

A Program to Accelerate Bottom-up Transport Innovation

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As we move outside the urban centers of Finland, it gets harder and harder to provide public transportation to meet the diverse needs of the people.



of people in rural Finland describe public transportation services as **bad**

Source: National Survey conducted by Aula Research (2014)



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people in rural areas

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1.2 million



unhappy people

Source: Aula Research (2014); Statistics Finland (2014)

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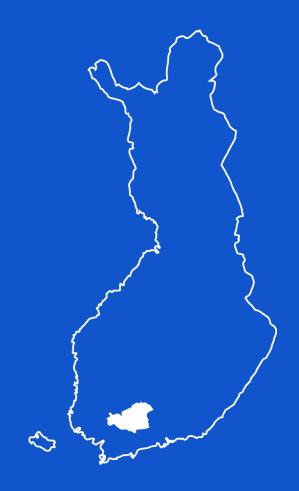
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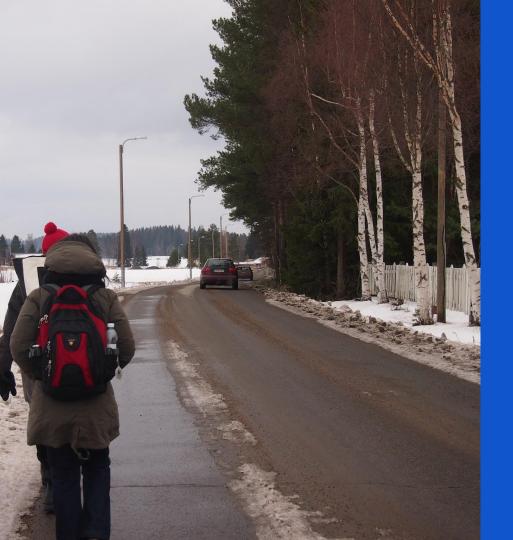
Our research



80%

of respondents from rural areas around Hämeenlinna describe public transportation as **not an option**





"In my village, there is no public transit option to commute to work." "I guess we're lucky to have the bus at all, but it's unmanageable."

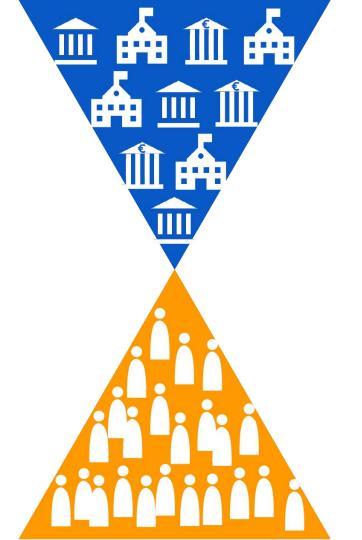




"There is no safe place to walk or ride my bike." Public transport cannot possibly meet the needs of all rural citizens...

but

what about bottom-up solutions from the citizens themselves?



What are bottom-up solutions?







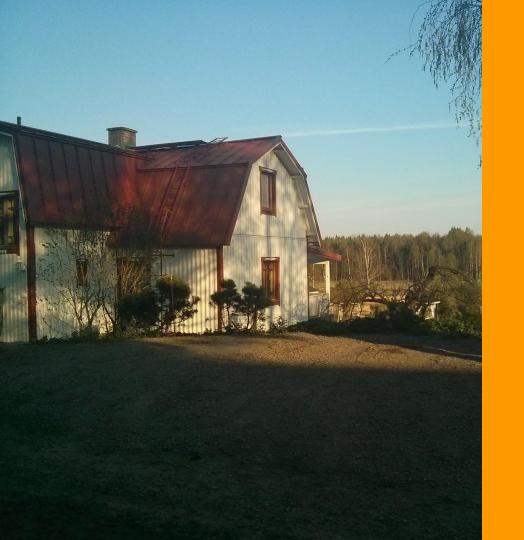
Tikkala Village ride sharing with WhatsApp





Janakkala Residents flag the bus down from safe and convenient locations





Tervakoski Village Association planned their own village bus

Bottom-up solutions are...

Local tailored solutions

Built on trust & social networks

Entirely driven by the people

Supported by village associations



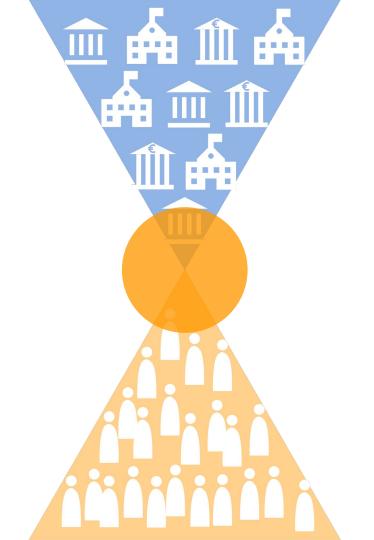
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How do we mobilize more citizens to create local bottom-up transport solutions?

