

# Integrating Mobility Infrastructure, a European Topic

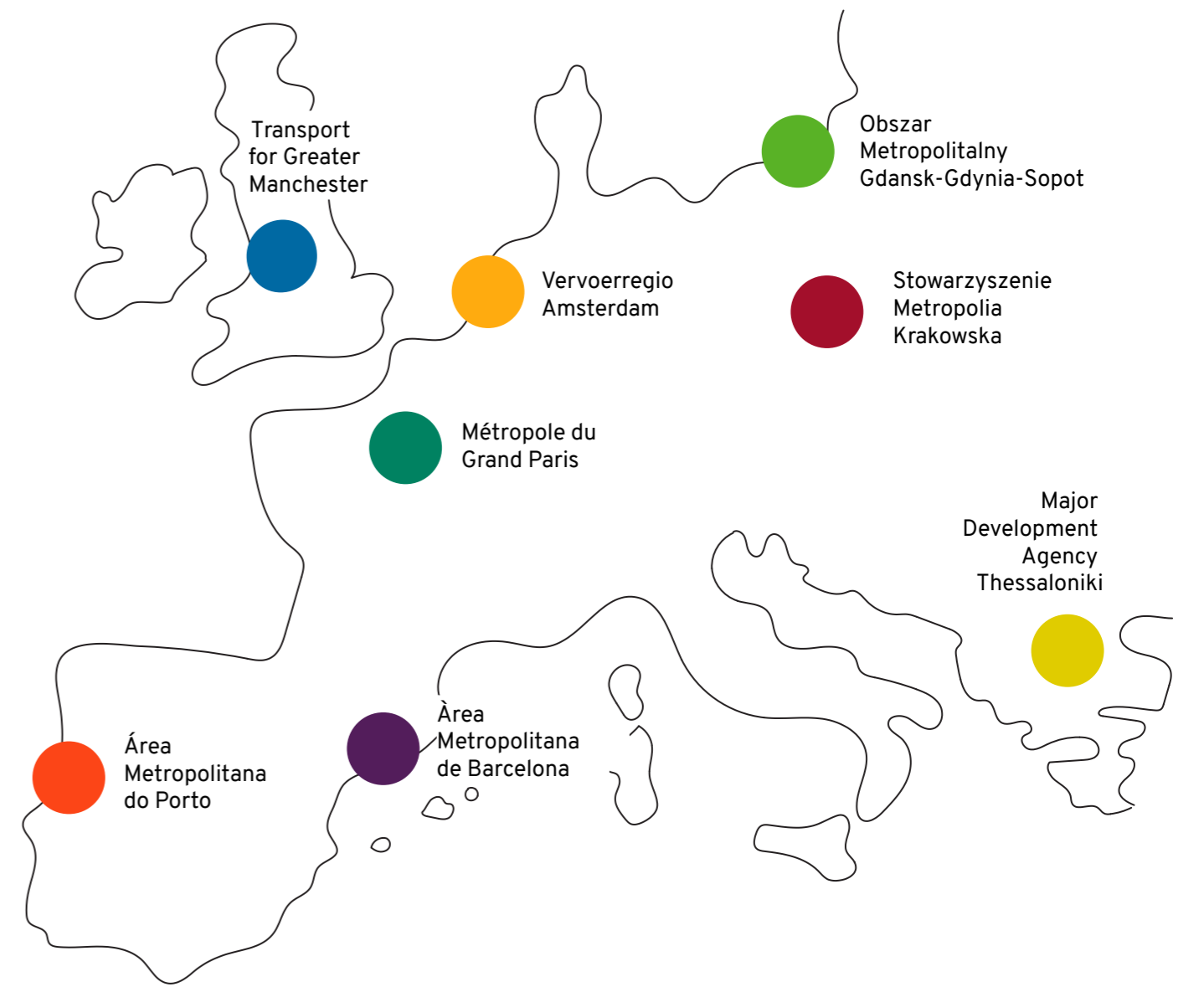
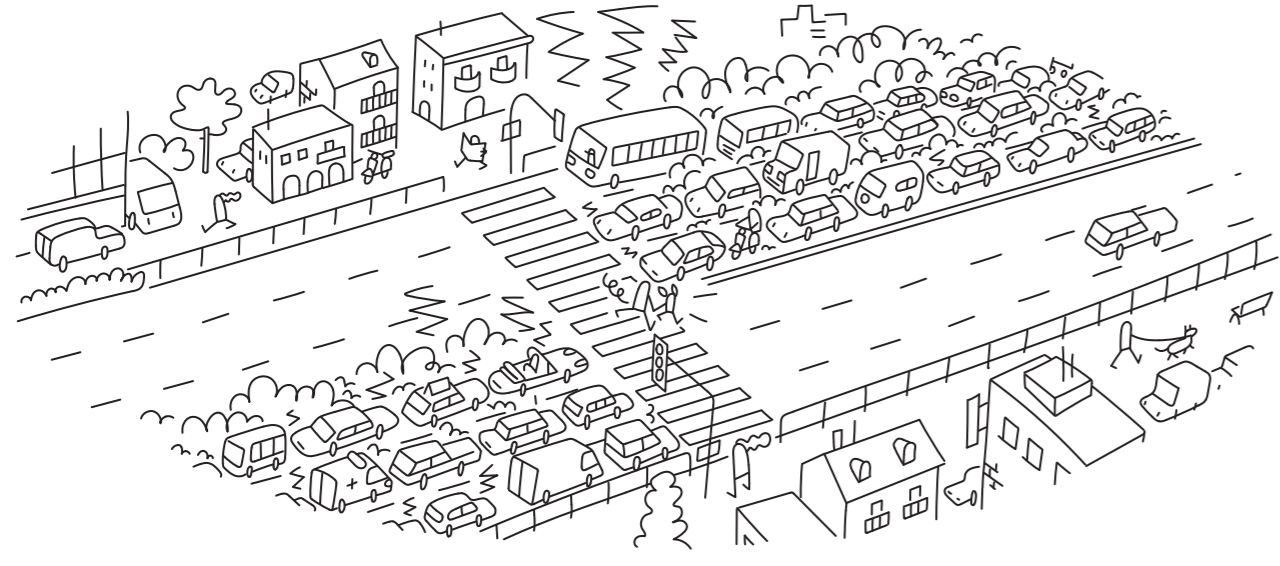
## URBACT RiConnect

