



WALK'N & ROLL FINAL EVENT

Objective: Share and discuss relevant topics, results and findings from **three different networks**

BARCELLONA 2022 6-8 July



PARTICIPANTS



EUROCITIES TEAM



Wednesday 6 July Co-creation day

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- Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona HQ C/ 62, 16-18, Zona Franca, Barcelona
- 8:15 (Optional) Meeting at Sants Station or Plaça Espanya + bus ride to the venue
- 9:00 Check-in and ice-breaking
- 9:30 Co-creation session: input Challenge and self-reflection
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:15 Co-creation session: hands-on Breakout groups and plenary discussion
- 13:45 Lunch break
- 15:00 Technical visit explanations at AMB
- 16:00 Bus to technical visits
- 16:30 Technical visits
 - C-245: from road to metropolitan avenue. Bike tour.
 - Old N-2: rethinking a national road to achieve a civic axis. Bike tour.
 - Pere IV, superblock and Glòries-Meridiana transformation. Walk.
- 19:30 End of technical visits
- 20:00 Informal dinner Mamut Club, Viladecans
- 23:00 Bus to hotels

Thursday 7 July Walk'n'Roll day

- Museu de les aigües Agbar, Cornellà Ctra. de Sant Boi, 4, Cornellà de Llobregat
- 8:15 (Optional) Meeting at Sants Station or Plaça Espanya +metro/train ride to the venue
- 9:00 Institutional welcome
- 9:30 Walk'n'Roll challenges and outputs Keynote by Paul Lecroart, Institut Paris Region Round table: Challenges and network results
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:45 Looking to the future Input by Isabel Tomé, AMB Cross-network collaboration
- 12:45 Lunch break and new opportunities networking
- 14:15 Future networks Network creation feedback
- 14:45 Workshop results by Ivàn Tosics, URBACT Programme Expert, and Claus Köllinger, Béla Kézy, Roland Krebs, network LPs
- 15:15 Thematic roundtables The future of mobility Moderated by Marc Iglesias, AMB The future of public space Moderated by Albert Gassull, AMB The future of integrated urban planning Moderated by Loles Herrero, AMB Open debate Moderated by Xavi Tiana, AMB
- 18:30 Meeting closure
- 19:00 Dinner



- () Teatre Municipal Cooperativa, Barberà
 - Ptge. de la Cooperativa, 5, Barberà del Vallès
- 8:15 (Optional) Meeting at Sants Station +bus/train ride to the venue
- 9:00 Institutional welcome
- 9:30 Mobility builds the metropolis. A historical approach Teresa Navas, PhD in Geography
- 10:00 The RiConnect world Roland Krebs, RiConnect Lead Expert
- 10:15 Integrated action plan showcase
- 11:30 Coffee break
- 12:00 Case studies and social impact Brian Rosa, Geographer
- 12:15 Integrated action plan showcase
- 13:30 RiConnect: main outcomes Roland Krebs and Rosa Rull, RiConnect Lead Experts
- 13:45 RiConnect awards
- 14:00 Closure and farewell Joan Caba, RiConnect Lead Coordinator



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FIRST DAY - CITY SIMMULATION GAME

EURO CITIES The first day of the Barcelona conference was devoted to co-creation: showing and further developing the results achieved by the partnership. There was 4.5 hour time available in the morning to present and discuss the results of the Walk'n'Roll partnership to the partner cities and participants from Metrex and Eurocities. This happened in the following sessions

The four mayors reported briefly their challenges. In a Slido poll the audience gave the most votes for Thessaloniki (against Arad, Porto and Nova Gorica). Thus a crucial meeting with the 'mayor' of Thessaloniki and her team was mimicked at the stage, where all interested stakeholders were present and debated openly the different suggestions.

Four break-out groups were formed (in advance) based on city size / category. Each group worked on a pre-selected city case, discussing one pre-selected concrete problematic change case, presented by a person from the given city, who played the role of being the mayor of the city. The moderator had the task to link back the discussion to the visions and tools, presented in the introductory presentation. During the discussion the moderator assigned participants into "stakeholder groups" (cyclists, car-owning residents, shop owners, children, elderly, etc.). Each group prepared their position regarding the suggested changes.





Superblock



The second day of the Barcelona conference was devoted to the **evaluation of the results of the partnership and a discussion about future steps needed.**

Workshop results: evaluation of city answers and challenges of implementation (45 mins)

Walk'n'Roll experts presented a **quick evaluation of the answers of cities on the selfevaluation exercise about visions and tools**: what they claim they already have and what would they like to have in the future.

The evaluation of **22** answers (ranging from large metropolitan areas, like Greater Paris, Metropolitan area of Porto till medium and smaller cities, like Panevežys, Nova Gorica, Santo Tirso) has shown, that **some of the visions are already in action in many cities**: Active mobility city / cycling city in 77%, while Pedestrian priority / walkable city in 73% of the cities. **The more complex visions, however, are not applied yet, but only planned for the future:** 68% of the cities are planning to apply the City as network of car-free spaces vision, while 50% of the cities plan to apply the 15-minute city vision.