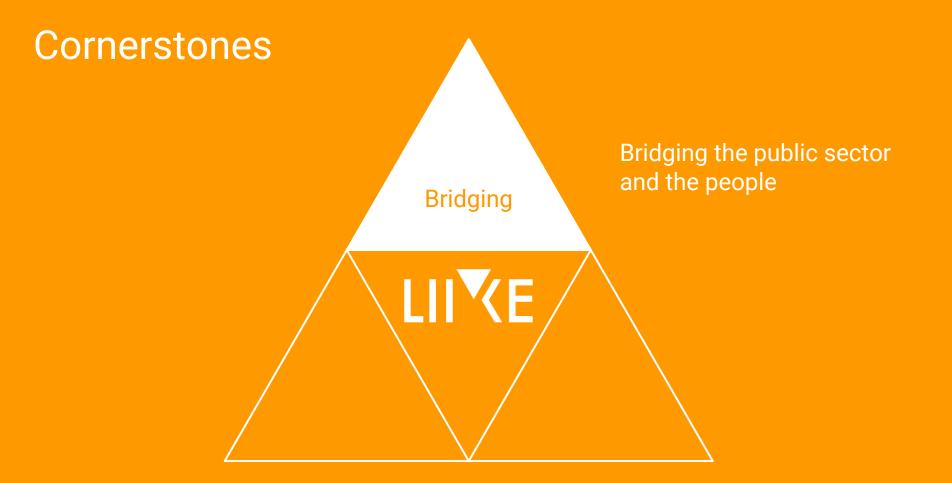
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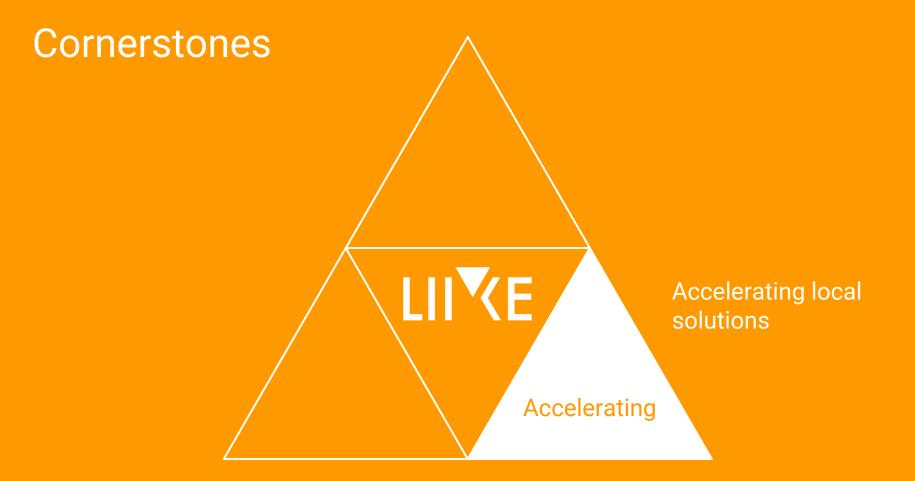




Cornerstones

Mobilizing publicprivate-people partnerships

Mobilizing



Local Mobility Advocates

Government



Municipality and other authorities



Village associations



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Government Village associations



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Toolkit

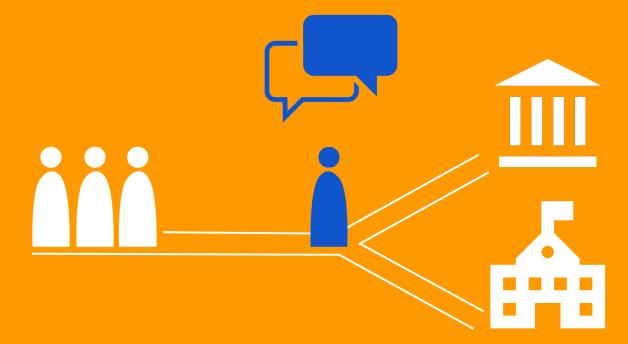
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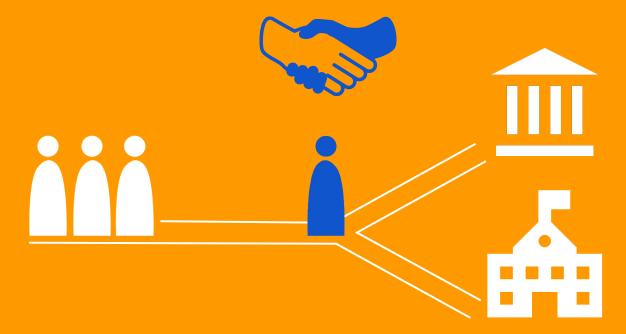


