



# Mobility Hubs as a Regulative Instrument?

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4G. More multimodal moves? The potential of mobility hubs

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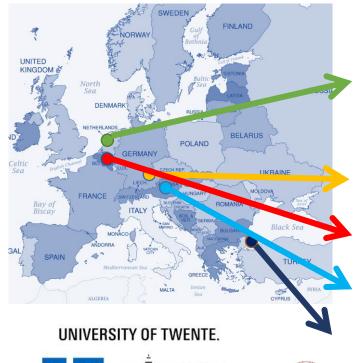


# SmartHubs Project



### Overall aim

to examine if a cocreation process in the development of mobility hubs (involving users, governments and businesses) can enable mobility hubs to act as a game changer towards inclusive, sustainable urban mobility and accessibility in European cities (05/2021 – 04/2024)













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# Governance Frameworks of Mobility Hubs



Mobility hubs from a political science perspective: no hubs without governance

**Research question:** How does the governance framework influence the implementation and operation of mobility hubs?

In which way do cities use mobility hubs as regulative instruments?

Mobility hub (minimal requirements):

"is a physical location where different shared transport options are offered at permanent, dedicated and well-visible locations and public or collective transport is available at walking distance"

(Geurs et al. 2022)





# Methodology and Cases

## **Empirical Data**

- 29 semi-structured expert interviews
- 15 Policy documents (i.a. SUMPs)

## Method

- Qualitative content analysis with MAXQDA
- First order code system, additional inductive codes



## Vienna, Bruno-Marek-Allee



## Anderlecht (Brussels), Place du Conseil



## The Hague, Haagse Markt



# Munich, TUM Campus



#### Source:

Anderlecht, Conseil & The Hague, Haagse Markt: Google Maps / Street View (13.05.2022) Munich, TUM Campus & Vienna, Bruno-Marek-Allee, ODP SmartHubs Project https://data.smartmobilityhubs.eu/wiki/Main Page (13.05.2022)





## Theoretical Framework

International and national mobility politics as a multi-level, -actor and -sector governance field (Tschoerner 2016, Sack 2014, Marsden and Reardon 2018)

Understand governance of mobility hubs as policy arrangements

Policy Arrangements: "the temporary stabilisation of the <u>content</u> and <u>organisation</u> of a particular policy domain at a certain policy level or over several policy levels -- in case of multi-level governance" (own emphasis, Leroy and Arts 2006)

→ own analytical framework in combination with additional literature

Policy instruments: "techniques of governance that, one way or another, involve the utilization of state authority or its conscious limitation" (Howlett 2005 cited from Paulsson and Hedegaard Sørensen 2020)





## Overview Munich

City of Munich, Capital of the federal state of Bavaria

Goal: Climate neutrality by 2035

Goal mobility hubs: 200 hubs by 2026

## 'Mobilitätsstationen'

- Currently 17 stations (online)
- Our case study: temporary mobility hub nearby TUM Campus initiated by TUM

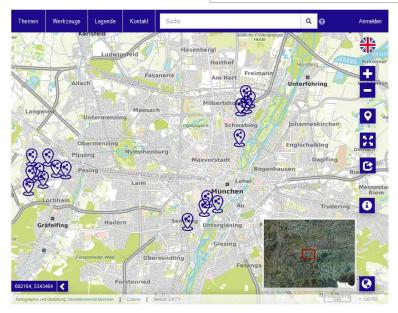


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# SmartHubs

# Munich, Mobilitätsstationen

## **Organization**

Structural components & Policy Instruments

Institutionalization after first pilots, institutional changes

Intensive regional and inner-communal coordination

Mobility plan and shared mobility strategy include (regional) network of mobility hubs

+ aim: reducing 500 parking spaces per year

Survey on potential regulation of shared micromobility

"In order to further increase the use of vehicles as a "last mile feeder" to PT, it would be desirable to further promote corresponding connection points at PT stops with parking areas for micro-mobility" (own translation, team red, 13)







# Munich, Mobilitätsstationen

"[...], and that through mobility points the street scene is simply more organized and thus traffic safety is then higher" (own translation, Munich Interview 1)

"The problem is [...] that people don't dare to ban things. So that's the problem, everyone always wants to create a lot of offers and [...] get people to do it voluntarily, but these push measures, nobody really dares. Because that is not very well appreciated" (own translation, Munich Interview 4).

#### Content

Normative drivers & Discursive negotiations

Self-perception of city administration as an enabler for private companies

'Efficiency of space' ("Flächeneffizienz")

Increase traffic safety and order in public space

Conflict over priorities & public space:

- Conflict and debates on principles are being avoided
- Lack of courage for unpopular decisions







## Conclusion

## Summary from Munich:

- Comprehensive strategy (including human and financial resources)
- Organisational dimension of policy arrangement highly fragmented → producing vetoing or hindering players
- Experts' critique: implementation too slow & only focussing on additional mobility options (pull measures)
- Public space highly contested → Plan to convert parking spots into mobility hubs, but conflictive implementation

#### **Lessons learned**

- Install working groups/institutions with decisionmaking authority
- Create comprehensive mobility strategy: strengthen environmental alliance (walking, cycling & PT), redistribute public space & limit (car) privileges
- Need to overcome 'taboos' or 'don't dare's' >
  conflict that is unavoidable?
- Address fears by creating alternatives and emphasizing advantages (quality of stay, traffic safety, healthier environment, modal shift ...)
- → Thus, mobility hubs can be used as regulatory instruments combining push and pull measures and making hard changes in the urban infrastructure







# Thank you!



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