

Making the Change: Lisbon Transformed the Use of Space by Prioritizing Sustainable Modes of Transport



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The 2017-2021 mandate in Lisbon

There was a sense of urgency, a call for action, the will to lead by example

Paris Agreement 2015

National Climate Action Plan

26% reduction on Transport Emissions
Carbon Neutral till 2050

UN Sustainable Development Goals 2015

The COVID-19 underlined the importance of the public space



A RACE WE CAN WIN

“ Climate change is the defining issue of our time – and we are at a defining moment. ”



António Guterres,
United Nations Secretary-General,
10 September, 2018



The 2017-2021 mandate in Lisbon: Clear planning instruments

The City Master Plan (2012):

Set a strategic vision for Lisbon: A City of Neighbourhoods, with improved public space and sustainable mobility

The Pedestrian Accessibility Plan (2013):

Set a framework and pilot interventions in the city

Move 2030 (2020):

Strategic vision for integrated and interoperable mobility

Climate Action Plan 2030 (2021):

Set ambitious measures and goals for 2030



Modal split: private car 2017

46%



Modal split: private car 2030

33%

Making the Change in Lisbon: 3 flavours of action



A SQUARE IN EVERY NEIGHBOURHOOD

*(Uma Praça em
Cada Bairro)*



A RUA É SUA

TACTICAL URBANISM
(The Street is Yours)

