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Designing Safer Spaces: Best practices from CIVITAS Cities

03 July 2025 | 10:00 – 11:30 (CEST)
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MEETING INTENT

The CIVITAS Urban Public Space Design (UPSD) Cluster focuses on reimagining and redesigning streets to prioritise active mobility and safe and inclusive accessibility. Four projects comprise this cluster: AMIGOS, ELABORATOR, JUST STREETS, and REALLOCATE. Collectively, the cluster is implementing pilots in 40 cities, of which 25 are Mission Cities. These cities have important lessons to share about their implementations and how they have overcome different obstacles.

This public webinar is an opportunity for cities across Europe to come together and hear about the experiences directly from six of the cities on how they are facing and addressing the topic of safety. There will be at least once city from each of the four UPSD Cluster projects. The webinar will include presentations from each of the six cities, and will provide ample time for Q&A from the audience.

The following tentatively presents the meeting agenda and anticipated participants.

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09:50 – 10:00	Join the online meeting	–
10:00 – 10:08	Welcome and introduction	Elma Meskovic-Imsirovic (ICLEI Europe)
10:08 – 10:18	<p><i>City of Bologna: Prototyping public space – School squares from planning to tactics and back again.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The presentation will illustrate the first school squares implemented in the city with tactical urbanism interventions developed as an interpretation of the guidelines set out in the General Urban Plan and SUMP. It will then explore how, through community engagement and observation of these transformed spaces, several permanent interventions were implemented in different areas of the city. In this way, school squares have become a new urban function, integrated into the city’s strategic projects—both for sustainable mobility (Bologna 30) and for environmental goals (Bologna Verde). REALLOCATE project 	Leonardo Tedeschi, Coordinator of the Urban Space Transformation Area, Foundation IU Rusconi Ghigi.
10:18 – 10:28	<p><i>City of Warsaw: From Challenges to Solutions: Lessons Learned from Our Pilot Actions to Transform the Areas Around Primary Schools</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of REALLOCATE project, our city is implementing pilot actions to transform the areas around primary schools into safer, more accessible, and more attractive spaces for all users – children, parents, local residents, and people with reduced mobility. In this presentation, we will share our experiences from the first attempt to launch the pilot, which encountered several challenges. We will discuss what went wrong, the lessons we learned, and how we have adapted our approach. Currently, we are working in two pilot areas – around two primary schools – and we are excited to present how we are engaging with the local community, what solutions we are testing, and how we are monitoring progress. REALLOCATE project 	Aleksandra Puzyńska, Specialist, Municipal Roads Authority
10:28 – 10:40	Q&A	All
10:40 – 10:50	<i>City of Westminster (London): An overview of Lambeth’s School Streets “Plus”</i>	Sefinat Otaru, Project Manager,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A description of how Just Streets' is exploiting Lambeth's school streets programme to provide an enhanced version to a local primary school JUST STREETS project 	Cross River Partnership
10:50 – 11:00	<p><i>City of Trikala: Safe and Inclusive Streets in Trikala – ELABORATOR's Smart Solutions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the Horizon Europe ELABORATOR project, Trikala is implementing smart interventions to improve safety and promote more inclusive street environments. Ongoing pilots include: (1) a smart crossing near a school to enhance visibility and calm traffic, (2) sensor-based detection of illegal parking on bike lanes to support enforcement and safer cycling, and (3) three park-and-ride hubs at the city's periphery to reduce congestion and improve urban access. These actions are grounded in data collected through extensive citizen surveys and reflect Trikala's commitment to a climate-neutral and people-centered mobility future. ELABORATOR project 	George Gorgogetas, Electrical & Computer Engineer e-Trikala SA
11:00 – 11:12	Q&A	All
11:12 – 11:22	<p><i>City of Reykjavík: Making construction sites safe, one red handlebar at a time</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term construction sites can be an ugly blemish on the city, making it unpleasant for passers-by, as well as creating a feeling of unsafety. Based on challenges from a construction site safety workshop, students in architecture designed a solution that would make passing by building sites both safer and more attractive. A prototype is in the making. AMIGOS project 	Hannah Rós Sigurðardóttir Tobin Project manager María Þórólfsdóttir, summer staff, architecture department
11:22 – 11:28	Q&A	All
11.28 – 11.30	Closing Remarks	Elma Meskovic-Imsirovic (ICLEI)