

SUMMER CAMPS

Summer camps were main and the most important part of BAYinTRAP project.

First one - in Szczecinek - was held from July 13 to July 16, second - in Klaipeda - from July 20 to July 23 and the last one in Greifswald from July 28 to August 1, 2014.

Core objective of summer camps was to organize events during which youngsters could learn about solutions – and appraise them - in the area of public transport in three cities and engage with policy makers and other relevant stakeholders responsible for transport policy making and implementation.

METHODOLOGY

The activities during the Summer Camps were divided into four parts. (1) Introduction of the participants into public transport. (2) Brainstorming session – the participants were identifying positive and negative aspects of PT based on previous day observations. (3) Presentation of the results of brainstorming session for decision makers (Mayor, Head of County Office, Head of Transportation Company. (4) Description (on pre-prepared templates) of good practices.

RESULTS

In Szczecinek: 31 problems of various scales were identified. After discussion seven of them were rated as the most important:



- Not enough bus lines
- Not separated bike lines (for bikers and pedestrians) in the park
- Lack of visual information in the buses
- Expansive bus tickets
- Lack of internet app for PT
- Lack of shelters, dustbins and info on some bus stops
- Lack of city map on bus stops

After above listed problems were presented to decision makers some of them were solved immediately.

- Komunikacja Miejska (company responsible for urban transport in Szczecinek) ordered mobile app which

will show real time to arrival of the bus on given bus stop.

- On 40 bus stops city maps will be placed.

In Klaipeda: In the final list after brief discussion more than 20 problems were evaluated at the spot as not worth to deal (low importance). 13 more problems got medium importance status, 2 were problems assigned to important section and finally 9 problems were identified as very important:



- Lack of visibility in some crossings with bicycle paths and streets
- Obstacles in bicycle paths – danger of collision with road signs, light poles, trash bins and etc.
- Lack of bike path markings (different color of pavement)
- Some old buses with stairs, not suited for wheelchairs and baby strollers
- Damaged bike roads in some areas
- Lack of PT infrastructure in some stops (shelters, maps, dustbins, benches)
- General traffic culture between all commuters (lack of tolerance to other traffic members)
- Sidewalks too high on some bike paths
- Poor condition of bike crossing on Baltijos ring interchange (uncomfortable to bring bicycles via stairs)

Most of these problems are also recognized by the policy makers. After the summer camp 6

new bus shelters were built in bus stops. Also some critical parts of bicycle and pedestrian paths were improved. More infrastructure upgrades are planned in the next year's budget.

In Greifswald: The participants developed their own ideas to solve the traffic problems in Greifswald. Furthermore the young people exchanged their improvement suggestions with the decision makers of the regional transport companies. 25 problems of various scales were identified. After discussion eight of them were rated as the most important:



- The bicycle tracks should be fixed (rocky surface)
- Buses are too big for only a small amount of passengers
- There are no English instructions on how to rent a bike
- There are too little bus lines, so they ride very randomly the whole day
- No information where to get tickets outside the bus and you have to get them in the bus and drivers don't know how to speak English
- Renting a bike is only possible with a credit card
- No shelters and benches at some bus stations
- There is no electronic ticket system in Greifswald



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