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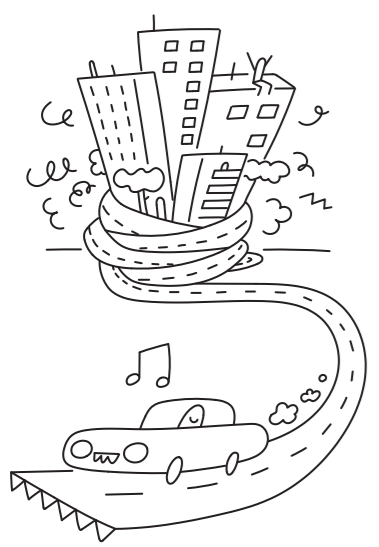


RiConnect is a network of eight metropolitan areas working to rethink, transform and integrate mobility infrastructures with the aim of reconnecting people, neighbourhoods, cities and natural areas.

We have developed planning strategies, processes, instruments and partnerships to foster public transport and active mobility, counteract side effects and social segregation, and unlock opportunities for urban regeneration.

## Topics

### Mobility



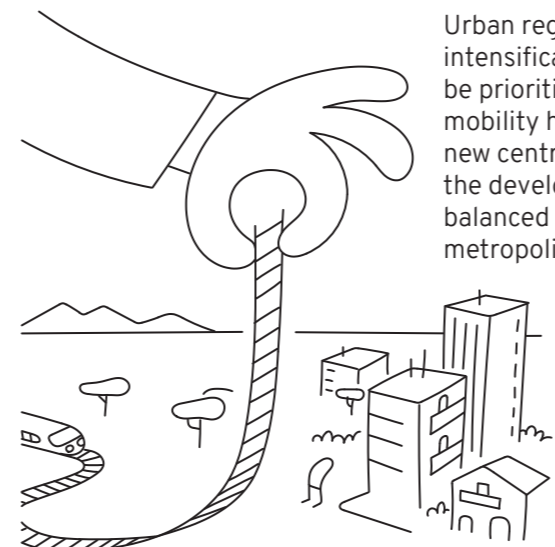
Public transport and active mobility need to be prioritised because they are the key tool to achieve more efficient, sustainable, safe and equitable mobility for everyone.

