesuunnittelun-tavoitteet/</a> (in Finnish)</p> <p><a href="https://www.hel.fi/hel2/ksv/julkaisut/julk_2015-4-en.pdf">https://www.hel.fi/hel2/ksv/julkaisut/julk_2015-4-en.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.hel.fi/hel2/ksv/julkaisut/esitteet/esite_2016-1_en.pdf">https://www.hel.fi/hel2/ksv/julkaisut/esitteet/esite_2016-1_en.pdf</a></p> <p>Helsinki Region Transport System Plan: <a href="https://www.hsl.fi/en/hlj-helsinki-region-transport-system-plan">https://www.hsl.fi/en/hlj-helsinki-region-transport-system-plan</a></p>
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