

Walkability study in Slovakia Active2Public Transport Needs Assessment

Walking catchment areas around Public Transport Stations and Stops Bratislava Hlavná Stanica, Bratislava Most SNP, Miloslavov, Pezinok, and Senec.

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. Aim of the project

As part of the Active to Public Transport project (A2PT), the Bratislavská integrovaná doprava, a.s. conducted a participatory study on walkability around five public transport hubs and stations, in the Danube region of Bratislava, Slovakia. This project is in line with the policy brief Integrating Walking and Public Transport, which highlights the need and potential to considering walking as a key part of a public transport journey.

The aim of the study is to better understand how different elements and characteristics of the public space (i.e. footpath, traffic, greenery) influence walking experiences (i.e. safety, comfort, enjoyment) in a positive or negative way. The study also looks into how different types of pedestrians (i.e. age, gender, ability) and walk contexts (i.e. purpose, company, familiarity with the place) might result in different experiences of the same environment, based on specific needs and concerns. As a result, the study aims to identify which areas are considered more or less pedestrian-friendly for all and why. This can greatly guide and assist specific interventions to improve the walkability of areas related to negative walking experiences, while extending or promoting those related to positive ones, considering the needs of all pedestrians.

1.2. What we did

Two members of the Braislavská Integrovaná Doprava were trained by Walk21 in the use of the Walkability App to conduct interviews and use it as an audit tool. More information about how to use the Walkability App can be found in Annex A.

Data was collected between 03/12/2024 and 17/12/2024, in five study areas: 1 - Bratislava Hlavná stanica; 2 – Miloslavov; 3 - Bratislava Most SNP; 4 – Pezinok; and 5 - Senec. Data were collected within 500m-radius catchment areas at each public transport hub or station, covering different types of streets and roads within each study area. Overall, a total of 608 interviewed participants shared 608 walking experiences related to 2,250 environmental determinants.

1.3. What we found

Who walks, why and how?

From the **608 pedestrians interviewed**, most were adults (70.9%), followed by children (20.2%) and older adults (8.9%). In addition, 51% were women and 49% men. Regarding their ability, most participants did not have any difficulty to move or interact with the environment (84.5%), while some had mild or moderate difficulty (14%) and a few had severe or extreme difficulty (1.5%). Finally, most participants were active pedestrians (54.4%) followed by very active (44.8%) and a small proportion of inactive ones (0.7%).

Based on their **walk context**, 61.5% of participants were walking by choice while 38.5% did it out of necessity. With regards to the walk purpose, 58.4 participants walked for transport, while 41.6 for leisure. Most participants were walking in company (55.8%) compared to those walking on their own (44.2%). Finally, most participants were familiar with the place (77.3%), while others were not (22.7%). See tables and graphs about this on page 12.









Which were the main walking experiences?

From the **608 walking experiences** collected from interviews and audits, most experiences were positive (49.7%), followed by positive (25.3%), neutral (21.1%), negative (2.6%) and very negative (1.3%). Overall positive and very positive experiences (75%) clearly outnumbered negative ad very negative ones (3.9%). When participants were asked to highlight one or more type of experiences, most referred to walking **comfort** (76.3%) with more comfortable and very comfortable experiences (73.9%) than uncomfortable and very uncomfortable ones (3.9%). Secondly, 70.7% of experiences were related to **safety**, with more safe and very safe experiences (81.6%) than unsafe and very unsafe ones (4.2%). Finally, enjoyment was the least frequent type of experience shared by participants (38.3%), with 92.3% of enjoyable and very enjoyable experiences and no negative ones. See tables and graphs about this on page 13.

What influenced walking experiences?

From the **838 environmental determinants** that influenced **walking experiences** in this study, the most frequent was street furniture (19.3%), footpath (16.9%), crossings (12.2%), greenery (10.6%) and interest (10.4%). Participants related these determinants, and the other ones included in the study, to both **positive and negative experiences**. Overall, all determinants were mostly related to more positive than negative experiences, due to good street furniture, footpath, crossings, greenery and interest of the public space. The most frequent determinants related to negative experiences were people misbehaving in public space, poor environmental quality, obstacles, bad footpath and crossing. Nevertheless, these same determinants were also related to many more positive experiences were they presented good quality.

Regarding **safety**, the most relevant determinants influencing safe and very safe experiences were good street furniture (16%), footpath (15.6%) and crossings (10.9%), while most unsafe and very unsafe experiences were related to people (0.8%), poor environmental quality (0.6%) and bad footpath (0.4%). Similarly for **comfort**, the most relevant determinants influencing comfortable and very comfortable experiences were good footpath (14.7%), street furniture (14.2%) and crossings (9.7%), while most uncomfortable and very uncomfortable experiences were related to people (0.6%), bad footpath (0.5%) and street furniture (0.4%). Finally for **enjoyment**, the most relevant determinants related to enjoyable and very enjoyable experiences were good street furniture (16.5%), footpath (15.8%) and interest (14.3%), with no participants sharing any unenjoyable and very unenjoyable experiences.

After identifying the main determinants that influenced their walking experiences, participants could include more information about **specific characteristic or subcategories of determinants**. In the case of *footpath*, participants highlighted the importance of their width, surface, presence. The most relevant aspects of *street furniture* were public lighting and seating. Most experiences related to *environmental quality* identified cleanliness as relevant, followed by absence of noise and air quality. In the case of *crossings*, the most relevant aspects were their location and visibility. The most frequent aspect of *greenery* was the presence of trees. Finally, some of the determinants related to more negative experiences, the most common types of *obstacles* were vehicles blocking the pavement or crossings. From *traffic* was volume and for *people* was social behaviour. See tables and graphs about this on pages 14 to 17.









Do different people have different experiences for different reasons?

Generally, not all participants shared the same type of experience or identified the same determinants in the same place. For this reason, the overall main types of experiences and their most relevant determinants can be filtered and reanalysed by the type of pedestrian or their walk context.

Regarding the **walking experience**, this study did not find any mayor differences between **people** with different ages, gender, ability or activity. However, older adults shared slightly more negative and very negative experiences (5.6%) than adults (3.5%), women shared more negative and very negative experiences (4.5%) than men (3.3%), people with mild or moderate difficulty to move shared slightly more negative and very negative experiences (5.9%) than people with no difficulties (3.1%), and active pedestrians shared more negative and very negative experiences (4.8%) than very active ones (2.5%). Based on the **walk context**, people walking by choice, for leisure, with others and as locals generally shared more positive and very positive experiences than negative and very negative ones. Similar small differences were present when looking at walking **safety**, **comfort** and **enjoyment**.

The sample size of some categories of pedestrians from the 608 interviews does not provide enough information to generalise outcomes, such as people with severe or extreme difficulty to walk (n=9) and inactive pedestrians who walk less than 10 minutes per day (n=4).

Were there any differences between study areas?

This project included five study areas, which presented slightly different outcomes. There were three study areas with no negative or very negative experiences shared by participants, from which Miloslavov had 89.3% of positive and very positive experiences, Pezinok had 81% and Senec 74%. The station Bratislava Most SNP had some negative and very negative experiences (4.4%) with many more positive and very positive ones (85.3%). However, Bratislava Hlavná stanica was the study area with more negative and very negative experiences (14.1%) and fewer positive and very positive ones (46.9%).

Similarly, most study areas slightly differed in the main determinants related to walking experiences. Overall, good footpath, crossings and street furniture were the most frequent determinant related to positive experiences in all study areas, but in different rankings. Other determinants related to study areas with different degrees of relevance were greedy, interest and weather protection. In the case of the two study areas with negative experiences, bad footpath, crossings and street furniture were the most relevant in Bratislava Most SNP, while people, poor environmental quality and street furniture were the most frequent in Bratislava Hlavná stanica. See Section 3 for a more detailed analysis of each study area.

1.4. What we recommend

What to fix, improve and expand.

Different walking experiences by participants helped identify areas with better and worse walkability and their main reasons. Overall, the study areas were very positively perceived by the participants, with three areas not including any negative or very negative experiences. In the other two areas there were positive, neutral and negative experiences, which implies that they present a mix of good, adequate and bad walkability, often related to common determinants. Most experiences were related to positive or very positive experiences, mainly related to good street furniture, footpath crossings, greenery and interest. These were the determinants that most people praised when sharing safe,









comfortable and enjoyable experiences. Areas with this type of positive experiences and quality should be expanded and promoted.

On the other hand, participants also shared some negative and very negative experiences, mainly related to people misbehaving, poor environmental quality and bad footpath. In order to reduce future negative experiences, these issues should be prioritised and fixed, replicating or implementing similar quality elements from the areas with more positive experiences.

Finally, places with neutral experiences (21.1%) can be considered "just adequate" environments. While they do not present a priority to fix, small improvements in their most common determinants, such as street furniture, footpath and crossings may enable more positive and very positive experiences.

Consider the needs and concerns of specific target populations

All study areas seem to influence more negative or less positive experience to older adults, women and people with difficulty to move and interact with the environment, especially with unsafe and uncomfortable experiences related to bad footpath and crossings, lack of street furniture and greenery, and misbehaviour of drivers and other people in the public space. There is a need to better understand the needs and concerns of these target population to provide adequate environments for all.

Future studies and projects

In order to better compare how different types of pedestrians and walk contexts may result in different experiences of the same place, there is a need for bigger samples and more data including people with difficulty to move and interact with the environment and inactive pedestrians.









2. Overall analysis for all study areas

2.1. Location of study areas

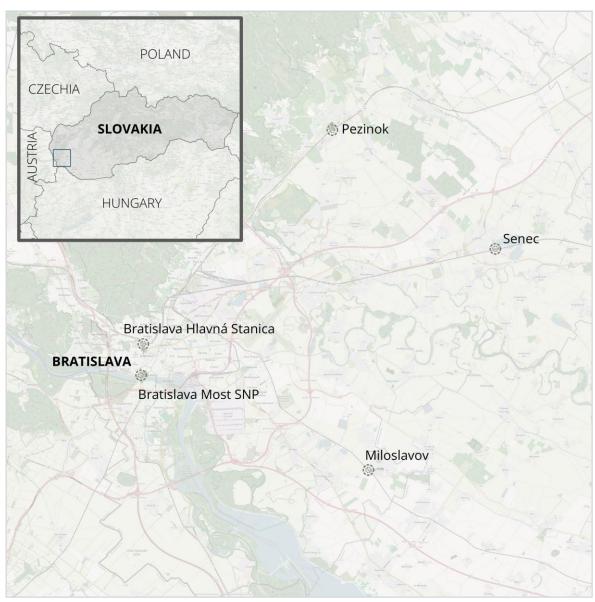


Figure 1. Location of study areas.





