



Active Mobility: Investment Programme for Walking & Cycling



Facts & Figures

Organisation:

- Initiated by the Ministry of Transport and Communications
- Implemented by the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency (Traficom)

Type of Initiative:

National funding scheme

Target groups:

Municipalities

Duration:

Started 2018; for the time being planned to end 2022

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Description of the Initiative

A funding scheme financed by the state, directed to municipalities for their investments in walking or cycling infrastructure. Municipalities have to finance at least 50 % of the project themselves. The idea is to support infrastructure projects that improve conditions for everyday walking and/or cycling (as transport modes, not as sports or recreation). The general goal is to increase both, the number of walking and cycling trips and their modal share.

The funding scheme was first mentioned in the National Programme for Walking and Cycling Promotion, published by the Ministry for Transport and Communications in 2018.

To these six priorities 24 measures have been assigned. The Cycling Master Plan is also part of the Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan for Austria and the new government's policy program.

Impact

The projects financed in 2018 will be ready by the end of 2020, so impacts can't be evaluated yet.

Implementation of the Initiative

Yearly application procedure. The funding should be used mainly for construction, but also planning can be financed if followed by construction. In 2018, there was a total of 3,5 million euros available, for projects that fall in one of the following categories:

1. New walking and cycling routes in city regions (e.g. commuting routes)
 2. Improving the existing walking and cycling routes in city regions
 3. Travel chains, e.g. improving cycle parking
- Fifteen projects were financed in 2018. The projects should be ready and finalised by the end of 2020.

In 2019, twelve projects were financed, and they should be ready by 10/2021. There was a total of 3,5 million Euros available.

In 2020, the available budget will be higher than in previous years.

Lessons learned

The funding scheme has been important for municipalities, even though the total sum available nationally has been rather modest.