AKTIVE STADTREINIGUNG Praxis und Erfahrungen aus Wien, Prag, Frankfurt, Brüssel und Barcelona

PRO-ACTIVE CITY CLEANING Practice and experiences from Vienna, Prague, Frankfurt, Brussels and Barcelona

# A Comparison of Key Figures: The City-Cleaning Performance of European Cities

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# **Comparison of Key Figures**

On the occasion of this conference the Municipal Department 48 and ARA asked the ITWWL to conduct a study on:

Littering Evaluation in Vienna and Other European Cities

Project components:

- Comparison of cities regarding littering & street cleaning
- Collection of quantitative data on litter





### **Project Component 1:** Comparison of the following cities



#### Barcelona





Frankfurt



Vienna



Prague



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Brussels



### **Comparison of the following cities**





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# Areas under the Responsibility of Street Cleaning







# Areas under the Responsibility of Street Cleaning







# Areas under the Responsibility of Street Cleaning

Area / Responsibility:	Yes	Νο	Sometimes
Subway stations		Barcelona Prague Vienna	Brussels Frankfurt
Municipal parks	Prague	Barcelona Frankfurt Vienna	Brussels
Area around recycling containers	Barcelona Prague Vienna		Brussels Frankfurt



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# Different Approaches to Municipal Street Cleaning

#### SPECIAL SITUATION: VIENNA

• Municipal cleaning integrated into municipal department



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# Different Approaches to Municipal Street Cleaning

- Now privatized, formerly municipal approach: Frankfurt
- Public tender and award of contract to private companies: Barcelona

	Responsibility for municipal street cleaning	Carrying out of municipal street cleaning
Vienna	MD 48 (Municipal Department of the City)	MD 48 (Municipal Department of the City)
Frankfurt	FES (private company, formerly Department of Waste Management and City Cleaning)	FES (private company)
Barcelona	Ajuntament de Barcelona	private companies (tender procedure)





# **Different Approaches to Municipal Street Cleaning**

- City government and districts share responsibility: Prague
- Regional government and municipalities share responsibility: Brussels

	Responsibility for municipal street cleaning	Carrying out of municipal street cleaning
Prague	Important places, expressways, tourist attractions: Municipal Department of the City	2 private und 1 municipal company (tender procedure)
(CERTIFICATION OF CONTRACT OF CONTRACT.	Other areas: Under the responsibility of the distric	Districts or private companies ts
Brussels	Important places, expressways, tourist attractions: Bruxelles-Propreté (Brussels region)	Bruxelles-Propreté
BRUXELLES	Other areas: Under the responsibility of municipalitie	Municipalities in the Brussels region





### **Employees in Street Cleaning**





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### **Litter Bins in Cities**







### Litter Bins per Inhabitant





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### Presence of Litter Bins per km<sup>2</sup>





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### **Litter-Bin Volume Provided**





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### Litter-Bin Volume Provided per 1,000 Inhabitants







### Waste Collected by Street Cleaners **Absolute Sweepings and Waste from Litter Bins**







# Sweepings and Waste from Litter Bins







# Project Component 2: Litter Quantities

### **Project Coordination:**



### Mag. Ableidinger (ITWWL)



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# **Project Component Litter Quantities**



#### Possible units of analysis for littering studies:

- Weight
- Volume
- "Visible surface"
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#### This study was conducted by counting littered items:

Unit of analysis = number of littered items





### **Data Collection in the Following Cities:**







### **Procedure of the Analysis**



- Selecting sites where survey is conducted
- Obtaining information on sweeping cycles at each site
- Inspection of the potential survey units
- Determining and pacing off the areas and distances to be examined
- Counting littered items at the sites on 4 days
- Converting results into standardized areas and distances
- Analysis





### **Survey Units**

- In each city
- one central square popular with tourists
- one shopping street
- one central park and
- one major railway station
- were selected, paced off and surveyed.









