

WALKABILITY IN AUSTRIA: good practice

Pilot-projects, role of behaviour-change, needs for further steps to support physical activities and walking infrastructure

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Der Österreichische Verein
für FußgängerInnen



WHO!

WALK-SPACE.at Austrian Federation of Pedestrians

The federation was founded to represent the interests of pedestrians in Austria. Walk-space.at shows in a positive way how the topic walking can be communicated positively. With the help of national and international examples, options for a worth living street design will be shown as well as making walking more attractive in the communities and cities.

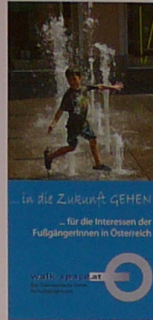
Our main goals are:

- to show quality orientated solutions and offers
- organisation of the public space for daily use
- awareness raising
- professional exchange for sustainable development of pedestrian traffic
- implementing the international charta for walking as "an inclusive mobility"
- encouraging quality orientated planning for the pedestrian traffic, especially for children and mobility limited persons
- international networking for pedestrian topics

Target group:

- experts of pedestrian traffic
- communes and administration
- mobility advisers
- transportation companies
- research institutions
- stakeholders in health and education sectors
- individuals...

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Our offers are:

- walk-space.at Newsletter (for our members with the chapter knowledge)
- Pedestrian check for cities, communes and communities
- advisory service for public authorities, communes, institutions, individuals, area municipality
- Project work
- Organisation of workshops, conference, informative meetings and walking seminars
- networking / know-how transfer (national and international)
- "Coexistence" solutions / Shared-Space network Austria / space for all: process controller and advisory service



PROJECTS!

PEDESTRIAN SEMINARS

Walk-space.at organised 4 pedestrian seminars in Austria in the city of Vienna, Graz and Salzburg. During these seminars quality improvements, generation of attractiveness and information around the topic "walking" have been exchanged.

During the pedestrian seminars specific needs, new findings and current trends can be introduced and discussed. Presentations and talks in the plenum discussed the pedestrian safety and exercise in everyday life. Further these topics have been specifically addressed in the workshops.

Pedestrian seminar 2009 in Vienna:

"Safe on foot in the city and public space qualities in the urban area" crosswalk subject: accessibility work, public space qualities and free of barriers on the "Everyday"-Walking!

Pedestrian seminar 2009 in Graz:

"Qualities for pedestrians - space for all" awareness raising - good practice - exhibition spaces space focus

Pedestrian seminar 2009 in Salzburg:

"By foot in everyday life - ecologically sensitive, healthy, safe and with responsibility" - good practice: awareness raising - transport safety

More are following!

more information: <http://www.walk-space.at/Fussgängerseminar/fussgängerseminare-2009.html>



PEDESTRIAN CHECK

The first approach to establish qualities for pedestrian would be the "Pedestrian check" - also known as "Pedestrian Audit" - through which weaknesses in the walking net can be determined easily in the dialog with citizens. Further first actions can be suggested and a short concept of investigations of potentiality is made for a better infrastructure.

The goals of the pedestrian check are:

- mediation of information about the needs of pedestrian on site
- collection of weaknesses / potentiality in the walking net
- suggestions to improve the problem areas
- fast practicability / first results
- low financial and personal investment
- realisable measures have priority
- results protocol: short, medium and long term package of measures

more information: <http://www.walk-space.at/Service/fusscheck.html>



Are there direct path connections?
Which connections are interrupted?



How comfortable are the crossings?
Is the green light flashing long enough?
Can eyecontact be made with the motorised traffic?



Are the paths free of barriers?
Is there enough space for the pedestrian traffic?
Are the pedestrians get in the way of each other?



Can the streets be crossed at the desired point?
Do you have to wait long for crossing the street?



Do the qualities of the surroundings receive attention?
Is the surrounding design attractive?
Is there a walking friendly pavement?
Are the walking pathways good maintained?



Is the walkingnet for everybody accessible?
Is there a place to rest (benches, ...)?
Are the children and youngsters able to move freely?

PILOTPROJECT St. Andräviertel

2009 the first Austria pedestrian traffic pilot project was done in the city of Salzburg, in the St. Andräviertel district. The goal was the change of the modal splits in favour of pedestrian traffic with the help of a result orientated package of measures. Together in a dialog with pupils, elderly people, representatives of the economy, tourism as well as with the aid of questionnaires, evaluations and survey with the residents, the main pedestrian routes has been recorded and suggestions of improvements in the pedestrian net has been shown. The first measures are now already in the implementation phase.

more information: <http://www.walkspace.at/pages/projekte.htm>



WALK-SPACE AWARD in Austria

sqares / pedestrian path net / road space / way to school concepts / pedestrian under- and overpasses, crossings / Multi- and intermodal interface to other means of transport / exercise: walking & health / awareness raising and processes!

How streets can be places of regeneration, meeting or even places for children to play, can be seen in already realised examples in Austria. These and similar Good-Practice examples (good vide: Walk-space AWARDS - <http://www.walk-space.at/Walk-Space-Award/der-walk-space-award.html>) clearly show, that target group orientated and user requirement planning or rather realisation of pedestrian qualities especially on highly frequented destinations - as kindergarten, schools, home for elderly people, local supply, parks and leisure areas, enhancing the quality of life of a community or city and each single person.

New possible proceedings for "good-practice", for physical activities, behaviour-change - as well as the relevance of policy, practice & research will be finally discussed.

Don't miss the good-practice documentation!

more information: <http://www.walk-space.at/Walk-Space-Award/der-walk-space-award.html>



CURRENT!

NETWORK by foot in everyday life

Kick-off networking event "By foot in everyday life" (Zu Fuß im Alltag) in spring 2011 across whole Austria

Walking in everyday life is essential, so far less used, potential to encourage and maintain the health. To walk half an hour daily would benefit the own health and pressure at the same time the environment. Networking with the relevant stakeholders and exchange good practice is our goal!

Are you interested? Please come and participate!

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