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2.2. Data collected Period 03/12/2024 – 17/12/2024 Timeframe 07:14-18:12 Participants 608 Interviews Experiences

Table 1. Data collected in all study areas.

Determinants

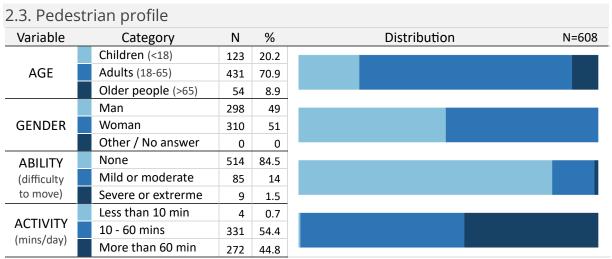


Table 2. Pedestrian profile in all study areas.

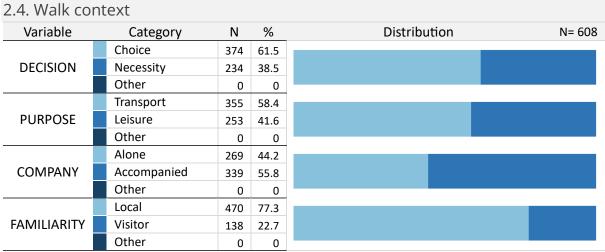


Table 3. Walk context in all study areas.











2.5. Walking experiences

EXPERIENCE	N	%	TOP-5 determinants related to experience						
Very positive	154	25.3		Negative	Positive				
Positive	302	49.7		People	Furniture				
Neutral	128	21.1		Footpath	Footpath				
Negative	16	2.6		Environmental quality	Greenery				
Very negative	8	1.3		Furniture	Crossing				
TOTAL	608	100		Crossing	Interest				

Table 4. Walking experiences and top 5 determinants related to them, in all study areas.

SAFETY	N	%	TOP-5 determinants related to sa					
Very safe	120	27.9		Unsafe	Safe			
Safe	231	53.7	People	e	Furniture			
Neutral	61	14.2	Enviro	nmental quality	Footpath			
Unsafe	12	2.8	Footpa	ath	Crossing			
Very unsafe	6	1.4	Crossi	ng	Greenery			
TOTAL	430	100	Furnit	ure	Interest			

Table 5. Safety and top 5 determinants, in all study areas.

COMFORT	N	%	TOP-5 determinants related to comfort					
Very comfortable	121	26.1	Uncomfortable	Comfortable				
Comfortable	222	47.8	People	Footpath				
Neutral	103	22.2	Footpath	Furniture				
Uncomfortable	12	2.6	Furniture	Crossing				
Very uncomfortable	6	1.3	Environmental quality	Greenery				
TOTAL	464	100	Crossing	Interest				

Table 6. Comfort and top 5 determinants, in all study areas.

ENJOYMENT	Ν	%		TOP-5 determinants r	elated to enjoymer
Very enjoyable	107	45.9		Unenjoyable	Enjoyable
Enjoyable	108	46.4	-		Furniture
Neutral	18	7.7			Footpath
Unenjoyable	0	0			Interest
Very unenjoyable	0	0	-		Greenery
TOTAL	233	100	-		Crossing

Table 7. Enjoyment and top 5 determinants, in all study areas.



Figure 2. Share of positive and negative experiences and most frequent types, in all study areas.











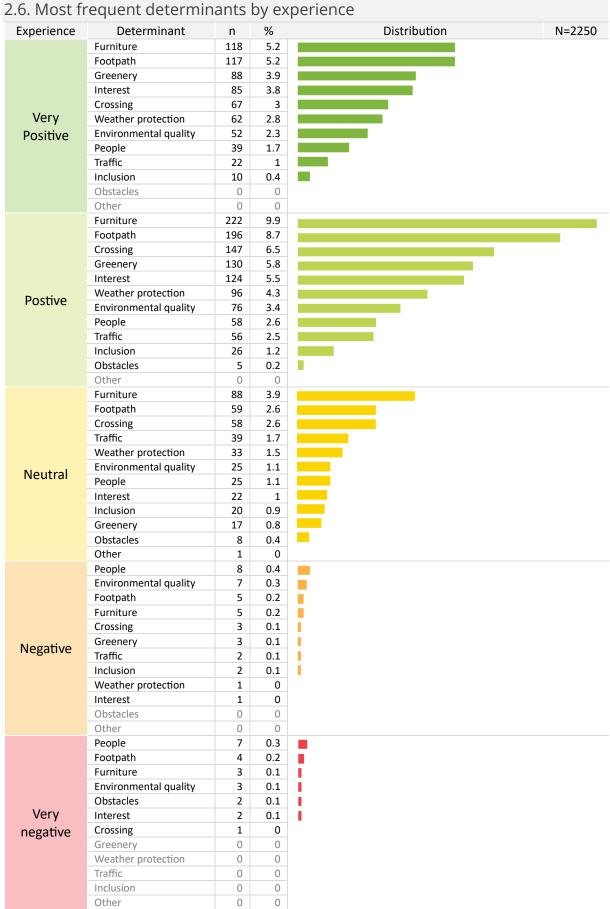


Table 8. Most frequent determinants by type of experience, in all study areas.









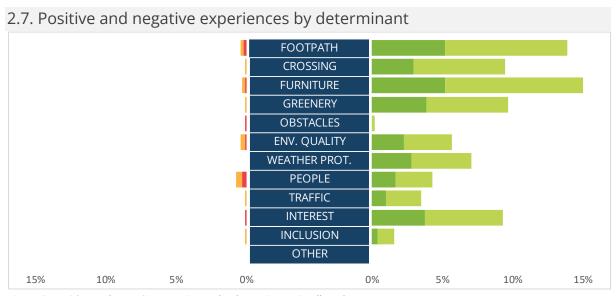


Figure 3. Positive and negative experiences by determinant, in all study areas.

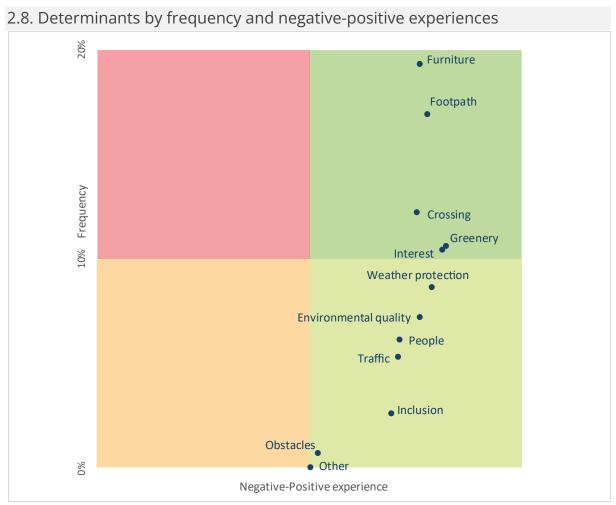


Figure 4. Determinants by frequency and negative-positive experiences, in all study areas.









2.9. Positive and negative experiences by subcategory of determinants



Figure 5. Positive and negative experiences related to subcategories of footpath, crossing, furniture, greenery and obstacles, in all study areas.









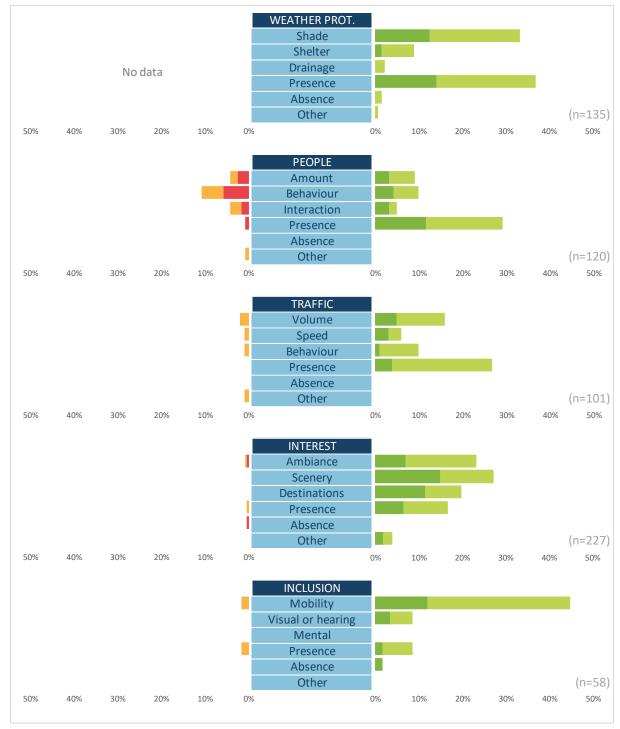


Figure 6. Positive and negative experiences related to subcategories of weather protection, people, traffic, interest and inclusion, in all study areas.











2.10. Experiences by type of pedestrians and walk context

WALKING EXPERIENCE							N	Distribution	
	ALL PARTICI	PANTS	1.3	2.6	21.1	49.7	25.3	608	
		Children	0.8	4.1	20.3	47.2	27.6	123	
	AGE	Adults	1.4	2.1	20.4	49.4	26.7	431	
щ		Seniors	1.9	3.7	27.8	57.4	9.3	54	
OFI	GENDER	Men	1	2.3	23.2	49.7	23.8	298	
PR		Women	1.6	2.9	19	49.7	26.8	310	
Z A		None	0.8	2.3	19.5	50.2	27.2	514	
STF	PEDESTRIAN PROFILE ABILITY ABILITY ABILITY	Moderate	3.5	2.4	30.6	48.2	15.3	85	
Ē		Severe	0	25	25	37.5	12.5	8	
<u>~</u>		< 10'	25	0	75	0	0	4	
	ACTIVITY	10' - 60'	1.5	3.3	25.4	53.2	16.6	331	
		+ 60'	0.7	1.8	15.1	46	36.4	272	
	DECISION	Choice	0.8	1.1	10.2	54	34	374	
—		Necessity	2.1	5.1	38.5	42.7	11.5	234	
WALK CONTEXT	PURPOSE	Transport	2	4.5	31.8	49	12.7	355	
NO.		Leisure	0.4	0	5.9	50.6	43.1	253	
N N	COMPANY	Alone	2.2	3.7	21.9	52.8	19.3	269	
N A		With others	0.6	1.8	20.4	47.2	30.1	339	
	FAMILIARITY	Local	1.1	1.7	17.2	51.9	28.1	470	
	TAMILIAMIT	Visitor	2.2	5.8	34.1	42	15.9	138	

Table 9. Experiences by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas.

