

Neighbourhood Accessibility Planning



The concept of Neighbourhood Accessibility Planning (NAP) aims at improving local conditions for walking and cycling as well as facilitating safe access to local facilities (e.g. schools, shops) and public transport services.

NAP follows a participatory process with the local community to identify main issues to be addressed.

A priority list of actions is drafted to enhance accessibility on a neighbourhood scale (e.g. engineering, education, marketing, encouragement, enforcement, environmental and policy initiatives).

The special needs of more vulnerable groups such as the disabled, older people and children are particularly taken into account.

“Neighbourhood accessibility planning is crucial for the liveability of inner city quarters. The participation of the citizens helps the planner to identify people’s needs and to find the right solutions.”

Paul Bickelbacher, Councillor and planner,
City of Munich, Germany



Despite its high relevance and potential to not only improve daily mobility but also social interaction in a neighbourhood, the concept is still the exception in Europe. NICHES+ promotes the uptake of this and other innovative mobility concepts throughout Europe.

Good Practice in NAP:

- Munich & Frankfurt – “Stadtviertelkonzept Nahmobilität”
- Switzerland – “Begegnungszonen” and further measures to enhance walking
- London – comprehensive walking measures
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