

# EU CITY LAB ON ACTIVE MOBILITY

**A EUROPEAN GATHERING  
AT DIALOGHAUS HAMBURG**

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# EUROPE AT THE DIALOGHAUS

## INCLUSION AS A METHOD

- **Organizers:** European Urban Initiative × URBACT
- **Date:** 28–29 October 2025
- **Location:** Dialoghaus Hamburg, Speicherstadt

70 representatives of European cities from politics and research came together at Dialoghaus for two days, united by a shared goal: advancing **active mobility, inclusion** and **sustainable urban development**.

Located in Hamburg's Speicherstadt, Dialoghaus was not only the venue, but also acted as **host and driving force**, as well as an **active programme partner**, contributing content and expertise.







# BLIND THROUGH THE CITY

## 45 MINUTES OF PERSPECTIVE CHANGE

With the format “Blind Through the City”, we made inclusion and mobility directly tangible.

During a 45-minute city walk, two blind guides led participants through public space – using long canes, simulation glasses and genuine perspective change.

This made topics such as **accessibility, trust and perception** experientially accessible – turning personal experience into an impulse for **urban planning and behavioural change**.

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The workshop was the star of the event! A truly impactful experience for those who plan mobility in cities for visual impaired citizens.

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# FROM CONFERENCE TO EXPERIENCE

## OUTCOMES & IMPACT

- **Making inclusion tangible** – moving beyond discussion to lived experience.
- **Empathy as a learning tool:** Urban planners and policy-makers experienced first-hand the challenges people with disabilities face in public space.
- **Policy meets practice:** Insights turned into impulses for action, as many participants reflected on their own projects from a new perspective.
- **Hamburg as a model city:** Dialoghaus strengthened its role as a centre of expertise for inclusive mobility and participatory learning formats.
- **Transfer potential:** The format can be adapted as a module for international conferences, corporate trainings or municipal participation processes.



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