	SAFETY		(2)		<u>(</u>		(C)	N	Distribution
	ALL PARTICI	PANTS	1.4	2.8	14.2	53.7	27.9	430	
		Children	1	6.1	9.1	61.6	22.2	99	
	AGE	Adults	1	2.1	11.2	63	22.7	419	
щ		Seniors	2.6	7.9	13.2	68.4	7.9	38	
PEDESTRIAN PROFILE	GENDER	Men	0.5	2.9	16.1	53.2	27.3	205	
- PR		Women	2.2	2.7	12.4	54.2	28.4	225	
N N		None	0.8	2.5	12.8	54.8	29.2	367	
STR	ABILITY	Moderate	3.5	1.8	24.6	49.1	21.1	57	
EDE		Severe	16.7	33.3	0	33.3	16.7	6	
Δ.		< 10'	50	0	50	0	0	2	
	ACTIVITY	10' - 60'	1.6	3.3	17.5	57.7	19.9	246	
		+ 60′	0.6	2.2	9.4	48.6	39.2	181	
	DECISION	Choice	1.1	1.1	6	54.8	37.1	283	
_	DECISION	Necessity	2	6.1	29.9	51.7	10.2	147	
Ä	PURPOSE	Transport	2	4.9	22.7	54.7	15.8	247	
NO		Leisure	0.5	0	2.7	52.5	44.3	183	
S.	COMPANY	Alone	2	2.9	16.2	57.4	21.6	204	
WALK CONTEXT	COIVIFAINT	With others	0.9	2.7	12.4	50.4	33.6	226	
	FAMILIARITY	Local	1.2	2	12.5	54.5	29.9	345	
	FAMILIARITY	Visitor	2.4	5.9	21.2	50.6	20	85	

Table 10. Safety by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas.











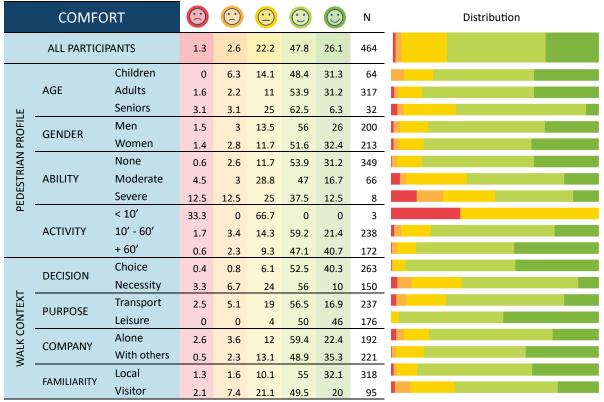


Table 11. Comfort by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas.

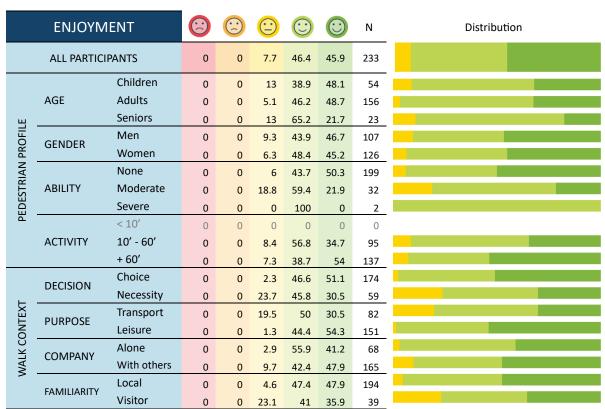


Table 12. Enjoyment by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas











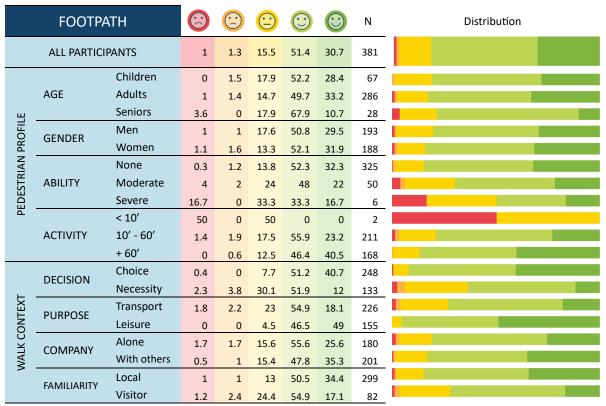


Table 13. Experiences related to footpath by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas.

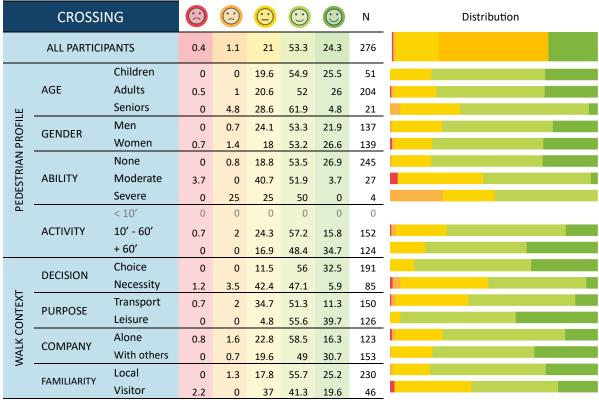


Table 14. Experiences related to crossing by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas.











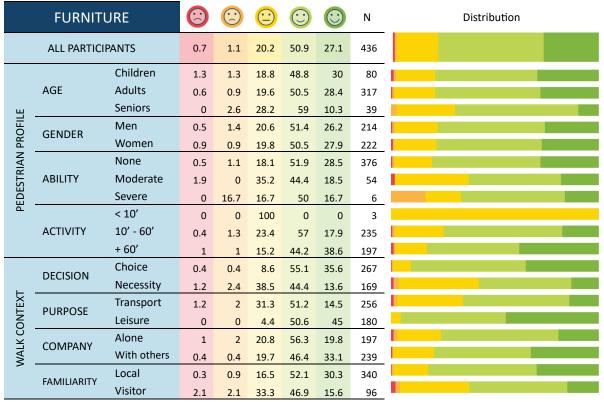


Table 15. Experiences related to furniture by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas.

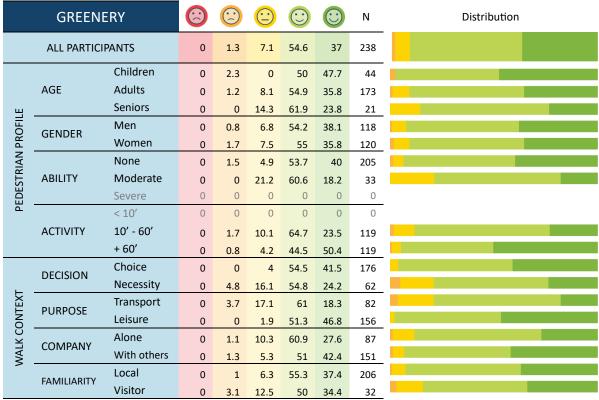


Table 16. Experiences related to greenery by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas.











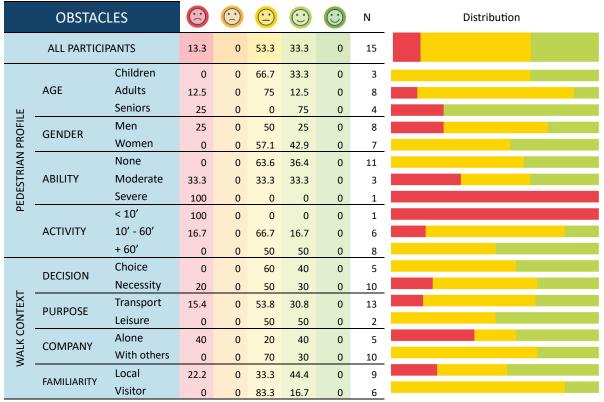


Table 17. Experiences related to obstacles by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas.

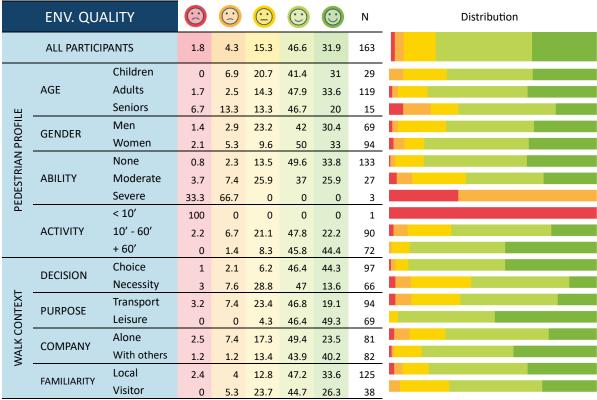


Table 18. Experiences related to environmental quality by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas.











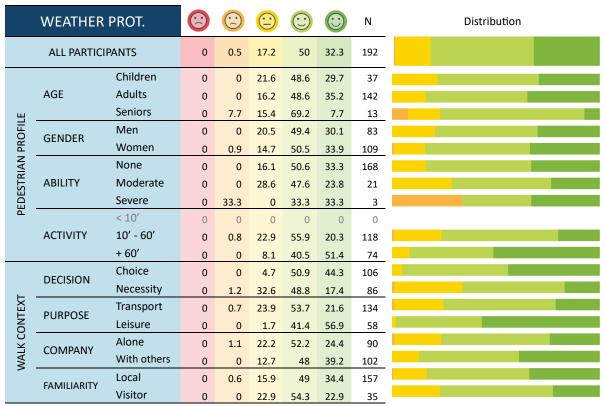


Table 19. Experiences related to weather protection by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas.