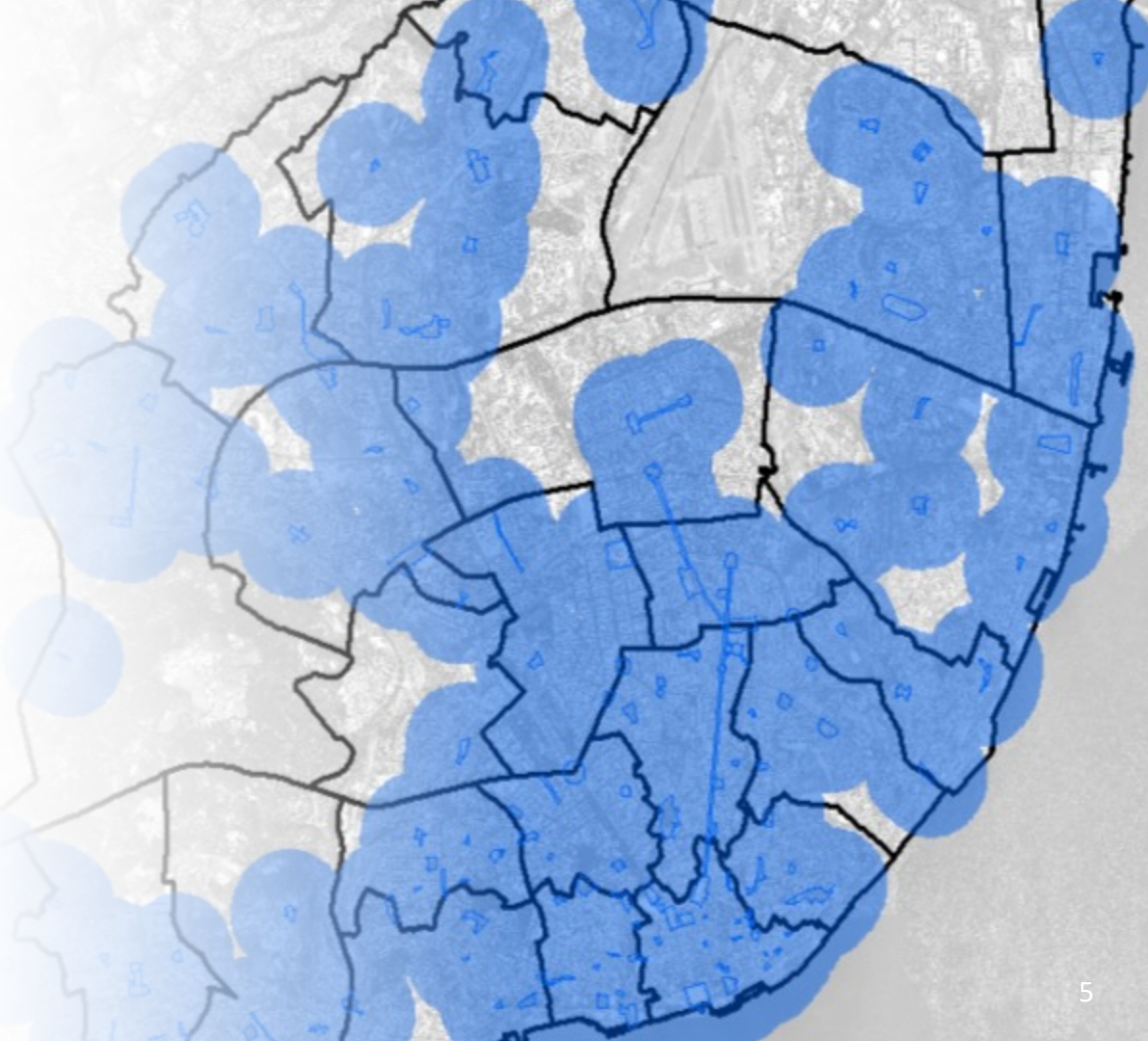


LISBOA CICLÁVEL

(Cyclable Lisbon)

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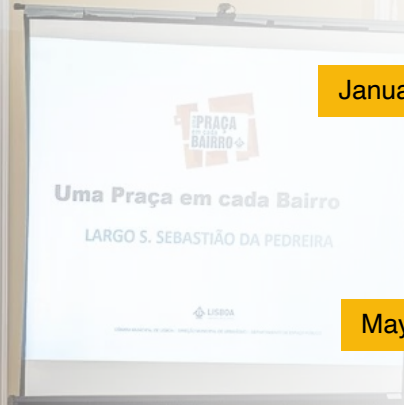
*“From a square, a street, a shopping area, a neighbourhood garden or an existing or projected public equipment, we propose to **rehabilitate a meeting point of the local community, converting a micro-centrality into an excellence public space, a living place**”*



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“What would you like to change?”

“Come meet what will change”



January 2013

PROGRAMMATIC ANALYSIS
CONCLUDED

May 2014

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
per intervention

On Going

PROJECT AND WORKS



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Avenida da República (1/2)



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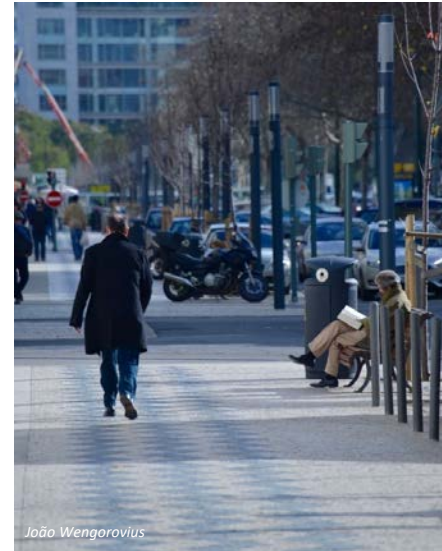
Avenida da República (2/2)