There is a similar split between the **simpler and more complex tools**: the majority of cities **does not have yet, but is planning to apply the more difficult tools**, such as Transforming highways into urban boulevards (68% of cities), E-mobility regulation (55%), School area / shopping street mobility regulation (50%), Superblock on small scale (50%).

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The quick evaluation also revealed the **difference between cities according to their size.** Small cities lack regulations relating E-Mobility and 4 out of 5 want to engage into this. They give more emphasis on school area / shopping street regulations and are less interested in transit-oriented development. On the other hand, larger cities of 150.000 - 350.000 population plan for a City as network of car-free spaces and all want to engage in transforming highways into urban boulevards. What they already apply are the simpler tools of Shared Space / co-existing streets as well as Parking management.





THEMATIC ROUNDTABLES



The roundtable was organized for the **Lead Partners of five networks**: 3 URBACT networks from the Walk'n'Roll partnership, and METREX and EUROCITIES.

The discussion brought up the importance of being able to get informed about innovative visions and tools, understand and adapt these to the local situation, debate these with the stakeholders, communicate the emerging concrete ideas and convince the politicians (mayors of cities) that the combined set of adapted visions and tools is very important for the future of the city. In this process the innovative visions and tools have to be visualized, experimented and tested. Also innovative ways have to be found to involve politicans such as taking them on study tour, invite their peers, suggest concrete and small projects which could be interesting and feasible for politicians, organize communication events and festivals to which politicians love to go. These are difficult tasks, which can only be performed well in a city, if a concise information package about the innovative visions and tools is available, and the city gets also informed about the experiences of implementation in other cities.

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1. Trees always first



05. Street lighting priority for pedestrians



09. Functional surfaces



O2. Trees & bushes as a buffer



O6. Side parking with trees in between



10. Declutter



O3. Streets as narrow as possible



07. Black elements for architectual distinction



11. Space 'ownership' at the façade



04. More safe crossings



08. Pavement as a symbol of priority



12. Smaller intersections

THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC SPACE – 12 STREET PRINCIPLES



In the course of the work of the Walk'n'Roll partnership first **two exploratory webinars** have been organized, collecting the most innovative examples of mobility and public space interventions towards more sustainable cities. Then the **final conference** intended to further develop the results, **chrystallizing and systematizing the innovative visions and tools, organizing co-creation workshops with city representatives on their understanding,** discussing also the barriers of implementation.

Some key conclusions gained through this journey can be summarized as follows.

Even though participants already have considerable knowledge, they really **appreciate a structured overview of visions and tools, illustrated by concrete city examples**, showing the achievements and potential problems of the innovative interventions.

Not surprisingly, there is **significant difference between larger cities and metropolitan areas and smaller towns in terms of the visions and tools** they know of (or are already using). Obviously, big cities have more capacities, knowledge, experience, while smaller towns have difficulties to access and use these types of information.

While the scale and nature of the challenges sometimes are quite different between large and small cities, there is **substantial value in the dialogue and cooperation** – small towns can be inspired, learn and adapt from the big ones, while the latter can have a better understanding of small town problems which could be useful when working with surrounding settlements. Also, transferring knowledge and methods by the big cities could be a voluntary mission for them – similarly to the case of Barcelona, which has shown a really positive example with the organization of the conference.

Despite the urgency to deal with the mounting problems of mobility and public space management, **currently no structured**, **practical**, **and easy-to-use summary exists that would present the innovative visions and tools**, which would give an overview about these, extended by information about their application in forerunner cities. **Such a structured summary**, **like a guide-book**, **would be very important for all actors in the game**: the politicians, municipal officers, consultants/experts, stakeholders, population groups.

CONCLUSIONS

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- All contents: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jPjKWe3sLBY5iqmLmd3KLzoxkivSfN9W?usp=sharing
- Wed July 6: Co-creation day
- Presentations: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19fZz3Q2ncW2Cn7f3pj9BlBoRnu80ThJg?usp=sharing
- hotos: https://photos.app.goo.gl/HAoHCoEJw79xko44A
- Superilla site visit video: https://youtu.be/tDoSndvNwdk
- Thu July 7: Walk'n'Roll day
- Presentations: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10E-kzMQ1peQKSmYf7gXL9yeQPdx1Qljq?usp=sharing
- Photos: https://photos.app.goo.gl/hgXSPFPrmjss5u1R7
- Iván Bravo illustration: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zGBDaXXwkgiftK_aS910xeUjgZk0FwTc?usp=sharing
- New network workshop: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PPy1QlW2hnzjnhemfcJo8Un3SgnPktgz/view?usp=sharing
- Summary video: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnK-MeArRZY9j6CaNhvYPn8L5NpSuhCzc
- Full recording: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnK-MeArRZY_NfgkBDkqV1snWL86CZZXC
- Fri July 8: RiConnect day

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