

An independent jury has selected the following cities as finalists for addressing safe walking and cycling in sustainable urban mobility planning.



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One city with 19 mayors, Brussels Capital Region has shown the importance of teamwork to change the face of urban mobility. That means a policy agreed upon at the highest levels after wide consultation, citizen participation and communication, and then implemented according to the context of different neighbourhoods.

This ecosystem has flowered into a bouquet of impressive ambitions, and clear ways of reaching them, including zero deaths by 2030, a 30 km/h standard speed limit by 2021, and connected city-wide infrastructure that makes walking and cycling safe and enjoyable for all.

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Kaunas (LITHUANIA)

This city has big dreams, with a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan that puts better quality of life as its number one ambition and is clear on the second step: turning its dreams into a reality. Making good use of the EU guidelines, Kaunas's SUMP has intermodality at its heart: A journey via bike, bus, train and foot will pose no problems to travellers, thanks to comfortable and convenient multi-modal hubs.

Nor has Kaunas taken a fair-weather approach, the city has thought carefully about its harsh winters and making sure that infrastructure for walking, cycling and public transport remains intact and in use despite the cold. That means that ice and snow won't block the path to zero road deaths that Kaunas has carefully cleared.



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Wrocław (POLAND)

Innovation is the name of the game in a city with a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan that is pushing for a real paradigm shift that will position it as a national frontrunner and inspiration for other cities. Wrocław involved citizens and stakeholders deeply, even in budgeting some of its measures, in this holistic planning that is linked to a wider reimagining of what the city can be for its people.

Goals in the city are kept realistic without being soft, and there is a serious push towards the vision of zero road deaths in the future. Every planned action has encouraging walking and cycling at its heart and an eye on connecting neighbourhoods while respecting their different uses and characters.

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