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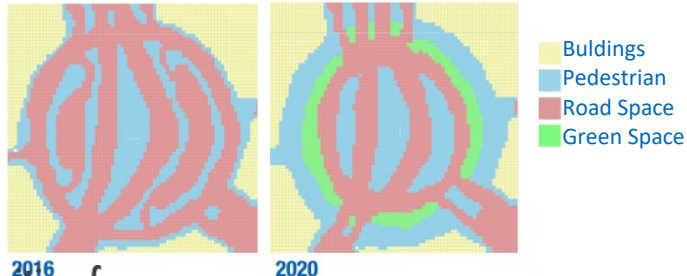
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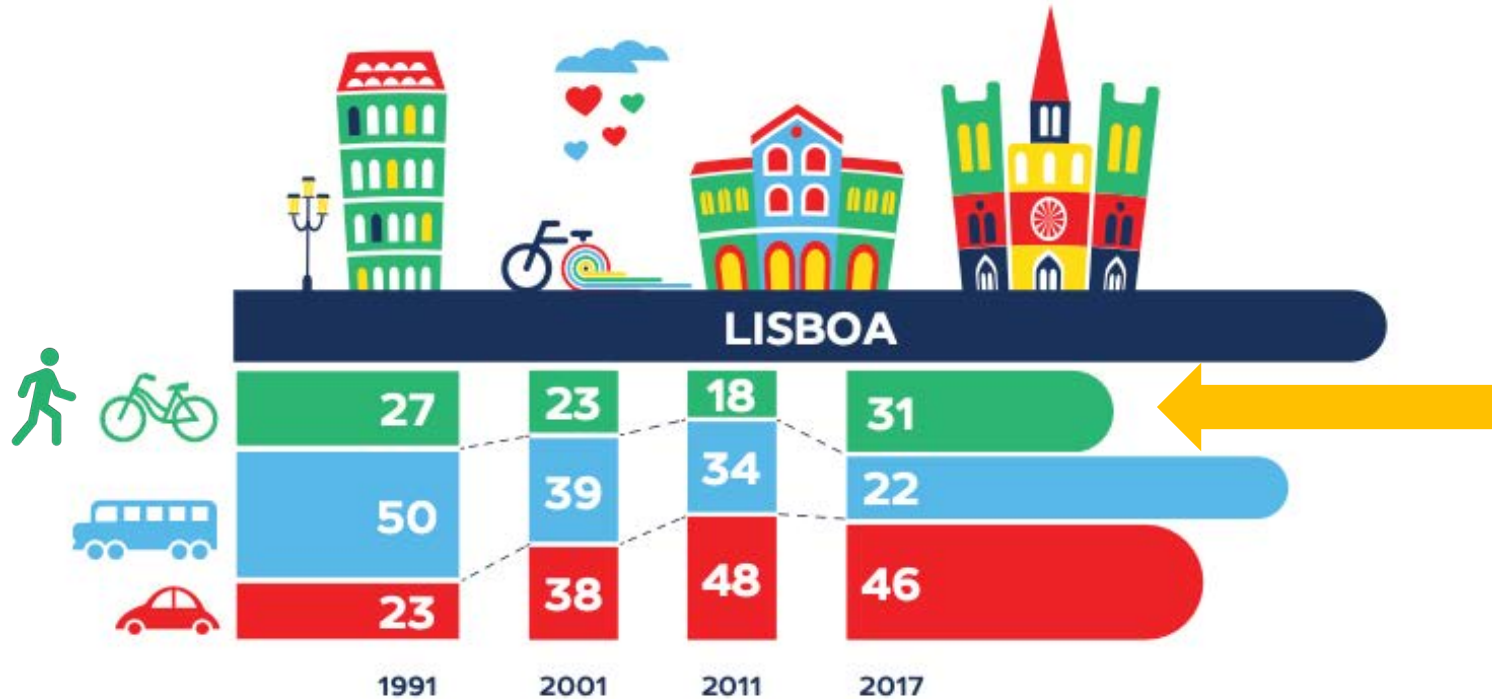
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Praça Duque de Saldanha (2/2)



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The first modal split recovery for 30 years



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TACTICAL URBANISM

Rua Bacalhoeiros



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75%
of the merchants
where happier