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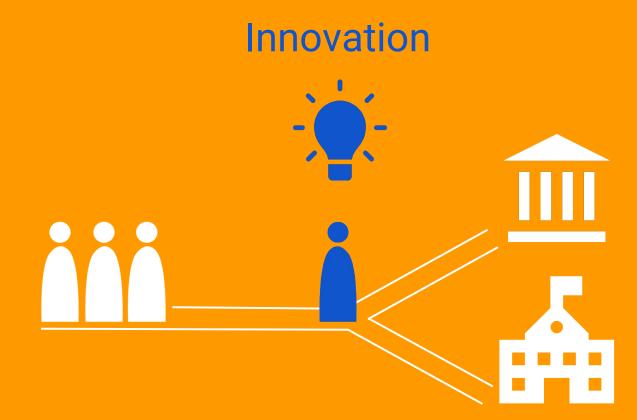




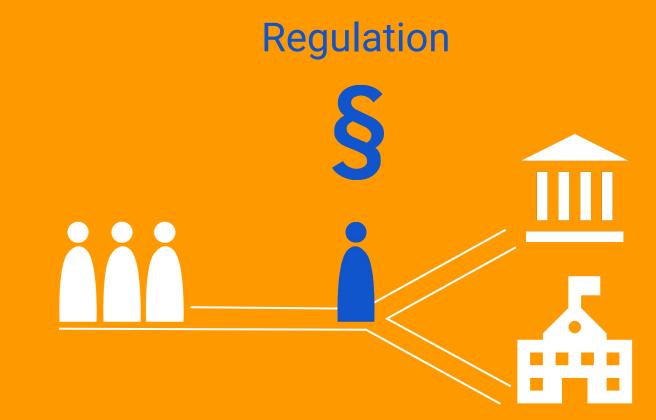
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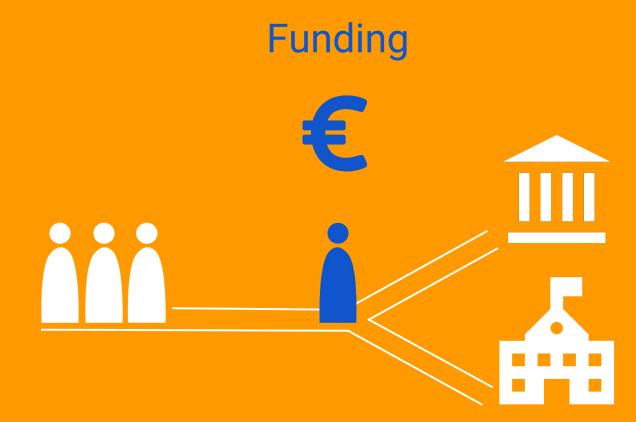




















Outcome Village Association planned their own school transport





Existing Opportunities for Accelerating Local Solutions:

Building bike paths and sidewalks

Constructing bus shelters

Utilizing parking space for "Park & Rides"

Initiating village buses

Rethinking school bus and taxi use

Enabling tax incentives for carpooling

Employing ridesharing networks



The only way to provide effective public transport services in rural Finland is by involving the people.

Where do we start?



What LII KE needs

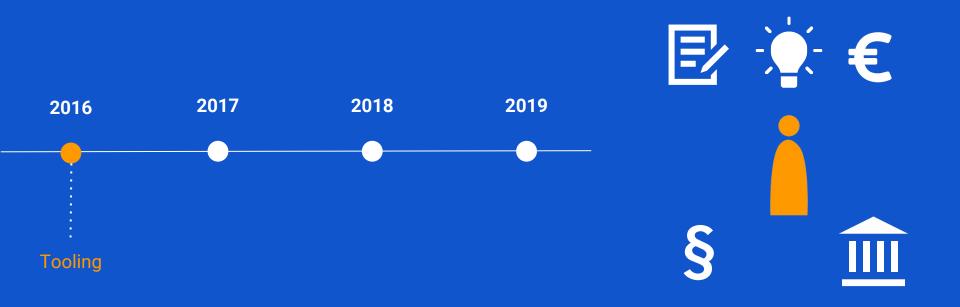
Sponsorship

Pilot

Instruments: Legislative support Enabling experimentation Tax incentives

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In 2013, the public sector spent

over € 1 Billion

on transportation costs.

Source: Liikennevirasto (2015)

Empowering citizens to be a part of the solution

Strengthening rural transport

Uniting the government and people

Fostering a culture of collaboration

Cultivating experimentation at a grassroots level

