

**cities.multimodal project**

# **Study Tour to Copenhagen and Malmö**

## **5 – 7 September 2018**

### **REPORT**

From 5-7 of September 20 participants from the project cities.multimodal partners visited Copenhagen (DK) and Malmö (SWE) for a study visit.

The aim was, to learn from these two frontrunner cities in terms of sustainable mobility and city planning. A special focus was on the involvement of citizens into planning processes. To get a hands-on experience of the biking culture and infrastructure in both cities the site visit participants tested and used rental-bikes as their mode of transportation.

The study tour proved encouraging examples on, how long term strategies, city planning and citizens dialogue can provide significant changes in the use of transport modes towards public transport and bicycling and can develop urban living space.

Thursday morning (6 September) in the City of Copenhagen, the mobility professionals Helene Albinus Søggaard, Kristine Munkgård Pedersen and Klaus Grimar presented strategies and examples on how to benefit from urban planning when creating mobility solutions and on how to create a dialogue with citizens when remaking public spaces.

Green mobility in the City of Copenhagen was presented focusing on starting city planning on being a liveable city for the citizens: “City life before urban space, urban space before building”. The vision was to create more efficient and greener mobility to support economic growth, CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral City by 2025 and liveability. The city is using an integrated approach with focus on mobility and accessibility, not traffic or transport. And the city is working in themes instead of transport modes. Important tools are to provide more space to pedestrians and to bicycles.

A cycling strategy for a liveable and sustainable city was presented. During the last 10 years 135 million Euro have been invested in better conditions for bicycling. There has been focus on comfort, travel time, safety and city life. The result has been a vast increase in use of bicycling. The citizens in Copenhagen that now use bikes do it for the following reasons: it is quick and easy 88%, provides exercise 32%, is cheap 29%, it is environmentally friendly 9%.

The presentation “Nordre Frihavnsgade – from car-priority to cycling street, example on public dialogue for large construction project” showed how the process was started with a one-year citizen’s dialogue. The dialogue focused on what the local citizens and organisations (local politicians, Danish Cyclist Federation, Pedestrian Federation, Council of elder people, shop owners association and the local school) wanted for their busy, long and narrow street. An array of tools was used for the dialogue including social media, newspapers, school projects and a container-office on a street corner. This phase resulted in a catalogue of ideas. Only after this phase a proposal for re-designing the street was developed for political decision making.

Anna Thormann Boesen from Gate21 presented the non-profit partner organization, which has the vision for Greater Copenhagen to be world leading in green transition and green growth. Gate21 has a handful of projects on green and sustainable transport and Anna Thormann Boesen presented the national funded project “Moving People”. The project has the ambitious goal of shifting 2 million commuter travels from private cars into public transport and bicycles. The Capital Region of Denmark, 17 surrounding municipalities, the traffic company Movia and the Technical University of Denmark work together with 100 local companies to promote sustainable commuting by implementing mobility management solutions. The focus of the presentation was on how the project had dialogue and cooperation with private companies showing the benefits for the companies and their employees when using public transport and bicycling instead of private cars for commuting to work.

During thursday afternoon Mr. Erik Hjulmand from the Danish Cyclist’s Federation, Copenhagen Office, discussed the development of Copenhagen as a cyclist city. The Federation is 113 years old and has come a long way in the dialogue with planning authorities for better conditions for bicycling. He stated that even if Copenhagen is the best biking city in the world, there are still adjustments to be made to improve biking, e.g. the traffic lights for bike lanes could be more coordinated and still more space for bicycling lanes are needed. To demonstrate the new developed bike lanes connecting inner Copenhagen with the harbour, Mr. Hjulmand took the participants on a guided bike tour in the city center of Copenhagen and along the inner harbour.

The participants transferred to Malmö.

In Malmö the participants visited the City Hall where Andreas Nordin, from the Property and Road Unit, presented the Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) of Malmö. As a result of the strategy and activities of the city administration, a clear change in transport modes has been observed. During the period from 2007 to 2013 the number of citizens in Malmö has increased by 10 %, during the same period the use of trains, buses and bicycles has increased with 30-35 % whereas the use of private cars has decreased with 5 %.

The site visit was wrapped up with a second guided bike tour in Västra Hamnen led by Lotta Hanson from the City Infrastructure Unit of Malmö. This new city living area has been planned from the start to avoid private cars and instead supporting public transport, bicycling and walking. A Bike & Ride storage facility close to the train station was visited.

The Study Tour was planned and arranged by Guldborgsund Municipality, 4.2 GoA-leader.

See attached documents:

- The tour programme Copenhagen-Malmö 5 – 7 September 2018.
- Green mobility in Copenhagen Municipality by Helene Albinus Søgaard.
- Cycling City Copenhagen by Kristine Munkgård Pedersen.
- Nordre Frihavnsgade – from car-priority to cycling street, example on public dialogue for large construction project by Klaus Grimar.
- Danish Cyclists Federation Copenhagen - Role and Goals by Erik Hjulmand and Flemming Møller.

Please see the following links:

- Citizen dialogue: Case Nordre Frihavnsgade, Copenhagen | Facebook, Instagram (In Danish): <https://www.facebook.com/fremtidensnordrefrihavnsgade>
- Gate 21, Moving People Project: <https://www.gate21.dk/about-gate-21/?lang=en>
- Danish Cyclists' Federation: <https://www.cyklistforbundet.dk/english>
- The SUMP of Malmö: [https://malmo.se/download/18.16ac037b154961d0287384d/1491301288704/Sustainable+urban+mobility+plan%28TROMP%29\\_ENG.pdf](https://malmo.se/download/18.16ac037b154961d0287384d/1491301288704/Sustainable+urban+mobility+plan%28TROMP%29_ENG.pdf)