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Rua Cláudio Nunes



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Most jobs
were kept



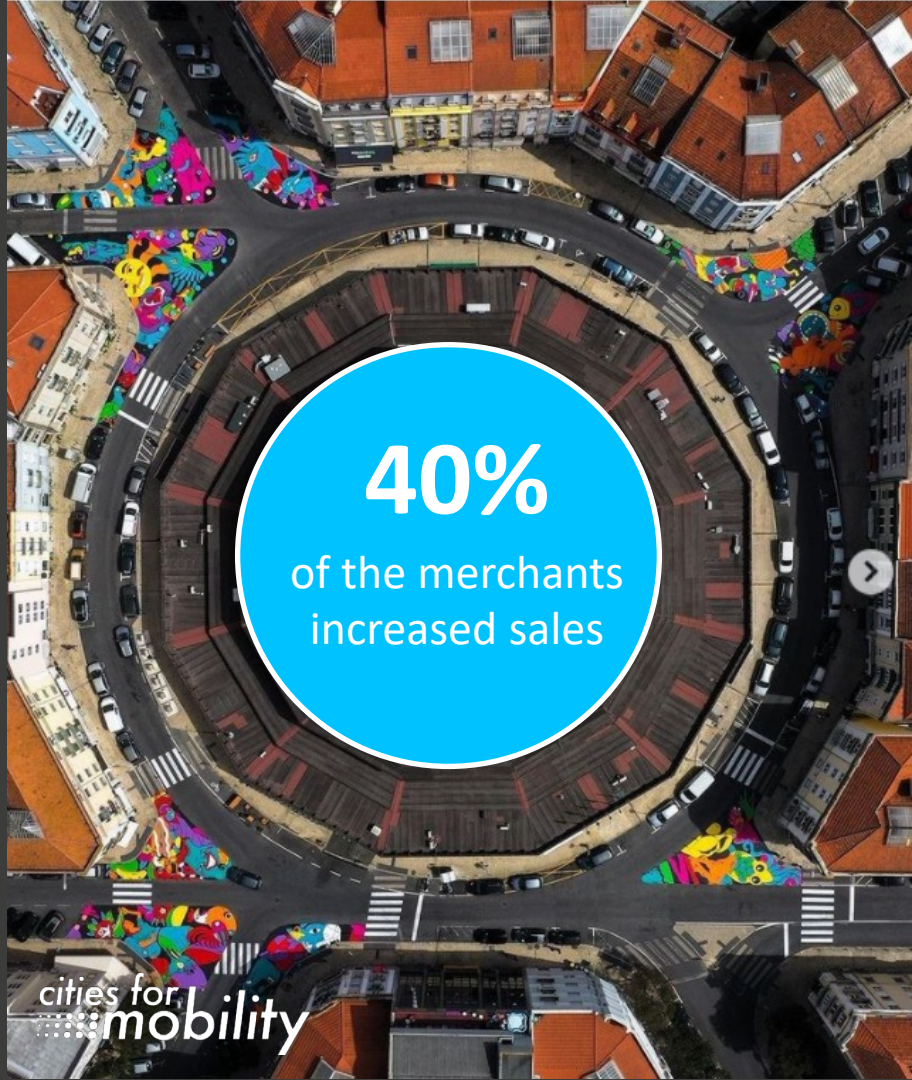
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+200 terraces created on on-street parking spots