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### Survey Unit "Square"



Barcelona: Av. de la Catedral





Brussels: Grand' Place



#### Frankfurt: Römerberg



Vienna: Stephansplatz



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### Survey Unit "Street"



Barcelona: Passeig de Gracia





Brussels: Av. Louisa



Frankfurt: Bergerstraße



#### Vienna: Mariahilfer Straße

Prague: Vaclavske namesti





### Survey Unit "Park"



Barcelona: Parc de la Ciutadella





Brussels: Parc du Bruxelles



#### Frankfurt: Güntersburgpark



Vienna: Stadtpark





### **Survey Unit "Train Station"**







Prague: Hlavni nadrazi



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Brussels: Gare Centrale



Vienna: Westbahnhof



## **Data Entry Form**

- Designed as tally sheet
- Waste fractions (rows)
- Domains (columns)
  Beverage containers
  Non-beverage packaging
  Other
- Differentiation "small large" (x, y or z > 15 cm)





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### Data Entry Form: Example of Completed Form





### **Results:**

### A total of 280,813 littered items were found





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## **Absolute Numbers Excluding Cigarettes**





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### **Conversion into Standardized Areas/Distances**



e.g. "Altstädter Ring", Prague area surveyed: 10,488 m<sup>2</sup> total area 1,277 m<sup>2</sup> total deductions (outside seating areas, monuments,...) 9,211.00 m<sup>2</sup> total area surveyed





### **Relative Numbers:**

### **Based on standardized areas or distances**







### **Breakdown of Litter**

Cigarettes: the largest portion in all cities and all survey units





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### Breakdown (excluding cigarettes)



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### **Breakdown of Individual Waste Fractions:** e.g. Paper






### Analysis of Survey Units e.g. "Square"



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### Analysis of Survey Units e.g. "Park"



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# **Results "Chewing Gums"**





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# Share of Identifiable Packaging Material in Litter





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# Share of Packaging Material in Relevant Fractions (Sum Total of All Cities)





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# **Share of Packaging Material in Litter**





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# **Share of Packaging Material in Litter**





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### Share of Packing Material in Litter: Higher for large items than for small ones

### (Maximum size=15cm)





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### Littered Beverage Containers -Sum Total of all Units in Each City





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# **Summary of Findings**

- The waste most frequently littered is cigarettes
- The composition of litter differs significantly across cities (cf. "chewing gum")
- Typically, litter consists of small objects (< 15 cm)
- The share of packaging material in litter increases with the size of the littered items
- A quantitative litter analysis
  - <u>does not provide information</u> on litter weights and volumes, disposal expenses and the annoyance caused by litter
  - gives a good overview of the littering situation in certain areas
  - provides an abundance of data for detailed analyses





# Conclusions of the First Conference Day

- LITTER ABATEMENT
  - 94% of Australians believe that litter is an important environmental issue
- Where is littering on the increase?
  - Recycling sites
  - Public places, parks





#### LITTER ABATEMENT

### **INFORMATION AND MOTIVATION**

- Appeals to internal norms ("Please help") more effective than to external norms ("You must ...")
- Positive and polite wording is more effective than negative
- Using social control
- Positive incentives Economic instruments
- Fines (Singapore)
  - first € 500 second € 1,000 further € 2,500

Prerequisite for laws and checks Every possible littering situation should be accounted for Article 17 of Singapore's Environmental Public Health Act







#### LITTER ABATEMENT

Police - Sanitation Police (NL) 







#### LITTER ABATEMENT

#### Example Australia

- Development of the world's first disposal behaviour benchmark, the Disposal Behaviour Index (DBI).
- The DBI is a mathematical means of reflecting both littering behaviour and bin use.
- It issues a seven-point scale to represent both environmentally desirable and harmful behaviours found at any specific site or location -
  - binning,
  - littering, or
  - recycling.