### Public space



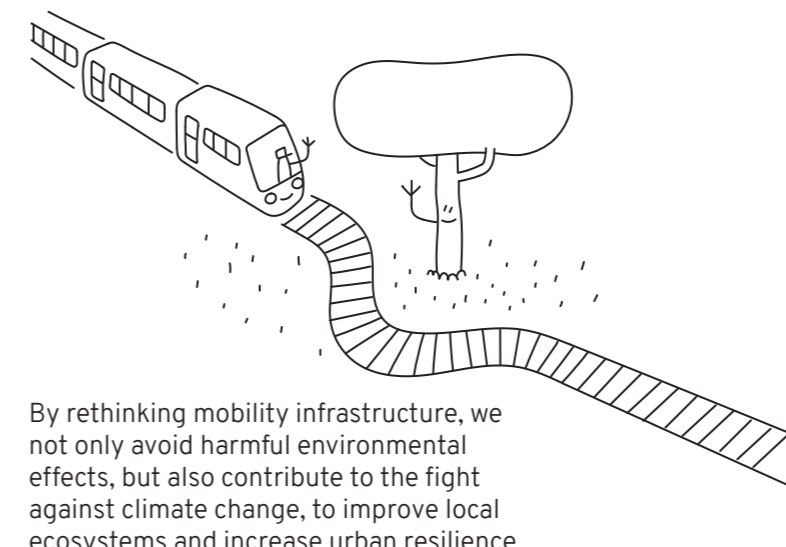
New public spaces for citizens can be achieved by humanising the infrastructure, making new accessible spaces, or reclaiming areas devoted to mobility for broader public use.

### Urban planning



Urban regeneration and intensification should be prioritised around mobility hubs: creating new centralities to foster the development of a more balanced and mixed-uses metropolis.

### Ecosystem functions



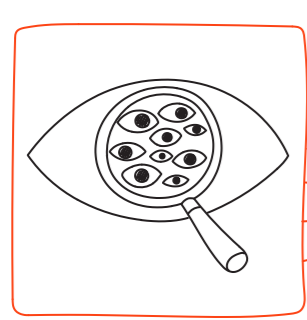
By rethinking mobility infrastructure, we not only avoid harmful environmental effects, but also contribute to the fight against climate change, to improve local ecosystems and increase urban resilience.

### Social impact

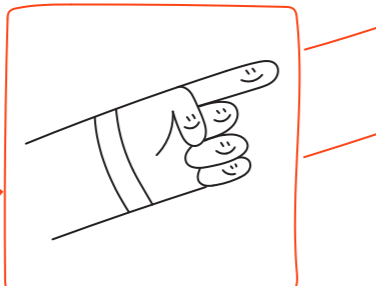


Fostering community collaboration and promoting social and economic policy will be key to achieving a positive social impact.

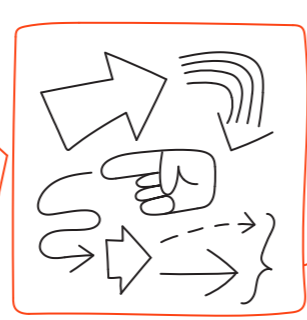
## Drafting the plan



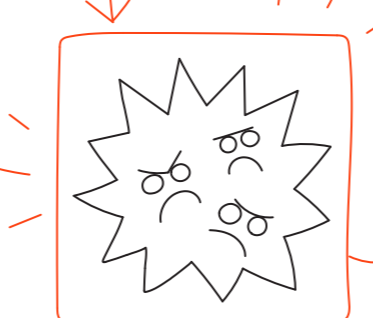
**Share diagnosis**  
Sector-specific diagnosis leads to segregated solutions. To build an integrated approach and maximise potential, all stakeholders must contribute to a common diagnosis of the site and its needs.



**Establish a common vision**  
A strong, common vision of the project's objectives is essential to effectively navigate the obstacles that plans will inevitably encounter during the drafting and implementation process.