40%

of the merchants
increased sales



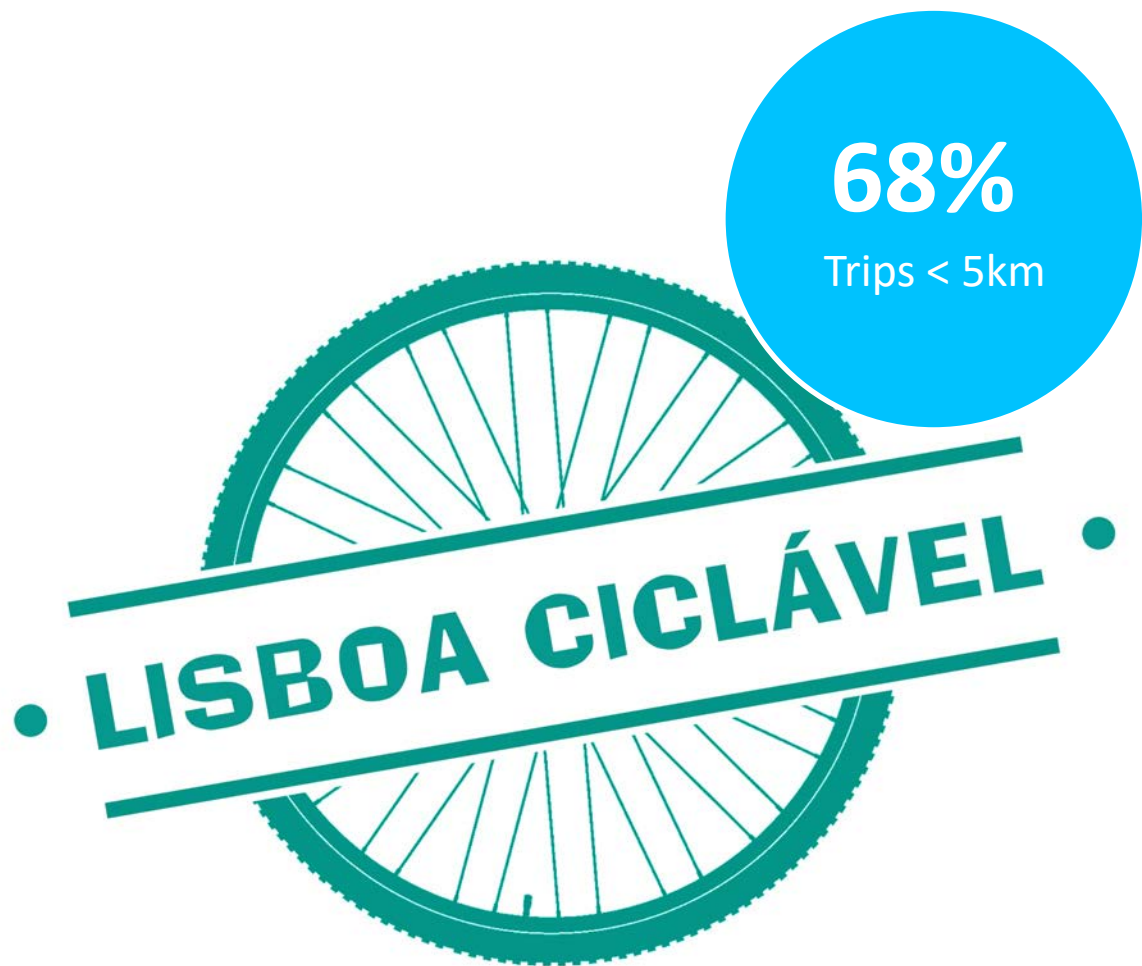
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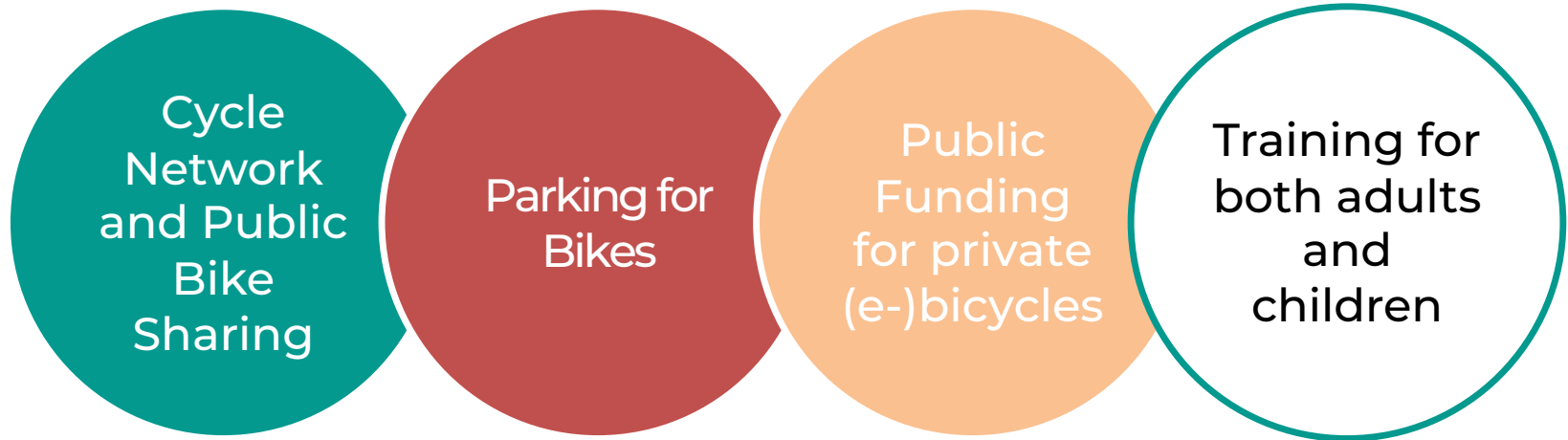
Mercado de Arroios

