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What It's About...

Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Utrecht – several European towns are renowned for their bikeability, but few cities have in recent years undergone such a comprehensive transformation of their street space as Paris.

Massive expansions of the cycle path network, a default speed limit of 30 km/h, and the implementation of hundreds of school streets are just some of the ambitious measures that Mayor Anne Hidalgo and the administration in Paris have introduced. The densely built-up city on the Seine is thus increasingly seen as a best-practice example for the promotion of health, active mobility, road safety, and climate protection.

Together with local experts and employees of the Paris city administration, the Difu-Seminar takes an in-depth look at the French capital: what can German municipalities learn from Paris in terms of cycling, quality of public spaces, and the associated changes in street space? To this end and with the help of insights into practical experiences, answers to the following questions will be sought:

What are the similarities and differences in terms of urban planning requirements, administrative structures, and mobility behaviour?

Which difficulties has the administration encountered, and how can these be overcome?

How do Parisian citizens feel about the measures?

Target Groups

→ WebSeminar for management and specialist staff from the fields of transport and mobility planning, urban development and planning, mobility service providers, scientists, associations, private planning offices and representatives of city/municipal councils

Event Location

→ Online
→ In English only

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Mobility Transition: Role Model Paris?

Insights and lessons from the French capital

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WebSeminar

Thursday, 10th December 2026

09.00 am – Virtual Arrival

09.10 am – Welcome and Introduction
→ Dr. Michaela Christ and Luis Ullmann, Difu, Berlin

09.20 am – Insights from Paris: The Role of School Streets and Integrated Neighborhood Development in Improving Public Space
→ Priscilla Benedetti, Chief of the Public Space Team, City of Paris

09.55 am – Cycling in the Metropolis of Greater Paris – A Civil Society Perspective
→ Marie Wehner, Deputy Director of Advocacy, Collectif Vélo Île-de-France

10.30 am – Short Break

10.40 am – What can we learn? Key Lessons for German Municipalities
→ Merja Spott, Department for Walking and Cycling, SenMVKU Berlin

11.15 am – Role Model Paris? Potentials – and Limits – of Policy Transfer in the Mobility Transition
→ Joint Discussion of all Speakers

11.50 am – Wrap-Up and Conclusion

12.00 pm – End of WebSeminar