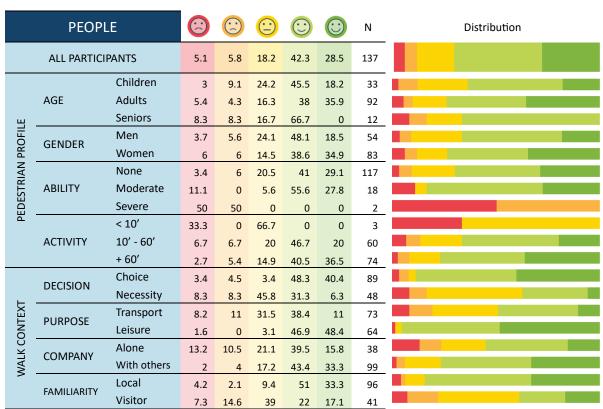


Table 20. Experiences related to people by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas.











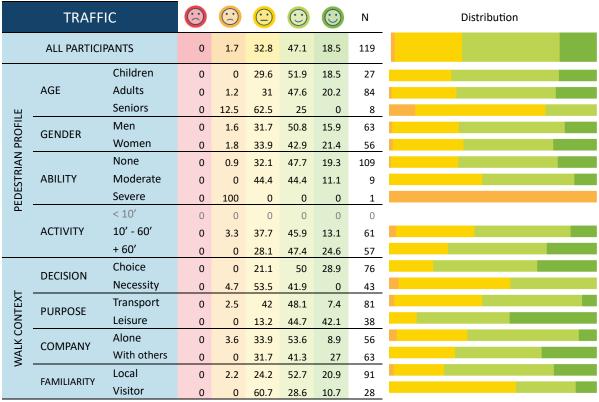


Table 21. Experiences related to traffic by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas.

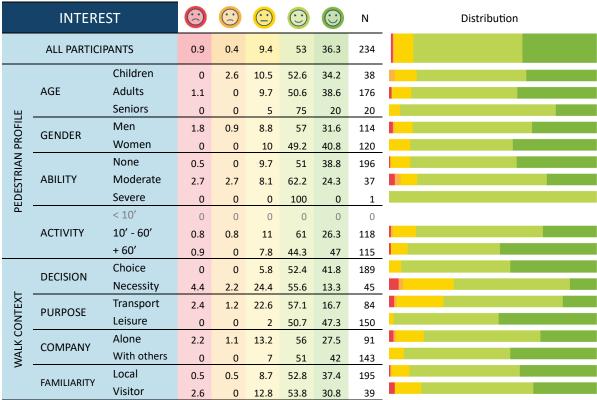


Table 22. Experiences related to interest by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas.











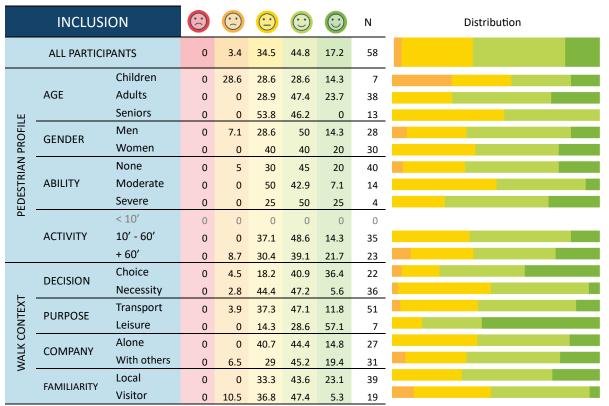


Table 23. Experiences related to inclusion by pedestrian profile and walk context, in all study areas.









3. Analysis of individual study areas

The five study areas presented slightly different shared of walking experiences and list of relevant determinants related to them. This section presents the same walkability outcomes previously explained for each individual study area.



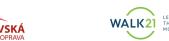
Table 24. Walking experiences and relevant determinants in all study areas.





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3.1. Bratislava Hlavná stanica



Figure 7. . Bratislava Hlavná stanica. Source: Wikipedia

Data was collected between 05/12/2024 and 17/12/2024 around Bratislava Hlavná stanica. A total of 128 interviewed participants shared 128 walking experiences related to 360 environmental determinants.

Who walks, why and how?

From the **128 pedestrians interviewed**, most were adults (53.1%), followed by children (36.7%) and older adults (10.2%). In addition, 50% were women and 50% men. Regarding their ability, most participants did not have any difficulty to move or interact with the environment (86.7%), while some had mild or moderate difficulty (8.6%) and a few had severe or extreme difficulty (4.7%). Finally, most participants were very active pedestrians (56.3%) followed by active (39.9%) and a small proportion of inactive ones (3.1%).

Based on **their walk context**, 58.6% of participants were walking out of necessity while 41.4% did it by choice. With regards to the walk purpose, 78.1% participants walked for transport, while 21.9% for leisure. Most participants were walking with others (71.1%) compared to those walking alone (28.9%). Finally, most participants were familiar with the place (54.7%), while others were not (45.3%).

Which were the main walking experiences?

From the **128 walking experiences** collected from interviews, most experiences were neutral (39.1%), followed by positive (33.6%), very positive (13.3%), negative (8.6%) and very negative (5.5%). Overall, positive and very positive experiences (46.9%) outnumbered negative and very negative ones (14.1%). When participants were asked to highlight one or more types of experiences, most referred to walking









comfort (68.8%), with more comfortable and very comfortable experiences (39.8%) than uncomfortable and very uncomfortable ones (14.8%). Secondly, 35.2% of experiences were related to **safety**, with slightly more safe and very safe experiences (35.5%) than unsafe and very unsafe ones (31.1%). Finally, walking **enjoyment** was the least frequent type of experience shared by participants (32.8%), with only enjoyable and very enjoyable experiences (77.9%) and some neutral ones (19%).

What influenced walking experiences?

From the **360** environmental determinants that influenced walking experiences in this study, the most frequent was footpath and street furniture, both included in 17.5% of all observations, followed by people (14.2%), traffic (10.6%), and greenery (8.9%). Participants related these determinants, and the other ones included in the study, to both **positive and negative experiences**. Overall, most determinants were related to more positive experiences, especially greenery and interest. With the exception of environmental quality which was related to more negative experiences. Finally, obstacles and people were related to as many positive as negative ones. The most relevant determinants related to positive and very positive experiences were good footpath (10%), street furniture (7.8%) and greenery (7.5%), while most negative and very negative experiences were related to people (4.1%), poor environmental quality (2.2%), and bad street furniture (1.6%).

Regarding **safety**, the most relevant determinants influencing safe and very safe experiences were good footpath (9.6%), no or low traffic (5.2%) and interest (5.2%), while most unsafe and very unsafe experiences were related to people (8.8%), followed by poor environmental quality (5.2), and bad street furniture (3%). Similarly for **comfort**, the most relevant determinants influencing comfortable and very comfortable experiences were good footpath (11.8%), good street furniture (5.3%) and greenery (5%), while most uncomfortable and very uncomfortable experiences were related to people (3.8%), bad footpath, street furniture and environmental quality (all with 1.9%). Finally for **enjoyment**, the most relevant determinants related to enjoyable and very enjoyable experiences were greenery (15.5%), street furniture (14.8 %) and good footpath (13.9%). There were no unenjoyable experiences shared.

Do different people have different experiences for different reasons?

Generally, not all participants shared the same type of experience or identified the same determinants in the same place. For this reason, the overall main types of experiences and their most relevant determinants can be filtered and re-analysed by type of pedestrians or walk contexts. The outcomes on how different people and walk contexts resulted in different experiences and relevant environmental determinants was calculated using all observations from the five study areas to maintain a representative sample. This information is included in Section 2. Overall analysis for all study areas.

What to fix, improve and expand.

Different walking experiences by participants helped identify areas with better and worse walkability and their main reasons. There are mostly positive and neutral, but also negative experiences all across the study area, which implies that it presents a mix of good, adequate and bad walkability, often related to common determinants. Positive (33.6%) and very positive (13.3%) experiences were mainly related to good footpath, street furniture, greenery, interest and people. These were the determinants that most people praised when sharing safe, comfortable and enjoyable experiences. Areas with this type of positive experiences and quality should be expanded and promoted. On the other hand, participants shared some negative (8.6%) and very negative (5.5%) experiences related to people, poor environmental quality, lack of street furniture, bad footpath and crossings. In order to reduce future









negative experiences, these issues should be prioritised and fixed, replicating or implementing similar quality elements from the areas with more positive experiences. Finally, many places with neutral experiences (39.1%) can be considered "just adequate" environments. While they do not present a priority to fix, small improvements in their most common determinants, such as street furniture, footpath and exposure to traffic may enable more positive and very positive experiences.

3.1.1. Location of study area and observations

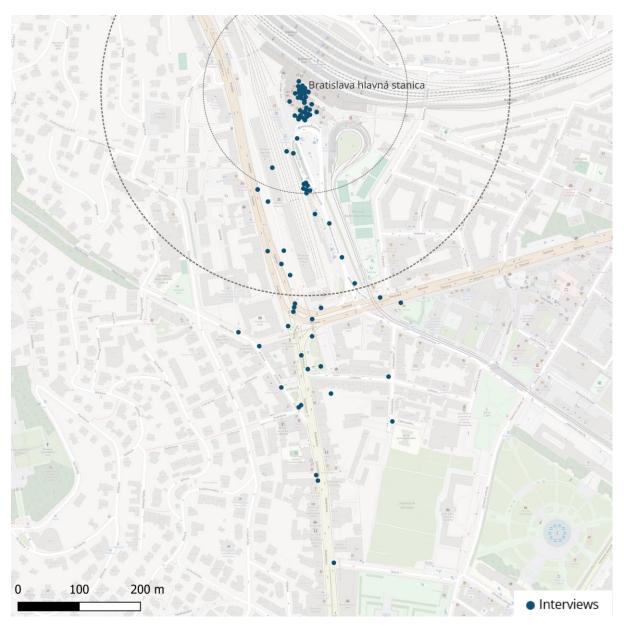


Figure 8. Observations from interviews and audits in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.











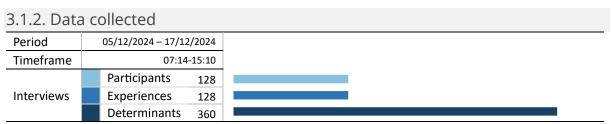


Table 25. Data collected in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.