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*“Bringing the cycle network
from 60km to 200km in 4 years”*



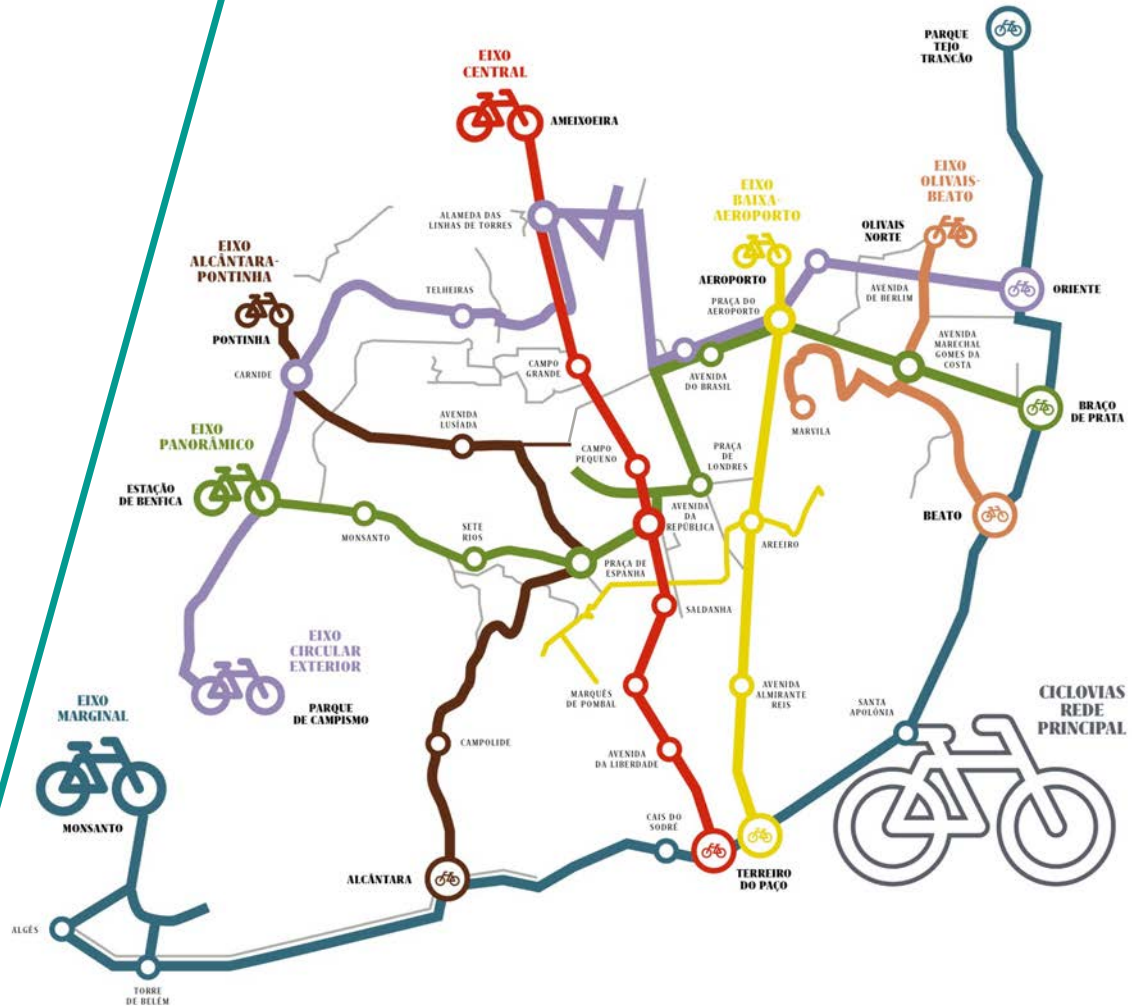
Several measures working together, not just transforming public space



