

# **BikeLab for Turkish Cities**





BikeLab guides and inspires decision makers and implementers from Turkish municipalities to consider cycling as a transportation mode, taking stakeholder participation, policy development and cycling infrastructure into consideration. This training can include presentations, interactive sessions, and/or roundtable discussion. While BikeLab mainly targets Turkish municipalities, the content could be adapted to the needs of other geographies.

## Why do this training?

For policy makers, cycling has become a key component of sustainable transport planning. Cycling promotes more livable environments, energy efficiency, sustainable environmental approaches, and more active and social lifestyles. Yet cities face various challenges in building and financing safe, convenient cycling infrastructure that is integrated with current modes of transportation. Through Bikelab for Turkish Cities, we will discuss the participation and decision-making process for stakeholders, implementing a safe cycling network integrated with other modes, financing options and how to promote cycling within the community. Participants will also understand the economic, social, and environmental benefits of cycling. With BikeLab for Turkish Cities, we offer tailor-made cycling solutions taking your local context into account.

# What will you learn?

- Determine current gaps & develop possible solutions for the city with the stakeholders
- Learn how to design a safe cycling network in line with Turkish legislation
- Learn about financing options for building cycling infrastructure

- Learn design principles for safe cycle infrastructure and integrating cycling with other modes
- Discuss strengths and weaknesses of your city in the context of cycling
- Learn how to promote cycling within the community

### Who should participate?

Officials who work in local and main government in the transportation planning, non-motorized transportation, or cycling planning departments. Professionals from various disciplines — from urban planning and environmental engineering to the private sector and academia — could also benefit from this training.

#### **Success stories**

WRI Turkey Sustainable Cities supported the Municipality of Kocaeli in cycling projects with EU Civitas funding in 2014. Following the twinning project with the city of Budapest – well-recognized with bike sharing network – Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality implemented a bike sharing system called KOBİS. The bike sharing and bike lane network, whose road safety inspection was conducted by WRI Turkey Sustainable Cities, received "The Most Innovative Transport Project Award" from EC 7th Framework TIDE project in 2015.

### **Explore the Collection**

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#### **PUBLICATION**

#### Safe Cycling Design Manual for Istanbul

This manual examines three main topics: (1) the benefits of urban cycling; (2) governance of cycling infrastructure and user preferences; and (3) solutions for implementing safe, sustainable cycling infrastructure. The manual draws from field research and a survey of over 3,000 stakeholders in Istanbul.

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