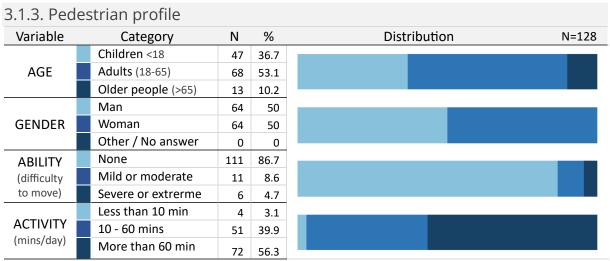


Table 26. Pedestrian profile in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.

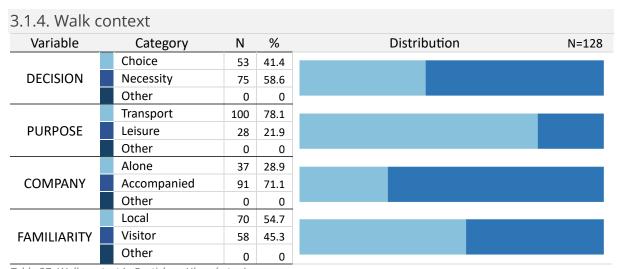


Table 27. Walk context in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.











3.1.5. Walking experiences

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EXPERIENCE	N	%	TOP-5 determinants	TOP-5 determinants related to experience					
Very positive	17	13.3	Negative	Positive					
Positive	43	33.6	People	Footpath					
Neutral	50	39.1	Environmental quality	Furniture					
Negative	11	8.6	Furniture	Greenery					
Very negative	7	5.5	Footpath	Interest					
TOTAL	128	100	Crossing	People					

Table 28. Walking experiences and top 5 determinants related to them, in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.

SA	FETY	N	%		TOP-5 determinants related to safety		
Very sa	afe	2	4.4		Unsafe	Safe	
Safe		14	31.1		People	Footpath	
Neutra	al	15	33.3		Environmental quality	Traffic	
Unsafe	5	8	17.8		Furniture	Interest	
Very u	nsafe	6	13.3		Footpath	Furniture	
TOTAL		45	100		Inclusion	People	

Table 29. Safety experiences and top 5 determinants, in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.

COMFORT	N	%	TOP-5 determinants related to comfort	
Very comfortable	2	2.3	Uncomfortable	Comfortable
Comfortable	33	37.5	People	Footpath
Neutral	40	45.5	Footpath	Furniture
Uncomfortable	8	9.1	Furniture	Greenery
Very uncomfortable	5	5.7	Environmental quality	Traffic
TOTAL	88	100	Inclusion	Interest

Table 30. Comfort experiences and top 5 determinants, in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.

ENJOYMENT	N %		TOP-5 determinants related to enjoymen		
Very enjoyable	15	35.7		Unenjoyable	Enjoyable
Enjoyable	19	45.2	-		Greenery
Neutral	8	19	-		Furniture
Unenjoyable	0	0			Footpath
Very unenjoyable	0	0	-		Interest
TOTAL	42	100	-		Traffic

Table 31. Enjoyment experiences and top 5 determinants, in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.



Figure 9. Share of positive and negative experiences and most frequent types, in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.











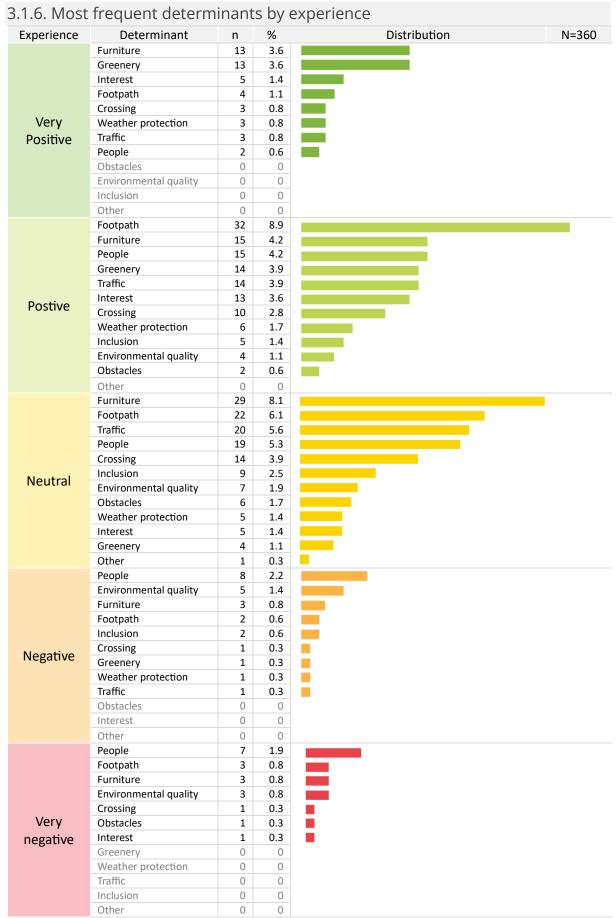


Table 32. Most frequent determinants by type of experience, in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.









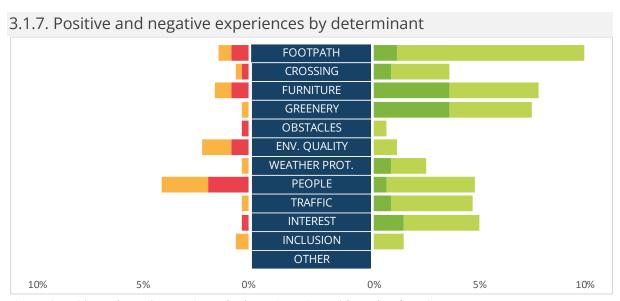


Figure 10. Positive and negative experiences by determinant, in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.

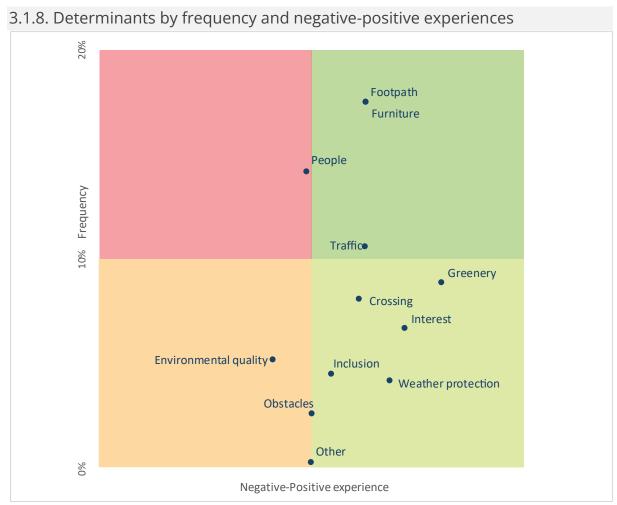


Figure 11. Determinants by frequency and negative-positive experiences, in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.









3.1.9. Positive and negative experiences by subcategory of determinants



Figure 12. Positive and negative experiences related to subcategories of footpath, crossing, furniture, greenery and obstacles, in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.









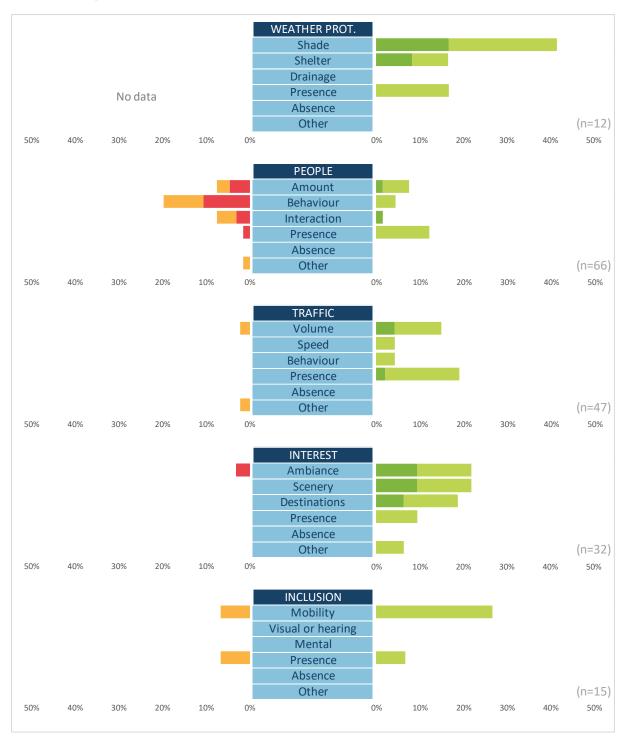


Figure 13. Positive and negative experiences related to subcategories of weather protection, people, traffic, interest and inclusion, in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.











Figure 14. Location of observations and different experiences, in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.







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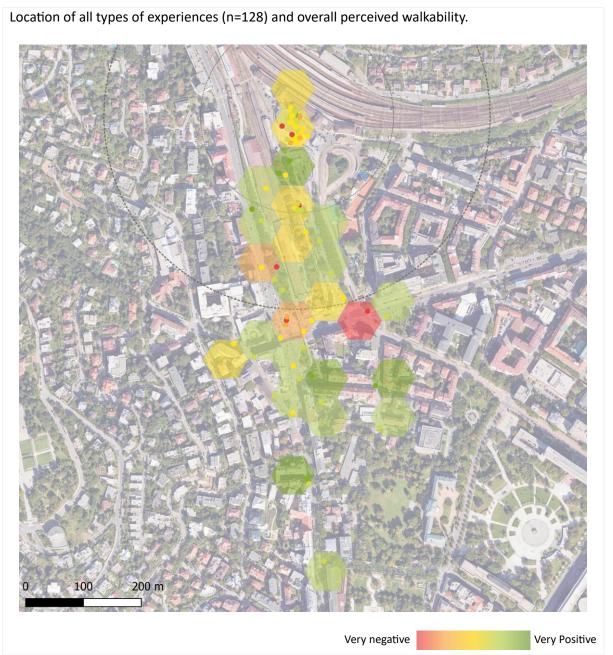


Figure 15. Location of all types of experiences and overall perceived walkability., in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.











Bratislava Hlavná stanica

3.1.11. Images from participants

Very positive. Safe and enjoyable
Wide footpath, good crossing, interaction with
people, low traffic, good ambience, scenery and
destinations.



