

A group of people, including children and adults, are participating in a community activity in a public square. They are holding long poles and ropes, possibly part of a team-building exercise or a game. The background shows a crowd of people and a bridge structure.

# Shared Public Spaces: an innovative approach towards better cities – Experiences from Germany, Switzerland and The Netherlands

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# Key Challenges Public Shared Spaces beyond 2030

- **No One Left Behind:** “Right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment” as a human right (UN Resolution 2021), inclusive and integrated participation processes: **community engagement and place-led development**
- **Climate Change Adaptation:** profound transformation of open public spaces to increase urban resilience and quality of life: **unsealing and green canopies reconnecting with Nature**
- **Mobility System Change:** transform open public spaces to more walkability, accessibility, efficient transportation and barrier-free access (15min city): **radical transformation towards multimodal and multifunctional open spaces**

-- Urgent need to transform our public spaces into shared spaces, made for citizens

# A new planning paradigm

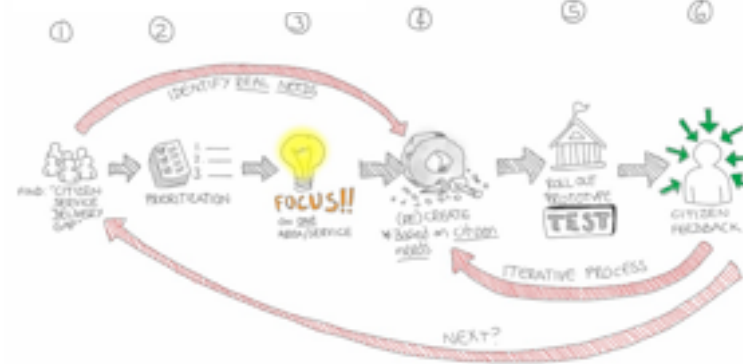


SDG's 2030

Social conditions, justice, equality, health, culture, democracy, power, matters of security, and even survival are all interwoven with the biosphere, the thin layer at the Earth's surface where all life is found.



New European Bauhaus  
beautiful sustainable together



Source: "Citizen's involvement" Worldbank 2020



# Choosing the best possible future

Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Central Station

The Future of Good Urban Life:

Cities as best possible places to live, work and visit



# Place-Led civic participation





# Place-led development towards 2050



Rotterdam, the Netherlands

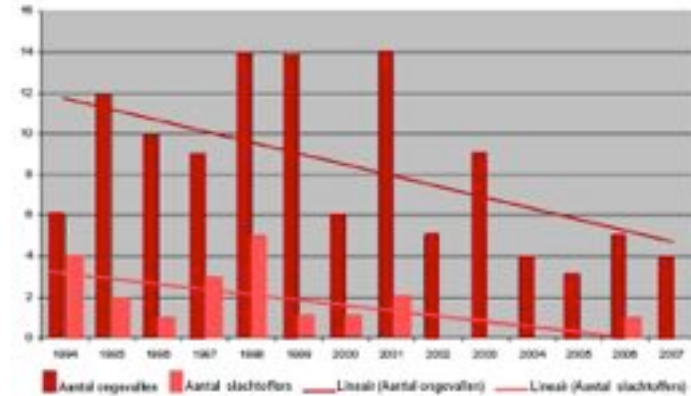
Bringing the multitude of interventions / connections in one defined area, creating social, economical, environmental and cultural values.

It means:

- Increase the value of public space in the city
- Flexible over time to adjust to changing urban programmes
- Exciting and lively social spaces, integrating multiple new functions we didn't think about pre-2020

# Shared Public Spaces in The Netherlands

## Haren, Rijksstraatweg (Groningen)



Unfallkategorie Jahr	U (Gt)	U (SV)	U (LV)	U (S)	Gesamt
1997 - 2003	0	2	8	70	80
2004 - 2008	0	1	3	28	32
UKD vorher					511
UKD nachher					286

### Unfälle und Unfallkostendichte (UKD)



# Shared Public Spaces in The Netherlands Nijverdalen Grotestraat (Enschede)



BEFORE | 2017

OKRA



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# Shared Public Spaces in Germany: Brühl (Cologne)



Brühl – der „Stern“

Unfallkategorie Jahr	U (Gt)	U (SV)	U (LV)	U (S)	Gesamt
2004 - 2005	0	1	7	1	9
2007 - 2008	0	0	1	5	6
UKD vorher					270
UKD nachher					61

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GDV 2009



Gegenseitige Rücksichtnahme funktioniert



# Shared Public Spaces in Switzerland (Biel)



Unfallkategorie	U (Gt)	U (SV) / U (LV)	U (S)	Gesamt
Jahr				
07/1996 - 06/2001	0	6	4	10
12/2002 - 11/2007	0	5	6	11
UKD vorher				88
UKD nachher				79

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Zentralplatz Biel

Weiche Separation der Geh- und Fahrflächen

# Take Aways towards better Public Shared Spaces



- Inclusive participation in placemaking essential and genius loci: citizens at the centre!
- Urgent transformation towards more resilience and climate adaptation by adopting the 3-30-300 green canopy rule and unsealing measures
- Mobility change is mentality change – other type of infrastructure brings other mobility habits
- To be used in urban context, with some limitations until 14.000 cars/day, but as factor of change in urban mobility patterns
- Higher security for all in urban spaces, significant reduction of accidents and injuries in public shared spaces
- Compatible to European traffic signs and different Street Codes (Code de la Rue)



Zeichen 325



Zeichen 274.1

European traffic signs / Switzerland



Begegnungszone