

Athens Urban Age Task Force Sustainable Transport and Walkability Workshop

Friday 01 October 2021, 11:00-14:30 (EEST), 10:00-13:30 (CET), 09:00-12:30 (BST)

Chair:

Ricky Burdett, Director, LSE Cities

City of Athens:

Kostas Bakoyannis, Mayor of Athens
Alexandros Tsiatsiamis, General Secretary, City of Athens

Participating experts, cross-section:

Elisabeth Mansfeld, Head of Cities Program, Alfred Herrhausen Gesellschaft
Jean-Louis Missika, Deputy Mayor of Paris (2014-2020) for urbanism, architecture, projects
of Greater Paris, economic development and attractiveness, LSE Visiting Senior Fellow
Philipp Rode, Executive Director, LSE Cities
Maria Vassilakou, Deputy Mayor of Vienna (2010-2019), Vienna Solutions, Urban
Transformation Consulting – Urban Transitions Management

Athens experts:

Vasileios Foivos Axiotis, Vice Mayor of Urban Infrastructure and City Planning, City of Athens
George Yannis, Advisor to the Mayor of Athens, Professor in Traffic Safety and Management
at NTUA (National Technical University of Athens)

Milan experts:

Valentino Sevino, Head of Mobility Department at AMAT (Environment, Mobility and
Planning Agency), City of Milan
Demetrio Skopelliti, Director of Urban Design, Planning, and Public Space at AMAT
(Environment, Mobility and Planning Agency), City of Milan

Paris experts:

Marion Waller, Advisor to the Mayor of Paris, in charge of Architecture, Heritage,
Transformation and Management of Public Space, Green spaces
Jean-Louis Missika, Deputy Mayor of Paris (2014-2020), in charge of urbanism, architecture,
projects of Greater Paris, economic development and attractiveness

In Attendance:

Emily Cruz, Outreach Manager, LSE Cities
Giorgos Giannios, Head of Strategic Planning, City of Athens
Loukas Triantis, Urban Age Task Force Coordinator, LSE Cities/Athens

Sustainable Transport and Walkability Agenda			
(EEST)		Duration	
11:00	Welcome and introductions	Ricky Burdett , Director, LSE Cities Kostas Bakoyannis , Mayor of Athens (tbc) / Alexandros Tsiatsiamis , General Secretary, City of Athens	10 Min
11:10	Athens	Vasileios Foivos Axiotis , Vice Mayor of Urban Infrastructure and City Planning, City of Athens George Yannis , Advisor to the Mayor of Athens, Professor in Traffic Safety and Management at NTUA	20 Min
11:30	Discussion		30 Min
12:00	Break		10 Min
12:10	Milan	Valentino Sevino , Head of Mobility Department at AMAT, City of Milan Demetrio Skopelliti , Director of Urban Design, Planning, and Public Space at AMAT, City of Milan	20 Min
12:30	Discussion		30 Min
13:00	Paris	Marion Waller , Advisor to the Mayor of Paris, in charge of Architecture, Heritage, Transformation and Management of Public Space, Green spaces	20 Min
13:20	Discussion		30 Min
13:50	Lessons from 3 case studies		30 Min
14:20	Concluding remarks	Ricky Burdett , Director, LSE Cities and other experts	10 Min
14:30	End		3.5 Hours

Overview of Presentations

Athens

The 'Athens Great Walk' has been a pilot project promoted by the City of Athens since 2019. It aims to upgrade mobility for all, to promote public transport and active travel modes (walking and cycling), and to reform public space in the city centre, while also connecting some of the city's major archaeological and green sites. The 'Great Walk' will be discussed in relation to the findings from its pilot implementation, addressing issues of acceptability by the general public and its relationship to the city's wider Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan.

Milan

The City of Milan has successfully embraced sustainable transport by elaborating a strategic urban mobility plan, implementing several 'tactical urbanism' initiatives to respond to the challenges of the pandemic. The Open Streets/Strade Aperte plan is a particularly relevant case study that promotes sustainable urban mobility, which has opened more streets to cyclists and pedestrians. It provides an positive model of how to redesign streets, reallocate street space and to enhance safer, clearer, greener and healthier transport options.

Paris

The City of Paris has set new standards in sustainable urban mobility and the quality of the public realm, establishing a new, more balanced relationship between pedestrians, bicycles and cars. Its efforts to establish Paris as a post-car city include strategies to reduce the amount of cars in central areas, minimise the number of parking spaces whilst investing in an extensive network of cycle lanes. The presentation will review major projects - including major transformations along the River Seine – and address the administration's approach to public engagement and the impact of mobility interventions on everyday behaviours.