Woman, 29

Positive. Comfortable and enjoyable Good footpath and crossing, slow traffic, good ambience and scenery.



Woman, 39

Negative. Unsafe and uncomfortable

Absence of footpath.



Man, 15

Very negative. Unsafe and uncomfortable
Bad footpath, litter and negative behaviour and
interaction with people.



Woman, 45

Figure 16. Images from the study area from participants, in Bratislava Hlavná stanica.









3.2. Bratislava Most SNP



Figure 17. Bratislava Most SNP.

Data was collected between 04/12/2024 and 12/12/2024 around Bratislava Most SNP. A total of 136 interviewed participants shared 136 walking experiences related to 500 environmental determinants.

Who walks, why and how?

From the **136 pedestrians interviewed**, most were adults (78.7%), followed by older adults (13.2%) and children (8.1%). In addition, 57.4% were women and 42.6% men. Regarding their ability, most participants did not have any difficulty to move or interact with the environment (79.4%), while some had mild or moderate difficulty (19.9%) and severe or extreme difficulty (0.7%). Finally, most participants were active pedestrians (53%) followed by very active ones (47%).

Based on their **walk context**, 70.6% of participants were walking by choice while 29.4% did it out of necessity. With regards to the walk purpose, 56.6% participants walked for leisure, while 43.4% for transport. Most participants were walking with others (58.8%) compared to those walking alone (41.2%). Finally, most participants were familiar with the place (77.9%), while others were not (22.1%).

Which were the main walking experiences?

From the **136 walking experiences** collected from interviews, most experiences were positive (56.6%), followed by very positive (28.7%), neutral (10.3%), negative (3.7%) and very negative (0.7%). Overall, positive and very positive experiences (85.3%) significantly outnumbered negative and very negative









ones (4.4%). When participants were asked to highlight one or more types of experiences, most referred to walking **comfort** (70.6%), with more comfortable and very comfortable experiences (84.3%) than uncomfortable and very uncomfortable ones (5.2%). Secondly, .69.9% of experiences were related to **safety**, with more safe and very safe experiences (87.4%) than unsafe ones (4.2%). Finally, walking **enjoyment** was the least frequent type of experience shared by participants (63.2%), with only enjoyable and very enjoyable experiences (93%) and some neutral ones (7%).

What influenced walking experiences?

From the **500 environmental determinants** that influenced **walking experiences** in this study, the most frequent was interest, included in 17.8% of all observations, followed by footpath (16.6%), street furniture (16%), greenery (13%) and crossings (10%). Participants related these determinants, and the other ones included in the study, to both **positive and negative experiences**. Overall, all determinants were related to more positive experiences, especially people, weather protection and greenery. With obstacles related to almost as many positive as negative ones. The most relevant determinants related to positive and very positive experiences were good interest (16.8%), good footpath (14.6%) and street furniture (14%), while most negative and very negative experiences were related to bad footpath (0.8%), crossings (0.4%), and obstacles (0.4%).

Regarding **safety**, the most relevant determinants influencing safe and very safe experiences were good footpath (17.3%), interest (16.7%) and street furniture (13.3%), while most unsafe and very unsafe experiences were related to bad footpath, crossings and poor environmental quality (all with 0.6%). Similarly for **comfort**, the most relevant determinants influencing comfortable and very comfortable experiences were interest (15.5%), good footpath (15.2%) and street furniture (12.7%), while most uncomfortable and very uncomfortable experiences were related to bad footpath (1.1%), lack of street furniture and greenery (both with 0.6%). Finally for **enjoyment**, the most relevant determinants related to enjoyable and very enjoyable experiences were interest (20.7%), street furniture (15.6%) and good footpath (15.3%). There were no unenjoyable experiences shared.

Do different people have different experiences for different reasons?

Generally, not all participants shared the same type of experience or identified the same determinants in the same place. For this reason, the overall main types of experiences and their most relevant determinants can be filtered and re-analysed by type of pedestrians or walk contexts. The outcomes on how different people and walk contexts resulted in different experiences and relevant environmental determinants was calculated using all observations from the five study areas to maintain a representative sample. This information is included in Section 2. Overall analysis for all study areas.

What to fix, improve and expand.

Different walking experiences by participants helped identify areas with better and worse walkability and their main reasons. There are mostly positive, but also neutral and a few negative experiences all across the study area, which implies that it presents a mix of mostly good, adequate and bad walkability, often related to common determinants. Positive (56.6%) and very positive (28.7%) experiences were mainly related to interest of the place, good footpath, street furniture, greenery and good crossings. These were the determinants that most people praised when sharing safe, comfortable and enjoyable experiences. Areas with this type of positive experiences and quality should be expanded and promoted. On the other hand, participants shared a few negative (3.7%) and very negative (0.7%) experiences related to bad footpath, crossings, lack of street furniture or greenery and poor environmental quality. In order to reduce future negative experiences, these issues should be









prioritised and fixed, replicating or implementing similar quality elements from the areas with more positive experiences. Finally, some places with neutral experiences (10.3%) can be considered "just adequate" environments. While they do not present a priority to fix, small improvements in their most common determinants, such as crossings, street furniture and exposure to traffic may enable more positive and very positive experiences.

3.2.1. Location of study area and observations

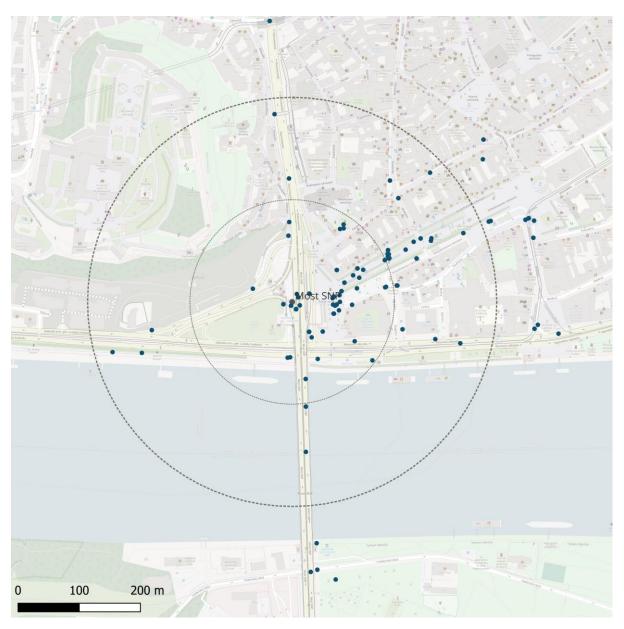


Figure 18. Observations from interviews and audits in Bratislava Most SNP.











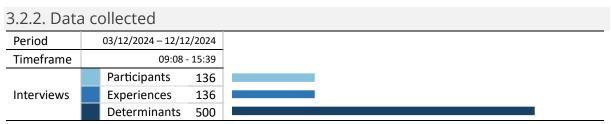


Table 41. Data collected in Bratislava Most SNP.

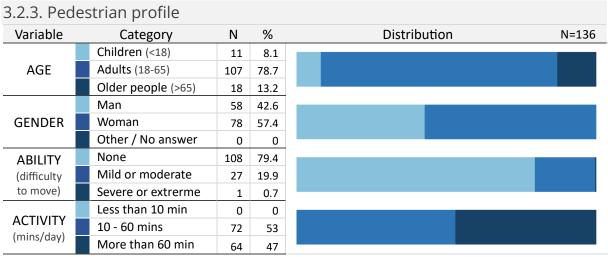


Table 42. Pedestrian profile in Bratislava Most SNP.

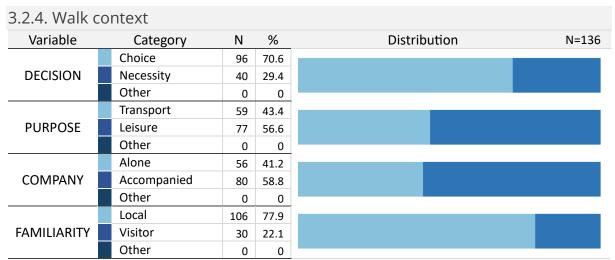


Table 43. Walk context in Bratislava Most SNP.











3.2.5. Walking experiences

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EXPERIENCE	N	N % TOP-5 determinants related to experie				
Very positive	39	28.7	Negative	Positive		
Positive	77	56.6	Footpath	Interest		
Neutral	14	10.3	Crossing	Footpath		
Negative	5	3.7	Furniture	Furniture		
Very negative	1	0.7	Greenery	Greenery		
TOTAL	136	100	Environmental quality	Crossing		

Table 44. Walking experiences and top 5 determinants related to them, in Bratislava Most SNP.

SAFETY	N	%	TOP-5 determinants related to safety		its related to safety
Very safe	28	29.5		Unsafe	Safe
Safe	55	57.9		Footpath	Footpath
Neutral	8	8.4		Crossing	Interest
Unsafe	4	4.2		Environmental quality	Furniture
Very unsafe	0	0		Furniture	Greenery
TOTAL	95	100		Greenery	Crossing

Table 45. Safety and top 5 determinants related to them, in Bratislava Most SNP.

COMFORT	N	%	TOP-5 determinants related to comfort		ts related to comfort
Very comfortable	32	33.3		Uncomfortable	Comfortable
Comfortable	49	51		Footpath	Interest
Neutral	10	10.4		Furniture	Footpath
Uncomfortable	4	4.2		Greenery	Furniture
Very uncomfortable	1	1		Environmental quality	Greenery
TOTAL	96	100		Interest	Crossing

Table 46. Comforts and top 5 determinants related to them, in Bratislava Most SNP.

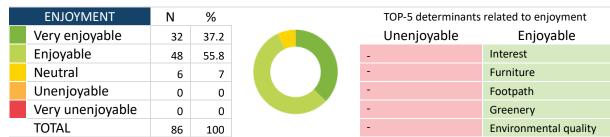


Table 47. Enjoyment and top 5 determinants related to them, in Bratislava Most SNP.

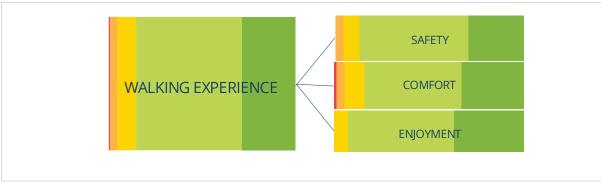


Figure 19. Share of positive and negative experiences and most frequent types, in Bratislava Most SNP.











