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# What does the Swiss Confederation do for cyclists?

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# Swiss Transport Policy

## The Strategy of Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications

### **Strategy: sustainable mobility**

- Environmentally sound mobility
- Efficient mobility at affordable costs
- Access to mobility for all groups and parts of the country

### **Options**

- Encouragement of public transport
- Efficiency (infrastructure, vehicles, fuels, financing)
- Internalisation of external costs
- Make use of intelligent Technology
- **Promotion of “slow traffic” (pedestrian & bike)**
- Infrastructure extension according to clear aims



# The importance of Cycling and Walking

**Facts of the statistical survey concerning the population's travel behaviour in 2005**

**Cycling and walking are very important:**

- **50% of the travel steps**
- **44% of all time for travelling**
- **But only 8% of the distances (cycling 2%)**

**Average distance per day and person:**

- **Pedestrians 2.1 km**
- **Cyclists 0.8**
- **Public Transports 7.7 km**
- **Private Cars 24.9 km**
- **Total 37.3 km**



# Legal Frame

## **Confederation**

- Only subsidiary responsibilities for cycling
- Specific laws for the protection of cyclists and financing of road safety measures
- Co-Financing of infrastructure projects in the context of Agglomeration policy
- Support of innovative projects

## **Cantons, Municipalities, non governmental organisations**

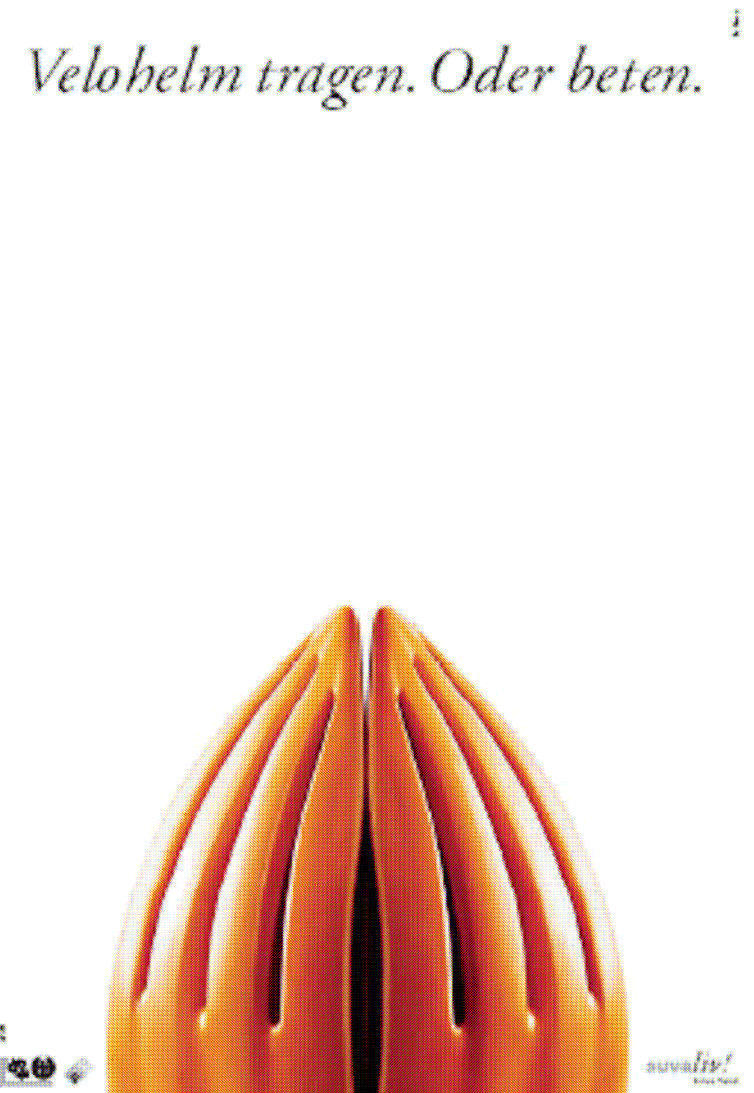
- Competences and responsibilities for the building of cycle paths and the promotion of cycling
- Fund for road safety
- Swiss Council for Accident Prevention (bfu)

## **But**

- Confederation acknowledges the potential of “slow traffic”
- Confederation tries to push combined mobility especially for cyclists



# Example of a cyclist safety campaign





# Confederation focus on Basics and Frameworks

- **Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications**
  - Owners Strategy for the federal Railways: Encouragement for door to door relations
- **Federal Roads Office: Bureau for cycling, walking and hiking**
  - Focused on infrastructure and hiking trails
  - Better frameworks:
    - Manual: Road signs for “human powered mobility”
    - Manual: Storage systems for cycles (work in progress)
    - Manual: Cycling infrastructure (projected)
    - Cycle path network planning (projected)
- **ARE:**
  - Report for sustainable leisure traffic (work in progress)
  - Brochure for the organization of car-free days
  - Support for Slow Up Events and bike to work



# New Aspects of Agglomeration policy

- **The Confederation intends to promote cycling and walking in the agglomerations.**
- **Agglomeration policy allows newly**
  - Subsidies of infrastructure for walking and cycling integrated in a comprehensive mobility program
  - Program of the city of Luzern contains for example:
    - Bike and Ride
    - Strategies for traffic calming and more pedestrian areas
    - Building and fixing the cycle path network
  - Subsidies for storage systems for cycles are possible. Cantons have to fund 50% of the projects.



# Confederation supports innovative Projects

## SchweizMobil: Project for sustainable Tourism

- Cycling in Switzerland ([www.veloland.ch](http://www.veloland.ch))
- Mountain Biking in Switzerland
- Skating in Switzerland
  
- **Web project including:**
- Route Guides and Maps
- Public Transport Information
- Further Information: [www.schweizmobil.ch](http://www.schweizmobil.ch)





# Confederation supports innovative Projects

## Project Velofon by the Swiss Bicycle Advocacy Association

- Hotline for Cyclists (Telephone and Email)
- Why a Hotline?
  - To collect information from users about weak spots in the cycling path network
  - Set up and filling up a database to communicate the weak spots to Cantons and Municipalities
- Confederation co finance the set up



## Further Information

[www.ave.admin.ch](http://www.ave.admin.ch)

[www.astra.admin.ch](http://www.astra.admin.ch)

[www.uvek.admin.ch](http://www.uvek.admin.ch)

**Thank you for your attention**