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# The past, present and future of City Transport



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# The EPTS Foundation in a nutshell

### **Background:**

- Established in the 1980s, EPTS Foundation as institution since 2018
- →Today: 15 different countries, 30.000 people in member associations (growing)

### **Principles:**

- → Neutrality, scientific objectivity
- →Sustainability, diversity and pluralism

### **Approaches:**

- All transport modes, all mobility objectives, all scientific professions
- →All European countries (EU-27 plus) and adjacent regions
- →Sponsoring as well as voluntary basis (registered non-profit organisation)

#### **Goals:**

- Establishing a network of knowledge for transport scientists
- \*Encouraging exchange towards "intercultural interoperability"
- →Giving advice to EU stakeholders (administration, politicians, entrepreneurs)





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- → Why do we need public City Transport?
- →What are the major systemic advantages and threats?
- mobility perspectives 2030 and beyond



### →WHY do we need public transport?



source: forschung-und-lehre.de



source: ramasuri.de

# **General human approach:**

- mobility of people and goods is a major achievement in all free societies
- -)urbanisation of cities is the predominant development on earth since decades

#### but:

- nvironmental impact of our current way of practicing mobility isn't sustainable
- →Paris Agreement on Climate Change (2016), IPCC Report (10/2018): high pressure to take action



#### →PT: advantages and threats?







source: bote.ch

#### **Chances:**

- high capacity, low spatial impact, ideal for large cities and metropolises
- principally environmental friendly

### **Challenges:**

- -complexity relatively too high, cost effectiveness often too low
- necessity of long-term public subsidies vs. short political election periods



## mobility perspectives 2030+



source: Tesla Motors



source: News Øresund / Jenny Andersson



source: Deutsche Bahn

→ digitization leads to automated and autonomous vehicles, yet the mobility is still carried out analogue



## mobility perspectives 2030+



source: Getty Images





source: Armchair travel club

->substitution of physical mobility coincides with availability of reliable and affordable electronic devices, namely the internet ->complementary and overcompensating effects to virtual mobility likely



# -Conclusions

- From a general perspective, PT has got a splendid prospect
- Metropolis areas are growing fast all over the world
- → More variety in life patterns: great chances to reduce demand peaks
- Limitations between transport modes become more indistinct
- More mobility options will not automatically lead to more sustainability



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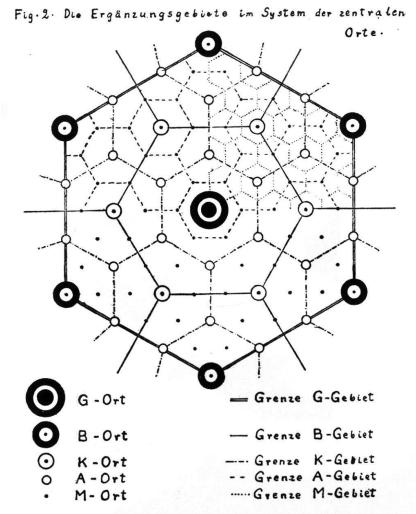


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## -- Recommendations

- Balance between strong legal framework and equally strong entrepreneurial environment needed
- → Use digitization to reduce complexity and enhance capacity
- →Spatial planning: pay high attention to the chances of traffic avoidance and distance reductions
- improve bike and foot modes: they are natural allies of Public Transport



source: zeithistorische-forschungen.de



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