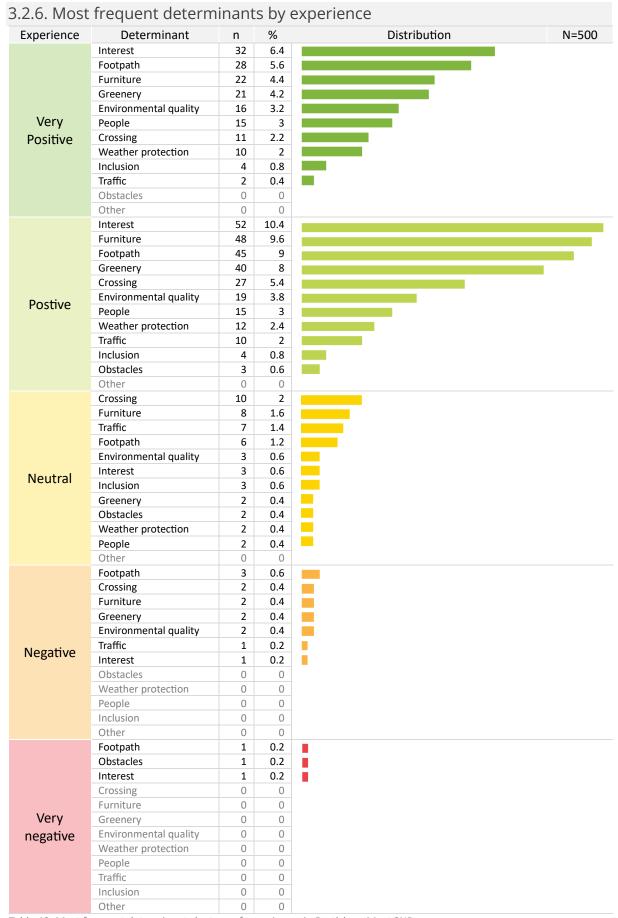


Table 48. Most frequent determinants by type of experience, in Bratislava Most SNP.









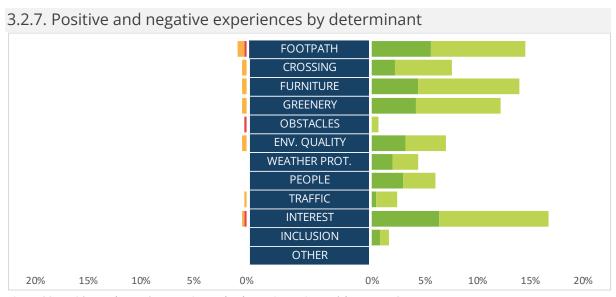


Figure 20. Positive and negative experiences by determinant, in Bratislava Most SNP.

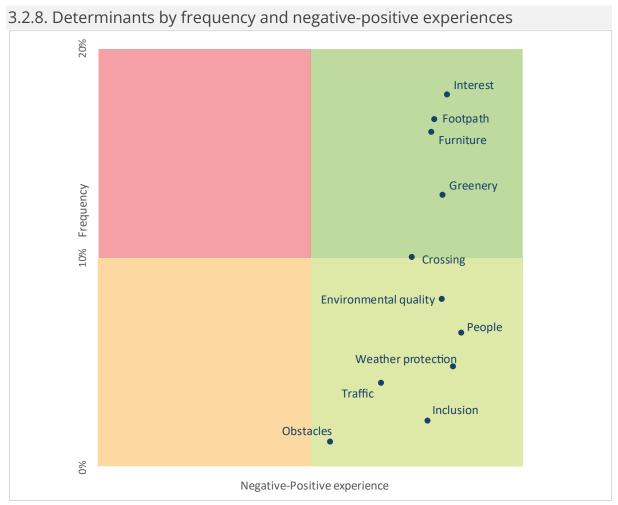


Figure 21. Determinants by frequency and negative-positive experiences, in Bratislava Most SNP.









3.2.9. Positive and negative experiences by subcategory of determinants



Figure 22. Positive and negative experiences related to subcategories of footpath, crossing, furniture, greenery and obstacles, in Bratislava Most SNP.











Figure 23. Positive and negative experiences related to subcategories of weather protection, people, traffic, interest and inclusion, in Bratislava Most SNP.









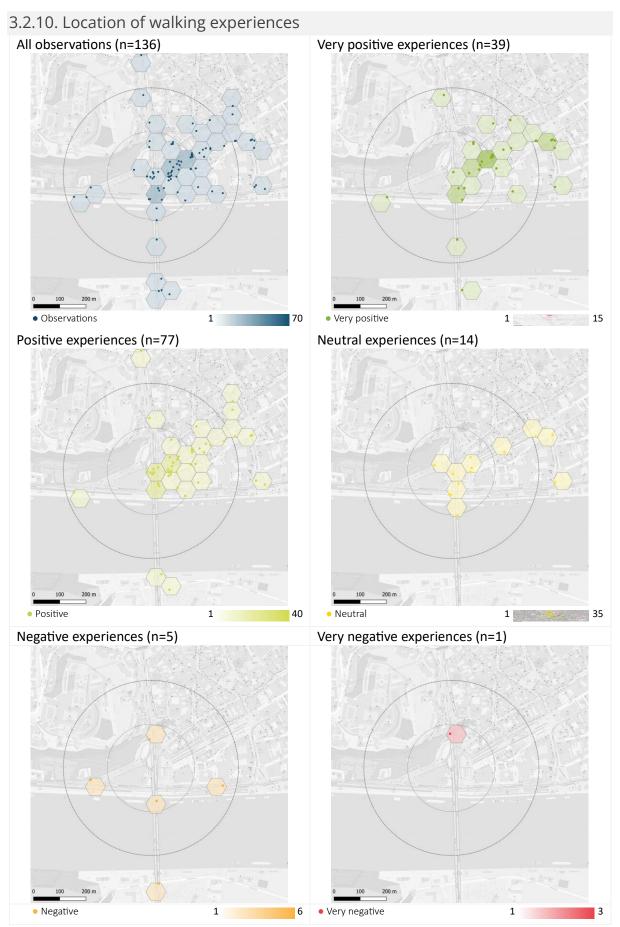


Figure 24. Location of observations and different experiences, in Bratislava Most SNP.









Location of all types of experiences (n=136) and overall perceived walkability. 100 200 m Very negative Very Positive

Figure 25. Location of all types of experiences and overall perceived walkability, in Bratislava Most SNP.









3.2.11. Images from participants

Very positive. Safe and comfortable Good footpath, street furniture, presence of people and nice scenery.



Man, 32

Negative. Uncomfortable

Absence of footpath, street furniture and greenery.



Woman, 50

Positive. Safe and comfortable Street furniture and greenery.



Woman, 40

Very negative. Uncomfortable

Absence of footpath, obstacles and no interest.



Man, 33

Figure 26. Images from the study area from participants, in Bratislava Most SNP.









3.3. Miloslavov



Figure 27. Miloslavov. Source: Wikipedia

Data was collected between 05/12/2024 and 17/12/2024 around Miloslavov. A total of 102 interviewed participants shared 102 walking experiences related to 454 environmental determinants.

Who walks, why and how?

From the 102 pedestrians interviewed, most were adults (72.5%), followed by children (19.6%) and older adults (7.8%). In addition, 53.9% were women and 46.1% men. Regarding their ability, most participants did not have any difficulty to move or interact with the environment (86.3%), while some had mild or moderate difficulty (13.7%). Finally, most participants were very active pedestrians (50.9%) followed by active ones (49.1%).

Based on their walk context, 86.3% of participants were walking by choice while 13.7% did it out of necessity. With regards to the walk purpose, 74.5% participants walked for leisure, while 25.5% for transport. Most participants were walking with others (69.6%) compared to those walking alone (30.4%). Finally, most participants were familiar with the place (97.1%), while others were not (2.9%).

Which were the main walking experiences?

From the 102 walking experiences collected from interviews, most experiences were positive (56.9%), followed by very positive (34.2%), neutral (10.8%) and no negative or very negative experiences. When participants were asked to highlight one or more types of experiences, most referred to walking safety









(88.2%), followed by **comfort** (69.6%) and finally **enjoyment** (39.2%). All of them were linked to positive experiences and some neutral ones.

What influenced walking experiences?

From the **454 environmental determinants** that influenced **walking experiences** in this study, the most frequent was street furniture, included in 19.7% of all observations, followed by crossings (18.8%), greenery (15.8%), weather protection (13.4%) and footpath (9.3%). Participants related these determinants, and the other ones included in the study, to both **positive and negative experiences**. Overall, all determinants were related to more positive experiences, especially people, weather protection and greenery. With obstacles related to almost as many positive as negative ones. The most relevant determinants related to positive and very positive experiences were good street furniture (17.9%), good crossings (17%) and greenery (14.9%), whereas there were no negative or very negative experiences.

Regarding **safety**, the most relevant determinants influencing safe and very safe experiences were good furniture (18%), crossings (17%) and greenery (15.2%). Similarly for **comfort**, the most relevant determinants influencing comfortable and very comfortable experiences were good crossings (17.2%), street furniture (16.4%) and greenery (15%). Finally for **enjoyment**, the most relevant determinants related to enjoyable and very enjoyable experiences were street furniture (16.9%), crossings (15.9%) and greenery (14.2%). There were no unsafe, uncomfortable or unenjoyable experiences shared.

Do different people have different experiences for different reasons?

Generally, not all participants shared the same type of experience or identified the same determinants in the same place. For this reason, the overall main types of experiences and their most relevant determinants can be filtered and re-analysed by type of pedestrians or walk contexts. The outcomes on how different people and walk contexts resulted in different experiences and relevant environmental determinants was calculated using all observations from the five study areas to maintain a representative sample. This information is included in Section 2. Overall analysis for all study areas.

What to fix, improve and expand.

