

Walk21 2019 Abstract

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## **Revealing cities' potential City walkability comparison**

No city is perfectly walkable. But where should we start with?

Sixteen Swiss cities are taking part in a walkability comparison in 2019 which will reveal their best practices and their improvement potential.

A national programme supports the NGO actif-trafiC and Pedestrian Mobility Switzerland as well as the Hochschule für Technik Rapperswil to fulfil this pioneer data collecting study.

Research questions and methods:

To encourage walking daily mobility routines, municipalities need to know what measures are worth to invest in order to better implement their action plans. We developed indicators to add walking to the existing rating of transportation modes. These tools will be at the disposal of the participant offices.

Questions addressed:

1. How is the infrastructure's quality?

Pedestrian audit of crossroads and sidewalks along with attractiveness and connection with public spaces and transit hubs. GIS referenced data are collected both by professionals and the community, using tablets.

2. To which extent do authorities promote walkable streets?

Interview with the mobility office

Indicators' set: governance (responsibilities, coordination), finance, planning, implementation and communication.

3. How inhabitants rate their city's quality on foot?

Online satisfaction survey

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