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#### LITTER ABATEMENT

Le	evel	Definition
1 Lo	W	Area is a litter hot spot, requires urgent clean up
<b>2</b> Ba	ase	Littering is in majority, prompt action needed
<b>3</b> Hig	igh Base	Marginally more binning than littering
<b>4</b> Mi	id	Littering down to one third of behaviours
5 Hig	igh mid	Positive binning but littering remains an issue
6 Hig	igh	Binning greatly exceeds littering
7 Pe	eak	Minimal littering, dominant bin use





#### LITTER ABATEMENT

#### Infrastructure

- Provide sufficient number of bins
- Hand out interim waste bags (in soccer stadiums, two-compartment bag for chestnuts)
- Visually appealing bin design
- Litter attracts even more litter
- Periodic clean-ups rather than sporadic major clean-ups

High-Tech Infrastructure (Zurich Airport)

- High level of cleanliness lowers propensity to litter
- High bin density: every 25 meters (or even more often)
- 100 employees cover 20 hours per day
- 12 employees remove chewing gum manually with scrapers for 1 hour per day
- Costs: 8.99m € per year
  i.e. 440 €/t in total and approximately 1,000 €/t of waste at terminals







#### LITTER ABATEMENT

INFORMATION AND MOTIVATION

• "trash is culture" CH



# Wir entwickeln uns schrittweise.



trash ist kultur



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#### LITTER ABATEMENT



#### **DEPOSITS TO REDUCE LITTERING**













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#### **DEPOSITS TO REDUCE LITTERING**





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#### **DEPOSITS TO REDUCE LITTERING**

#### Why have different systems?





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#### **DEPOSITS TO REDUCE LITTERING**



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#### **REDUCING THE IMPACT OF ANIMALS**

Horse manure in Vienna

142 horses = 500 kg horse manure per day

Without manure-collection device ⇒ € 760,000

With manure-collection device ⇒ € 470,000

= savings 38%









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#### **REDUCING THE IMPACT OF ANIMALS**

#### Dogs in Edinburgh

- Cleansing done by hand or machine
- Rapid response service for public complaints
- Environmental wardens since October 2001
- Numbers increased to 33
- 138 notices issued @ £50
- Dog Fouling Bill comes into force on 21 October - £60 fine







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#### **REDUCING THE IMPACT OF ANIMALS**

Feral pigeons

**Municipal Pigeon Control Techniques :** 

- Banning pigeon feeding
- Threatening pigeons and scaring them away
- Using airborne predators
- **Eliminating pigeons**

#### **Recommended Remedial Program**

•80% of the droppings are deposited at the pigeon houses reduces mess significantly

#### Reproduction prevented up to 100% significant reduction in pigeon numbers

•Population is healthy •lower health risk to humans and animals







#### **GRAFFITI**











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#### **GRAFFITI**

### Lehrling muss zahlen: 10.700 € Schaden mit Graffiti

19 U-Bahn-Garnituren und Eisenbahnwagen hat ein 22-jähriger Lehrling mit Graffiti beschmiert. Den Schaden, mehr als  $10.000 \notin$ , wird er zahlen müssen. Die Strafe – acht Monate bedingt – ist da fast nur Nebensache.

"Wie sind Sie denn auf Graffiti gekommen?", fragt Richter Georg Olschak Früher" gibt der





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### **Cause for conflict: GRAFFITI**





### Common welfare

### Self-actualization

Protection of private / national property



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#### **REDUCING THE IMPACT OF LITTERING**

Mallorca: Waste Collection in Old Towns



Tourist attractions versus waste management



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#### **REDUCING THE IMPACT OF LITTERING**

### Mallorca: Waste Collection in Old Towns



**Tourist attractions** 

versus

waste management





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#### **REDUCING THE IMPACT OF LITTERING**



### Providing economic incentives in the form of access rights

### Spaar de wereld, beloon jezelf





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#### **REDUCING THE IMPACT OF LITTERING**

### Checking access rights





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#### **REDUCING THE IMPACT OF LITTERING**

### **Coastal Zones**







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#### **REDUCING THE IMPACT OF LITTERING**

### **Coastal Zones**



Litter management policies adopted



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#### **REDUCING THE IMPACT OF LITTERING**

Phase 1: Clean-up



#### Phase 2: Clean Mountains





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### THE IMPACT OF LITTERING / GRAFFITI

#### **IS VERY COSTLY**



### THE BOTTOM LINE IS: AVOIDANCE





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