

# FUKO2023

## Call for Contributions

4th German Congress on Walking and Pedestrian Traffic  
18th & 19th April 2023 in Bremen



Walking is so normal that its advantages are often not perceived. In transport planning, pedestrian traffic was – and in some cases still is – “simply taken for granted”. Yet walking is an elementary component of the sustainable mobility transition and accordingly deserves attention and space.

Walking is an important building block for retail, health promotion, education, participation and inclusion. Pedestrian traffic is essential for the sustainable design of cities. In addition to improving quality of life, walking is also relevant for adapting to climate change, supporting public transport, implementing the lessons learned from the Corona pandemic or designing post-growth cities.

**We cordially invite you to actively participate in the congress with a contribution.**

The Call for Contributions for the FUKO invites the following:



Practitioners and academics

Contributions are possible in classical form; interactive formats are welcome. Time slots for the contribution: 30 minutes for a presentation including ca. 10 minutes for questions and discussion.



Students and young academics

Contributions as DIN-A-0 posters for the poster exhibition and poster walk. Participation in the event is required. Aim: Promotion of young researchers and knowledge transfer from research & teaching into practice.

To participate in FUKO with a contribution, please send us a short abstract with the topic as well as the format of your contribution. The abstract and title can be submitted in German or English. The language of the contribution should be the same as that of the abstract and title. In addition to information on the content, we ask for personal details (name, profession / occupation, contact details).



Please submit your abstract **by December 04, 2022** via the FUKO website:  
[www.fussverkehrskongress.de](http://www.fussverkehrskongress.de)

We will inform you whether or not your abstract has been accepted in January 2023.

We look forward to your interesting, creative and diverse contributions! Questions or feedback are welcome via:  
[fussverkehrskongress@planersocietaet.de](mailto:fussverkehrskongress@planersocietaet.de)

Contributions to FUKO2023 are welcome on these topics:

## City centres and retail

Go there! – What positive impulses does pedestrian traffic have for city centres and retail?

City centres have been suffering from low visitor numbers – and not just since the Covid-19 pandemic. Yet they are the historical, cultural and social centres of cities and villages. How can city centres and district centres become attractive again? How can they be transformed into car-free focal points of the city? What impulses generate meeting spaces for creativity and social participation? How can strong links with public transport be created?

## Designing infrastructure for pedestrian traffic



Walking! – How can infrastructure adapt to the needs of pedestrians?

Design for all and infrastructure that support pedestrian traffic is the basis for participation and attractive public spaces. But how can the integrative implementation of infrastructure that supports walkability be successful? How do walking and cycling support each other? How can road construction sites be made safe and barrier-free?

## Health, education and inclusion



Go along! – What goes? Who goes? And who is not going?

Walking is basic mobility and 10,000 steps a day keep us fit. Why do many children or older people not walk on their own on a daily basis? How can walking play a role in inclusion and strengthen social cohesion? How can walking be used specifically in promoting health and healthy lifestyles?

## Data and methods



Knowing what works! – What data is needed to support walking?

Currently, walking hardly plays a role in transport modelling. There are large data gaps and new counting and survey methods are needed. How can pedestrian traffic be integrated into traffic models? How can pedestrian traffic become statistically visible? How can data take more vulnerable road users into account?

## Visions for pedestrian traffic



Let's tackle it! – What should our cities of the future look like?

Climate change, Covid and rising energy costs are the challenges of the decade. How can we use these challenges into opportunities for supporting walking? Is the post-Covid city pedestrian-friendly? How do climate adaptation strategies support the most environmentally friendly way of getting around? Does the sponge city bring wet feet or attractive paths?

## Financing and funding



Accelerate! – What progress is being made with walkability and pedestrian traffic?

Many municipalities develop walkability concepts, carry out pedestrian traffic checks or appoint positions for pedestrian traffic planners. In practice, implementation is often slow. Is our planning system too complex? Where do we get planners and how do we teach them about the importance of walkability? What funding programmes are needed and how can funding access be used effectively?

Have an idea for a different topic? Then don't hesitate to get in touch with us.