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6 main corridors

*For all ages and
competence / confidence
levels*



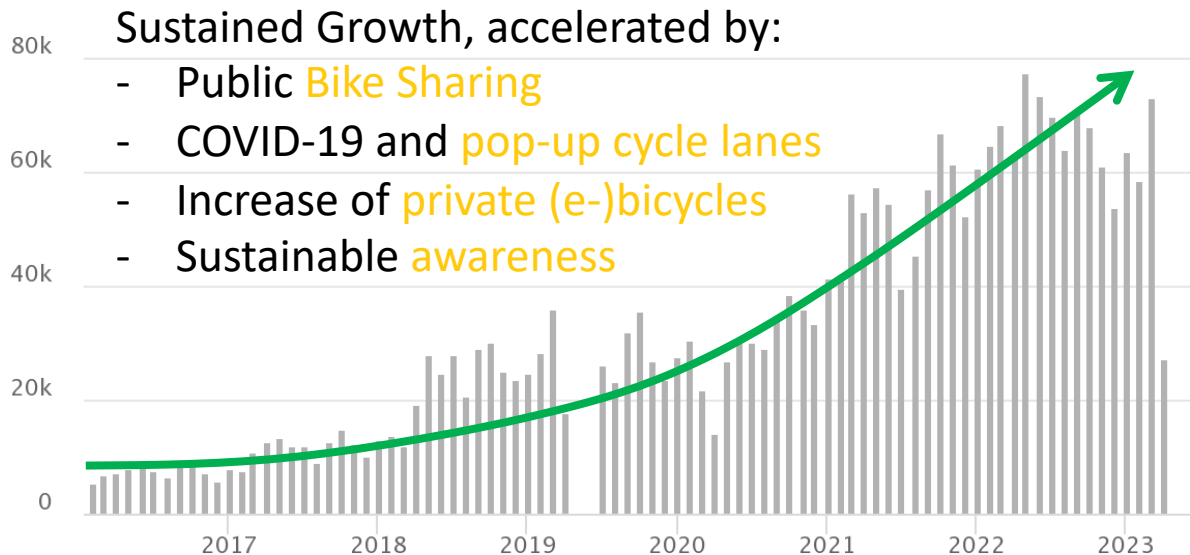




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Bicycles per Month, Avenida Duque d' Avila



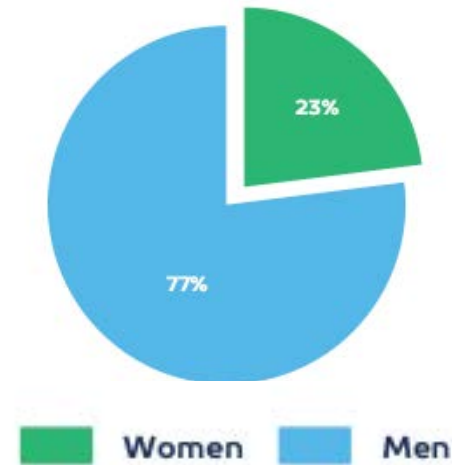
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(CYCLABLE LISBON)

Build them, and they will come



Cyclists per gender, 2018



Cycle paths are also about equality, offering a choice to those who want to change

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

CHANGING **TAKES TIME** AND
YOU WILL NEED **DIFFERENT ACTIONS**
AT **DIFFERENT SPEEDS**

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KEY TAKEAWAYS:

CHANGING PUBLIC SPACE IN A CONSOLIDATED AREA IS THE HARDEST TASK: **SPACE IS FINITE**. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE **SOMEONE WHO WILL LOSE SOMETHING**.

PRESENT YOUR IDEAS AND DISCUSS. **BRING DATA** TO THE DISCUSSION. EXPLAIN THE IDEA. **GET FEEDBACK AND IMPROVE THE PROJECT**. BE PREPARED: **CONSENSUS IS UNLIKELY**.

BE RESILIENT. YOU WILL **MAKE MISTAKES AND LEARN FROM THEM**. **GIVE TIME FOR THE CHANGE TO SINK IN**, AND PEOPLE WILL TREAT THE IDEAS AS THEIRS.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

ACT.
COMMIT TO
CHANGE

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION



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