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Roundtable: Urban Mobility

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Background

Large cities are drivers of growth and innovation and jobs. They attract investment power, businesses, as well as people in search of better living conditions.

Congestion

Congestion is a common problem in larger cities. In the public space, citizens' need for mobility, transportation of goods; waste management, for example, competes with their need for social interaction, recreation, physical activity and access to nature. Many cities have tried to reduce congestion by dedicating an increasing proportion of the city's surface to very expensive and space consuming infrastructure facilities. The result has been steadily increasing congestion and consequences as air pollution, noise pollution and traffic accidents. Are large traffic surfaces responsible for increased travel without generating added values for cities?

Urban mobility and social sustainability

If cities are to be able to offer good quality of life while enabling citizens to benefit from the opportunities available to them, economic growth needs to be both sustainable and inclusive. Larger cities have diversity in their population with a mix of cultures, ages and prosperity. The challenge is to provide citizens with conditions that enable them to achieve their life goals. . Many cities see green economy and circular economy as an opportunity to develop good employment opportunities and promote social inclusion, healthy lifestyles, decent housing areas, and a clean and safe environment. Stimulating economic growth whilst reducing emissions and accidents remains a challenge for cities.