

# International Superblock Meeting

*Urban Actors & Actions:  
Transition in Practice*

Vienna, Austria. 29.-30. April 2024

## Program

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# 29 April, Monday

14:00-16:30

## EXCURSIONS

### *Supergrätzl Favoriten – Vienna's Superblock pilot*

#### **Tour 1: A pilot project for Vienna - From strategy to built implementation**

Guided by: Felizitas Dörfel (Department of Architecture and Urban Design, City of Vienna), Valentin Gebhardt (Department of Urban Development and Planning, City of Vienna)

#### **Tour 2: Adaptive urbanism for rapid change - Measures of the pilot phase**

Guided by: Georg Wieser (studio LAUT) & Daniel Huppmann (Supergrätzl resident)

#### **Tour 3: Participation and civic engagement in Vienna's first Superblock**

Guided by: Carla Schwaderer (TU Vienna / studio LAUT), Hans Emrich (Agenda Favoriten & Emrich Consulting), Florian Lorenz (studio LAUT)

**Meeting point and start of all tours at 14:00: [@ Herzgasse 23-27, 1100 Wien](#)**

18:00-20:30

## PLENARY

### *From vision to action: How Superblocks and similar concepts transform cities across Europe*

This plenary session hosted in cooperation with the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK) will feature talks, an expert panel discussion, and an audience Q&A session. Speakers will address the need for urban transformation, the incredible potential of Cities of Superblocks, and the challenges of implementing large-scale urban change. Most importantly, they will also share experiences of transformation in action and advice on how challenges can be overcome.

with the participation of:

**Wiebke Unbehaun** – Head of Department Active Mobility and Mobility Management, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK)

**Ariadna Miquel Amengual** – Director of Urban Strategy, City of Barcelona

**Clyde Loakes** – Deputy Council Leader, London Borough of Waltham Forest

**José Besselink** – Senior Urban Planner, City of Rotterdam

**Wim Schuddinck** – Mobility Company, City of Ghent

**Valentina Haas & Immo Janssen** – Changing Cities e.v., Berlin

**Lukas Franta** – Senior Project Manager, Department of Urban Development and Planning, City of Vienna

Moderation: Florian Lorenz - TuneOurBlock consortium & studio LAUT

**location: Austrian Ministry of Climate Protection, FESTSAAL. [@ Radetzkystraße 2, 1030 Wien](#)**

**A valid identification document is required to enter the building. Please arrive early for the security check to allow for a timely start. Doors open at 17:30.**

# 30 April, Tuesday

09:00-16:30

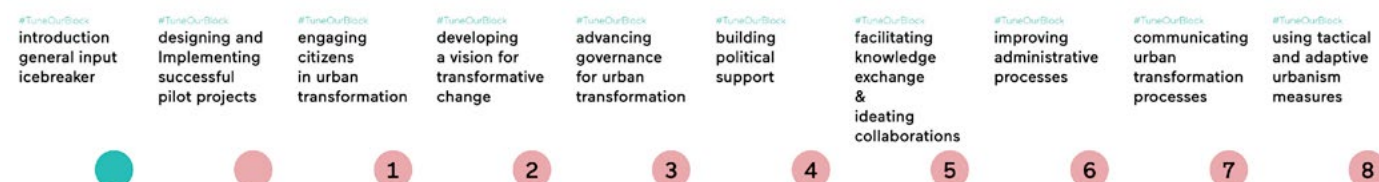
## NETWORKING AND EXCHANGE SESSIONS

### „People of Superblocks“

The session brings together experts from the TuneOurBlock Peer Group, municipal staff, academic researchers, civil society representatives and urban practitioners to interact at thematic tables for a total of four thematic sessions during the day.

#### Agenda

- 09:00-10:00 welcome and introduction
- 10:00-12:00 thematic tables round #1 and #2
- 12:00-14:00 lunch-break around Karlsplatz (not organized & self-paid)
- 14:00-16:00 thematic tables round #3 and #4
- 16:00-17:00 conclusions, wrap-up & next steps



with the participation of:

- Anna Sokolowska** – City Advisor, Net Zero Cities for Climate Neutrality
- Ariadna Miquel Amengual** – Director of Urban Strategy, City of Barcelona
- Chiel van den Camp** – Car network policy advisor & parking space manager, City of Amsterdam
- Clyde Loakes** – Deputy Council Leader, London Borough of Waltham Forest
- Gosia Marczevska** – Łódz Municipal Planning Office, PLAN ZERO
- José Besselink** – Senior Urban Planner, City of Rotterdam
- Laetitia Butler** – Development Coordinator, Places for Everyone, Sustrans Scotland
- Luuk van Kessel** – Principal Transport Planner, London Borough of Lambeth
- Merlin Pitz** – Department of Mobility, Transportation, Climate Protection and Environment, State Government of Berlin
- Neda Kostandinovic** – International Projects, Office of the Chief Architect, City of Barcelona
- Valentin Gebhardt** – Department of Urban Development and Planning, City of Vienna
- Vivian Monteiro Malta** – Green and Thriving Neighborhoods Project Officer, C40 Cities
- Wim Schuddinck** – Mobility Company, City of Ghent

**location: Vienna University of Technology, PRECHTLAAL @ [Karlsplatz 13, 1040 Wien](#)**

20:00-

## SOCIAL DINNER

**location: BADSCHIFF Wien @ [Wolfgang-Schmitz-Promenade, 1010 Wien](#)**

Informal conclusions and possibility for dinner (self-paid). Tables reserved for „superblock meeting“.

# further information

## What is TuneOurBlock about?

TuneOurBlock is a research project that examines, internationalizes, and expands the Superblock concept as policy and planning strategy for transformational urban adaptation.

Municipal planners, practitioners, researchers, and NGOs co-create effective and transferable guidelines, policy options, and tools for implementing Superblocks in varied urban contexts. TuneOurBlock examines strategies to respectfully involve diverse stakeholders and explores practical steps for implementation processes. These strategies are tested in Urban Living Labs in Vienna and Berlin, validated by partners in Slovenia and with Europe-wide peer-groups of municipal and civic stakeholders.

## The International Superblock Meetings

Resulting from the international exchange with the Europe-wide peer groups, a series of symposia and workshops have been conducted within TuneOurBlock. In March 2023, the first International Superblock Meeting was hosted by the City of Barcelona in cooperation with TuneOurBlock. Representatives from more than 15 European cities discussed how Superblocks and other public space transformation strategies can be applied successfully. In October 2023, the international peer groups of TuneOurBlock reconvened for a working meeting in Berlin.

In April 2024, the International Superblock Meeting in Vienna will once more bring together this growing network of stakeholders to share experiences and lessons learned with a wider audience of urban actors.

## The TuneOurBlock project consortium

Vienna University of Technology - TU Wien, Austrian Institute of Technology - AIT, City of Vienna - Department for Urban Planning and Development, LAUT – Landscape Architecture and Urban Transformation, Smarter Than Car, Deutsches Institut für Urbanistik (DIFU), Research Institute for Sustainability – Helmholtz Center Potsdam, Changing Cities e.V., Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts

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