

# Cities move to secure climate-neutral transportation



**Swiss cities play a crucial role in protecting the climate. Especially, the emissions of the transportation sector can be influenced significantly by cities. EBP, together with the association of Swiss cities (SKM), drafted a study which provides policymakers and administrations with an overview of fields of action towards a sustainable development of this sector.**

Although Switzerland's transportation sector accounts for 32 percent of the country's carbon emissions, it failed – in contrast to other sectors – in lowering its emissions in the past few years. Cities can accelerate a reduction of greenhouse gases with their traffic and infrastructure management in urban areas. Hence, cities can influence the composition of traffic and its volume not just on a local scale, but on a national one.

## Options for reducing transportation-related emissions

On behalf of the SKM, EBP drafted a comprehensive study in order to enable policymakers and administrations to fully exploit their opportunities to reduce emissions in the transportation sector. The study provides a comprehensive overview of climate policy-related fields of action in this sector. The study identifies a set of eleven general approaches and assesses 47 further fields of action. Particularly, it focuses on the impact of potential measures and involved stakeholders.

## Incentivizing emissions reduction

Many cities could significantly expand their funding initiatives to reach an emission reduction in the transportation sector. In

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contrast, further implementations to restrict the use of carbon-emitting vehicles require alterations on the cantonal and the federal level.

### **The importance of holistic measures**

The findings of the study indicate that only implementing the simplest and most inexpensive measures is insufficient to reach the aimed climate-neutrality of the transportation sector in the year 2050. It requires sets of measures, which allow an achievement of the emission reduction goal , while considering every dimension and the effectiveness of the enforced measures must be monitored periodically.