

MICROMOBILITY - DEVELOPMENTS IN SERBIA AND WESTERN BALKANS

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WESTERN BALKANS TRANSPORT POLICY CONTEXT AND FRAMEWORK

- ▶ Climate change consequences
 - ▶ Transport as a key factor to contribute to regional connectivity, economic prosperity, but with negative effects to environment and health
 - ▶ Transport and Energy – main sources of greenhouse gases emissions
 - ▶ The overall share of transport emissions is dominated by the share of CO2 emissions from road transport
 - ▶ Larger urban areas in the region suffer from extremely high pollution
 - ▶ Making transport cleaner and sustainable - one of the significant drivers of transport policy in the Western Balkans Region
- ▶ EU Green Deal
 - ▶ European Union`s Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy
 - ▶ The Green agenda for Western Balkans
 - ▶ Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy for the Western Balkans

URBAN MOBILITY – ONE OF THE FLAGSHIPS FOR SMART AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY STRATEGY

- Achieving smart, sustainable, and resilient mobility in urban environment
 - New mobility options: walking, cycling, micromobility provide alternatives which
 - reduce congestion;
 - contribute to lower carbon pollution;
 - positively impact human health
 - Necessary changes of how transport is being managed:
 - by improving and optimizing urban infrastructure and logistics
 - legislative interventions
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DEVELOPMENTS IN SERBIA TO SUPPORT MICROMOBILITY

- ▶ **Sustainable and Integrated Urban Development Strategy of the Republic of Serbia until 2030 that encompasses the set of measures for strengthening of accessibility, transport and urban mobility by:**
 - ▶ Preparation, adoption and implementation of sustainable urban mobility plans (SUMP)
 - ▶ Change of transport planning concept with focus on public transportation and non-motorized transport in central zones
 - ▶ Introduction of new technologies in transport (electric vehicles, new modular public transport systems, car sharing, car-pooling, etc.)
 - ▶ **Development of Smart Urban Development Plan for Belgrade and more: Kruševac, Aleksinac**
 - ▶ **Development of the National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plan (NTHEAP)**
 - ▶ **Draft Cycling Strategy 2022-2026**
 - ▶ **The new Law on Road Traffic Safety recognizes micromobility vehicles**
 - ▶ **Local Infrastructure and Institutional Development (LIID) Project**
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INITIATIVES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS TO BOOST MICROMOBILITY

- **Transport Community Action plan for Road Safety**
 - Action to develop specific (regional/national) programme for the protection of vulnerable road users and in particular for powered-two-wheelers
- **Preparation, adoption and implementation of sustainable urban mobility plans (SUMP) for the capitals in the region with progress continuing in smaller towns supported by projects:**
 - Open Regional Fund for South-East Europe – Energy, Transport and Climate Protection (co-funded by EU and German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development)
 - EBRD Green Cities programme
- **Proposal of Declaration on Cycling as a Sustainable Mode of Transport**
 - General objective of the declaration would be promoting cycling as a sustainable and healthy mode of transport and establishing coordinating mechanism in the region for improving cycling

THE WAY FORWARD...

- ▶ Enhancing national focus on urban mobility - transport policies and financial support should reflect the importance of urban mobility
- ▶ Strengthening of institutional framework and capacity for sustainable planning and implementation of SUMP
- ▶ Making media acquaintance with the sustainable urban mobility topics to promote benefits for environment and health when choosing micromobility options in our daily commuting
- ▶ Boosting cooperation and good practice exchange in the region - Hosting the Partnership in Active Mobility in Belgrade, Serbia (April 22-24, 2024), will be the good opportunity to promote new trends with e Bikes and scooters and copy the good examples of other countries

THANK YOU!

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