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Dear friends of sustainable mobility, dear colleagues and partners,

We are going through challenging times: the pandemic COVID-19 affects the daily lives of all of us. We sincerely hope that you are all healthy!

Reorganizing lives between home office, home schooling, social distancing and endless video conferences is definitely not easy. And we are looking forward to the end of the lockdown in all our countries. But let's understand this crisis also as a chance!

The earth is breathing deeply because of significantly decreasing traffic volumes. Many cities like Berlin or Vienna are using this opportunity to promote cycling by creating pop-up bike lanes, consequently dedicating one car lane to cyclists.

Our consortium organised our very first interactive [cities.multimodal online project meeting](#) in April 2020; without flying from A to B no unnecessary emissions or paper work that needed to be taken care of for travel permissions etc. Due to travel restrictions we discovered the beauty of our own surroundings and staying together while apart.

We strongly believe that the current situation is a chance to boost sustainable mobility also in our cities. Enjoy reading and stay healthy!

Best regards,
Steffen Nozon & Lisa Wiechmann
(Hanseatic and University City of Rostock, Lead partner)

NEWS

Public transport and mobility in quarantine affected Vilnius

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The smooth and safe movement of public transport was ensured during the whole quarantine in **Vilnius**. This service did not stop in the city for a moment, only night buses were cancelled. Passenger flows were closely monitored daily.

Compared to volume of people movement before quarantine, the **flows during quarantine decreased by 65–78 percent**. The good news is that as quarantine eases, flows have already **increased by 11 percent**.

Revenues from the sale of public transport tickets, local tolls and parking lots in Vilnius of the public transport organizer the Municipal Enterprise "Susisiekimo paslaugos", decreased by 80% during the quarantine period.

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Changes in mobility and the modal split during quarantine times

Many daily target points were closed in **Vilnius** for more than a month due to the coronavirus quarantine. For example, public and educational institutions as well as businesses organized a remote regime for employees and pupils, people were generally advised to stay home, and so they did.

Now, based on personal daily observations **Kristina Gaučė** concludes that this resulted in the significant drop of daily journeys and presumably affected modal split too. The most affected mode in Vilnius would be public transport – number of passengers dropped very drastically despite in due time and fair initiatives from the City and the PT operator.

Unfortunately, although the absolute number of trips is still lower, car is chosen more often than before, as it is considered the safest mode of travel by most of the society.

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First mobility points inaugurated in Rostock

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inaugurated the first three mobility points, combining car-sharing and cargo bike-sharing.

After two years of concept development and planning, the city opened the first three mobility points ("mobilpunkt") on May 11th 2020. Located in the densely populated pilot area "Kröpeliner-Tor-Vorstadt", the mobility points provide space for car sharing and the brand new cargo bike sharing system HRO-BIKE.

An information pillar of 3,8 meters height provides information on the available mobility offers at the mobility point and in the surrounding area.

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Jamboards, videos and virtual exchange - cities.multimodal met online



Due to the current circumstances, the 5th cities.multimodal project meeting that originally would have taken place in **Tartu** and **Pskov** was transformed into a **virtual two-day project meeting** held during 22nd and 23rd of April.

The main venue of the online meeting was a meeting room created on the Jitsi platform. Despite not meeting in person the cities.multimodal consortium took part in different sessions using a variety of tools and methods.

Both the **UBC** and **TUB** pre-recorded videos replacing presentations that in normal circumstances would have been held live during the project meeting.

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Podcast tip: BSR electric's "The Next Stop"

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featured in the BSR electric project's podcast "The Next Stop". In the podcast you can learn more about SUMP, piloting of mobility measures and the UBC's involvement in different mobility projects.

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BSR electric will organise their **final conference online** so if you are interested in learning more about the project and electric mobility you now have a great opportunity to do so.

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Register to UBC TALKS about cities.multimodal webinar NOW!

The **UBC TALKS** webinar "Change your way(s) – towards multimodal urban mobility in BSR cities" is dedicated to the cities.multimodal project, its partner cities Pskov, Riga and Tartu and their different approaches to multimodality.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday May 26, 09:30–11:00 CET (10.30–12.00 EET)

→ [Registration](#)

09.30–09.35 Welcome to the webinar

09.35–09.50 Multimodal and sustainable mobility choices for citizens – the cities.multimodal project. Steffen Nozon & Lisa Wiechmann, City of Rostock, lead partner

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	Kristina Kobyz, City of Pskov	
10.05–10.20	How we started measuring multimodality in Tartu Kaspar Alev, City of Tartu	
10.20–10.35	How we started increasing multimodality in Riga Nika Kotoviča, Riga Energy Agency	
10.35–10.50	Q&A	
10.50–11.00	Closing words	

COMING UP

26 May 09:30–11:00 CET / 10:30–12:00 EET

UBC TALKS webinar "Change your way(s) – towards multimodal urban mobility in BSR cities"

16–17 June

BSR electric Final conference (ONLINE)

8–10 September | Save the date!

Riga Joint Mobility Summit (ONLINE), more information will follow

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