

# National Cycling Plan 2002 – 2012 Ride your bike!

## Objectives and Measures to promote Cycling in Germany

# Cycling Policies as a Part of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development



- Reduction and substitution of motorised short distance transport,
- Cycling as part of an integrated, intermodal policy for urban travel,
- Concept of the „compact city“



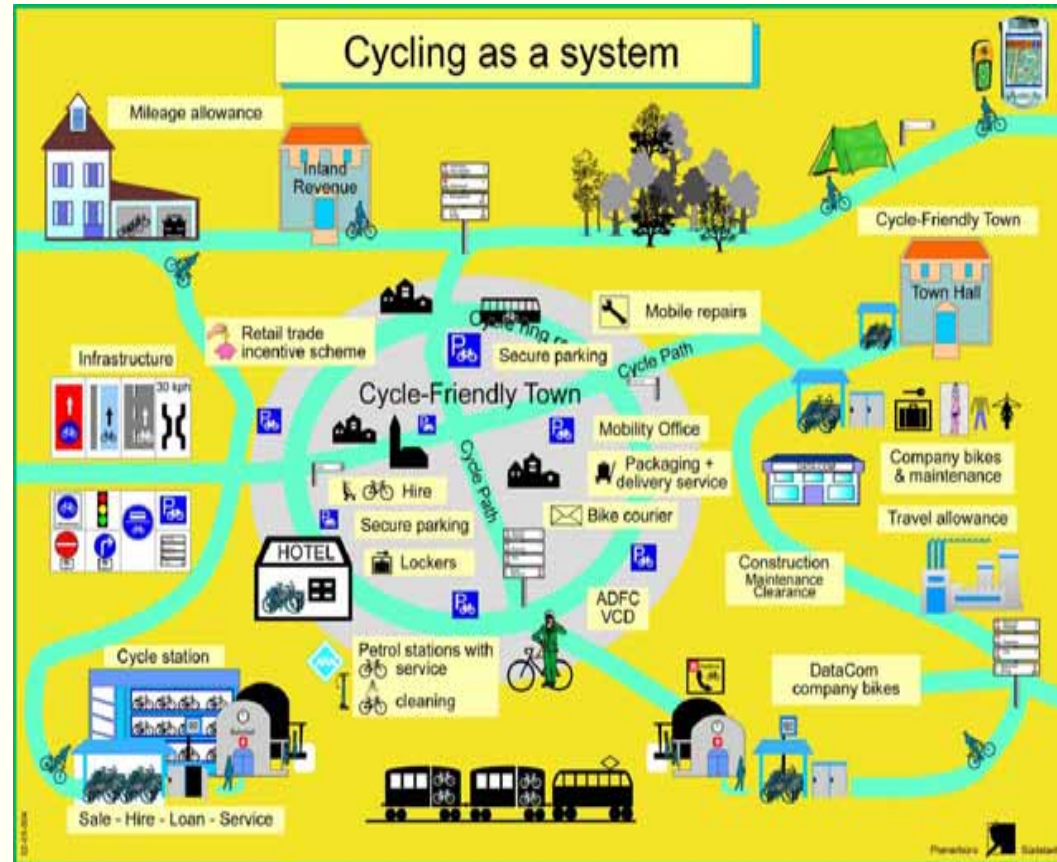
# Tapping the full potential of the bike



- In Germany there are twice as much bicycles than cars.
- 70 millions of citizens have access to a bicycle.
- Statistically, each household owns two bicycles.
- 50% of motorised trips are shorter than 5 km.

# Cycling as a system

## Infrastructure – Service – Information/PR



# Objectives of the German National Cycling Strategy



- To increase the share of cycling in Germany until 2012
- To promote cycling as an element of a sustainable, integrated transport policy
- To promote social and environmentally compatible local mobility
- To improve road safety for cyclists

# Measures on the National Level

- Doubling of the federal funds for bicycle infrastructure
- Improvement of the regulatory framework
- Realisation of research projects
- Spreading knowledge and information
- Invitation to a public dialogue
- Efficient coordination and cooperation



# Financial Measures

- Since 2002: 100 million € annually for the construction and maintenance of cycle tracks along federal highways (2007: 80 million €)
- Since 2003: 3,5 million € annually for upgrading operational paths along federal waterways to cycle paths
- Since 2004: Local Authority Transport Infrastructure Financing Act funds separate cycle tracks and signposting
- Since 2004: 2 million € annually for non-investment measures and pilot projects



# Improvement of the regulatory Framework

- Bicycle –related amendments to the German Road Traffic Regulations in 1997, 2001 and 2008
- Amendment to the Federal Building Code in 2004 in favour of non-motorised traffic





# Research projects

- Continuous research programmes on urban transport and on mobility and transport
- Research projects initiated by the National Cycling Plan:
  - Amendment of the legal framework
  - Compilation of funding opportunities
  - Prospects of a Bicycle-Foundation
  - Guidelines for better cooperation in regional planning
  - Perspectives of German Cycle tourism (esp.D-Route-network)



# Spreading Knowledge and Information



- Regular Reports on the situation of Cycling in Germany on behalf of the Federal Government (2000, 2007)
- Publishing of leaflets and planning recommendations
- Regular newsletter for local administrations
- Communication of „Best Practice“



## Invitation to a Public Dialogue



- National and regional conferences
- Internet-Portal [www.nrvp.de](http://www.nrvp.de)
- Annual national contest „best for bike“
- Funding of „soft measures“ (federal states, municipalities, NGOs)



# Internet Portal of Germany's National Cycling Plan: [www.nrvp.de](http://www.nrvp.de)





# Efficient Coordination and Cooperation



- Joint Working Group on Cycling
- Advisory Board on Cycling Policies
- Federal Ministries cooperate for the implementation of the National Cycling Plan

# Joint Working Group on Cycling

- 16 Federal States (Laender)
- German Cyclist's Association (ADFC)
- German Sustainable Transport Association (VCD)
- Association of German Bicycle Manufacturers (ZIV)
- German Road Safety Council (DVR)
- Federal Environmental Agency



# Advisory Board in the Federal Ministry

- Representatives of 3 Federal States
- German Cyclist's Association (ADFC)
- German Sustainable Transport Association (VCD)
- German Association of Cities
- Representatives of the German bicycle industry and trade
- Experts on urban planning, public health and health insurance
- Federal Environmental Agency





# Halftime of Germany's National Cycling Plan



- International conference Velo-city 2007 in Munich
- Second Federal Government Report on the Status of Cycling in Germany



# Successful Implementation of Bicycle Policies requires...



- continuous funding
- clear objectives and responsibilities in administration
- reliable working structures
- high-level political commitment

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