**Iterative process**  
Planning processes may need to go back and forth towards the best solutions.

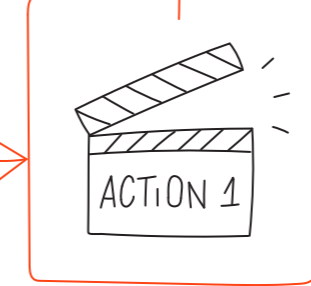


**Conflict mediation**  
Participation processes may trigger or revive pre-existing conflicts.

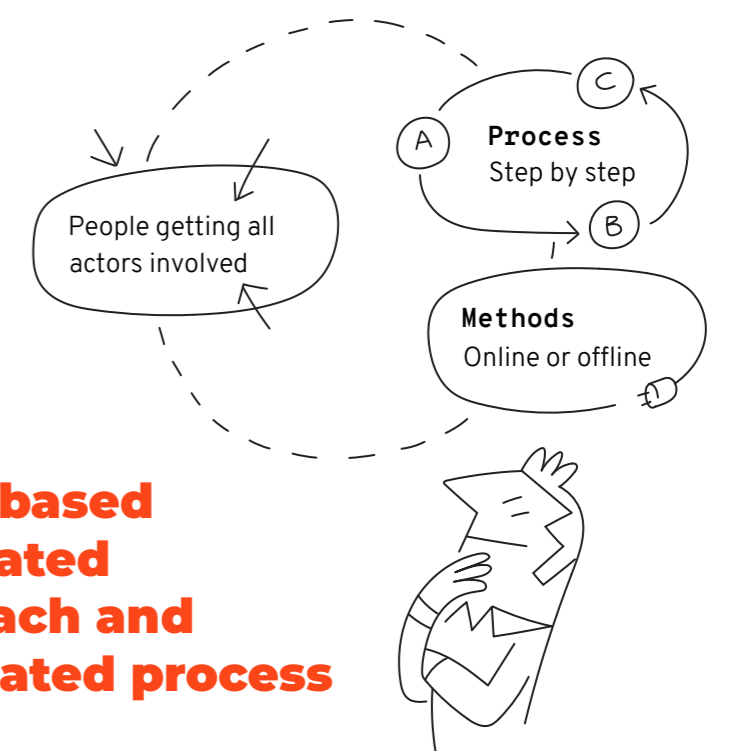


**Define goals and strategies**  
How do we make change happen? Specific goals and strategies will help to guide the process and organise efforts.

Next station: implementation!



**Draft the actions**  
Define a set of actions that provide the roadmap to your vision. The roadmap should be specific and coherent, establish clear roles and responsibilities, and incorporate a calendar.



**Place-based integrated approach and co-created process**

## Avinguda del Vallès, a Metropolitan Avenue



**The space**  
Redevelopment of the avenue  
Connecting municipalities  
Promotion of sustainable mobility  
Environmental health programme



**The filling**  
Defining the area around the road  
Preserving and highlighting heritage  
Promoting local activity  
Programming spaces of opportunity



**Small-scale action**  
The main objective was to raise awareness of the project, collect citizens' opinions and test some of the projects proposed.

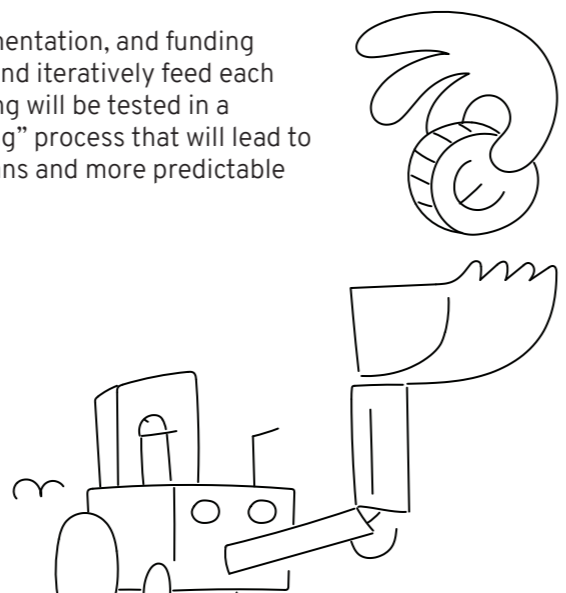
### Co-created process

- 23 Core group meetings
- 8 Co-creation group meetings
- 3 Commitment group meetings
- 2 Open meetings (citizens)



### Implementation and funding

Planning, implementation, and funding are intertwined and iteratively feed each other. So, planning will be tested in a "learning by doing" process that will lead to more feasible plans and more predictable implementation.



**Co-creation sessions**  
Involving all the specialists, institutions, associations and citizens in the territory.

### Avenue

Element for structuring the territory

- The space
- The filling

### Centralities

Areas for activity, mobility and neighbouring relationships

- Metropolitan**
  - Baricentro
  - Hospital del Vallès
- Local**
  - Barberà del Vallès
  - Cerdanyola del Vallès
- Neighbourhood**
  - Cerdanyola del Vallès: Uralita
  - Cerdanyola del Vallès: Terranostra neighbourhood

### Transversal corridors

Reconnecting municipalities, neighbourhood and open spaces

- Territorial
- Local/neighbourhood

### Green corridors

Areas for enjoying nature, improving the health and the environment, and preserving the biodiversity.

- Ripoll river
- Sec river
- St. Cugat stream

