Belgian and German Session

A view from the German perspective

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Cycling in Germany is...

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Germany – a cycling nation?

269 in der Basisstichprobe der MiD 2008 erfasste Gemeinden

Cycling conditions

Very good

Very bad

Modal split cycling %

Definition
Radfahrbedingungen:

Index aus einer Klassifikation der Topografie (Auswertung der TU Dresden im Auftrag des UBA) und subjektiver Einstufung der Erreichbarkeit wichtiger Ziele mit dem Fahrrad durch die Befragten

Source: Robert Follmer, infas
Cycling as a “serious transport mode”

• Paradigm of car-friendly city is gone – but what is next?
• Cycling a “must” element of sustainable urban mobility
• 82% of respondents of a nationwide survey want local policy to do more for cycling
• Truly visionary approaches to transformation of urban mobility widely lacking
• But, many visible pragmatic steps in local municipalities
• Climber cities show → considerable increase in cycling is possible within short time (e.g. Karlsruhe +1% per year in modal share)
Challenge: Safety

- Every 22 hours a killed cyclist
- Every 36 minutes a badly injured cyclist
- Every 8 minutes a slightly injured cyclist

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Challenge: Distribution of space

Berlin Warschauer Straße before

after

Photos: Google Street View (above), Sebastian Bührmann (below)
Challenge: What kind of infrastructure do users accept?

Photo: Sebastian Bührmann
Challenge: Improving intermodality

Photo: Jörg Thiemann-Linden
Challenge: Changing minds

Photos: Landeshauptstadt München
Trend: Cycling highways

Photo: Sebastian Bührmann
Trend: Bicycle streets

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The Netherlands...?
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