Different walking experiences by participants helped identify areas with better and worse walkability and their main reasons. In this study area, there were only positive and neutral experiences, which implies that all participants had an overall positive experience about the walkability of the place. Positive (56.9%) and very positive (32.4%) experiences were mainly related to street furniture, good crossings, greenery, weather protection and good footpath. These were the determinants that most people praised when sharing safe, comfortable and enjoyable experiences. Areas with this type of positive experiences and quality should be expanded and promoted. Finally, some places with neutral experiences (10.8%) can be considered "just adequate" environments. While they do not present a priority to fix, small improvements in their most common determinants, such as crossings, street furniture and protection from weather may enable more positive and very positive experiences.







3.3.1. Location of study area and observations

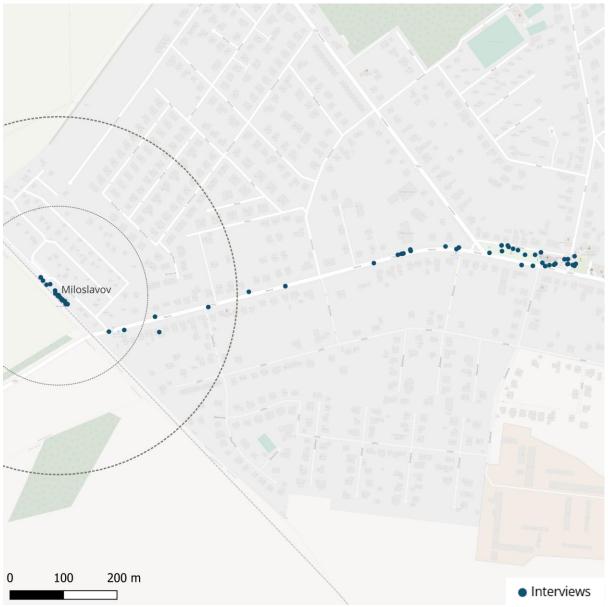


Figure 28. Observations from interviews and audits in Miloslavov.











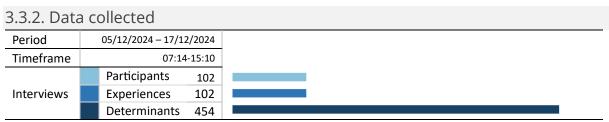


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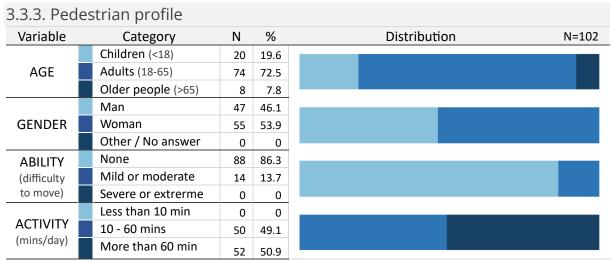


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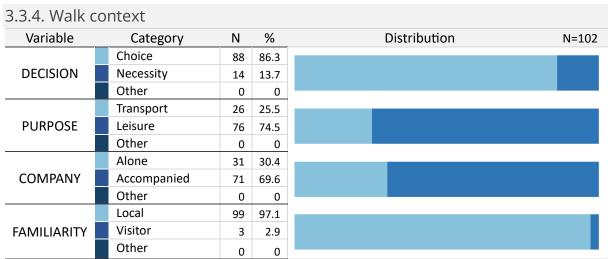


Table 35. Walk context in Miloslavov.







Weather protection

Footpath



Very negative

TOTAL

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3.3.5. Walking experiences EXPERIENCE Ν % TOP-5 determinants related to experience Very positive Positive Negative 33 32.4 Positive 58 56.9 Furniture Neutral 11 10.8 Crossing Negative 0 Greenery 0

100 Table 36. Walking experiences and top 5 determinants related to them, in Miloslavov.

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SAFETY	N	%
Very safe	32	35.6
Safe	51	56.7
Neutral	7	7.8
Unsafe	0	0
Very unsafe	0	0
TOTAL	90	100.1

Table 37. Safety and top 5 determinants related to them, in Miloslavov.

COMFORT	N	%	TOP-5 determinants related to comfort	
Very comfortable	30	42.3	Uncomfortable	Comfortable
Comfortable	34	47.9	-	Crossing
Neutral	7	9.9	-	Furniture
Uncomfortable	0	0	-	Greenery
Very uncomfortable	0	0	-	Weather protection
TOTAL	71	100	-	Footpath

Table 38. Comforts and top 5 determinants related to them, in Miloslavov.

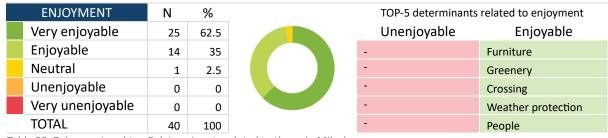


Table 39. Enjoyment and top 5 determinants related to them, in Miloslavov.



Figure 29. Share of positive and negative experiences and most frequent types, in Miloslavov.









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3.3.6. Most frequent determinants by experience Determinant % Distribution Experience n N=454 Crossing 29 6.4 Furniture 29 6.4 Greenery 27 5.9 Weather protection 27 5.9 Footpath 23 5.1 Very Interest 18 4 Positive People 16 3.5 Traffic 11 2.4 **Environmental quality** 7 1.5 Obstacles 0 0 0 0 Inclusion 0 Other 0 Furniture 52 11.5 48 10.6 Crossing Greenery 41 9 Weather protection 28 6.2 People 20 4.4 Interest 19 4.2 Postive 18 Footpath 4 Traffic 8 1.8 **Environmental quality** 2 0.4 Obstacles 0 0 Inclusion 0 0 Other 0 0 Crossing 8 1.8 Furniture 8 1.8 Weather protection 6 1.3 0.9 Greenery 4 2 Traffic 0.4 0.4 2 Interest Neutral 0.2 Footpath 1 0 0 Obstacles 0 0 **Environmental quality** 0 0 People Inclusion 0 0 Other 0 0 Footpath 0 0 0 Crossing 0 0 0 Furniture 0 0 Greenery 0 0 Obstacles Environmental quality 0 0 Negative Weather protection 0 0 People 0 0 Traffic 0 0 Interest 0 0 0 0 Inclusion Other 0 0 0 0 Footpath 0 0 Crossing Furniture 0 0 Greenery 0 0 Obstacles 0 0 Very Environmental quality 0 0 0 0 Weather protection negative People 0 0 Traffic 0 0 0 0 Interest Inclusion 0 0 Other 0

Table 40. Most frequent determinants by type of experience, in Miloslavov.









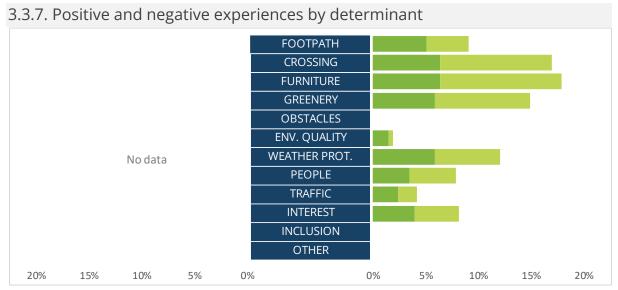


Figure 30. Positive and negative experiences by determinant, in Miloslavov.

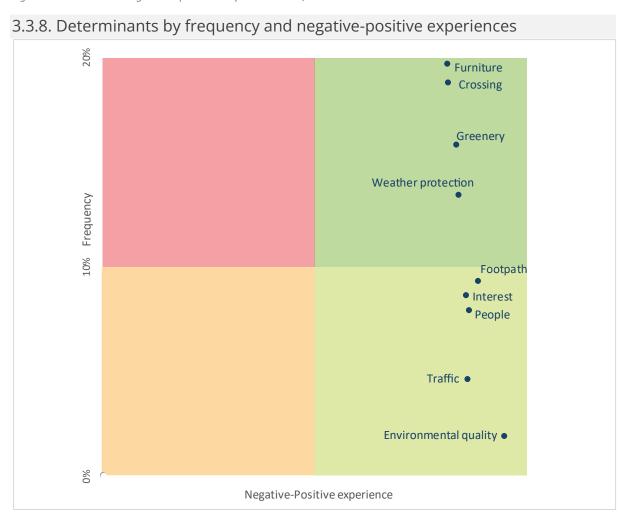


Figure 31. Determinants by frequency and negative-positive experiences, in Miloslavov.









3.3.9. Positive and negative experiences by subcategory of determinants

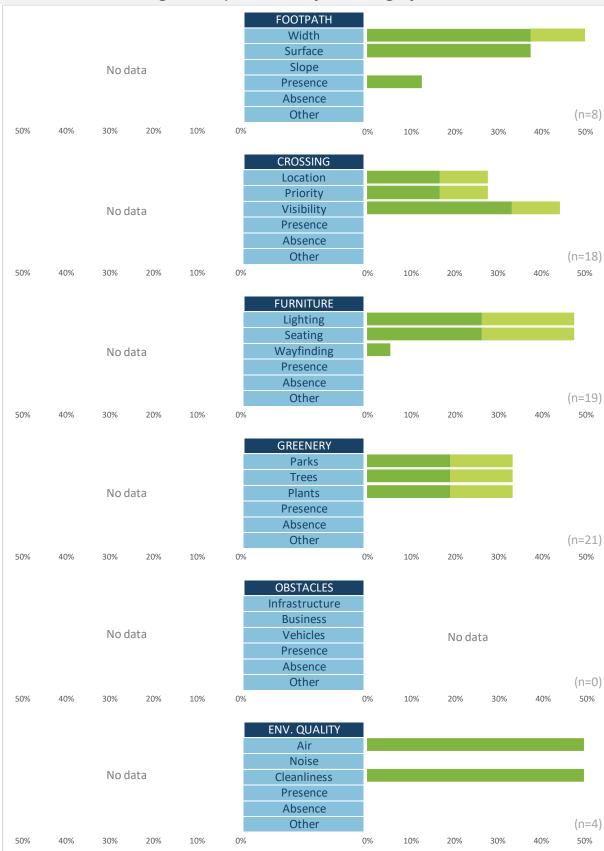


Figure 32. Positive and negative experiences related to subcategories of footpath, crossing, furniture, greenery and obstacles, in Miloslavov.











Figure 33. Positive and negative experiences related to subcategories of weather protection, people, traffic, interest and inclusion, in Miloslavov.











Figure 34. Location of observations and different experiences, in Miloslavov.









Location of all types of experiences (n=102) and overall perceived walkability. 100 200 m Very negative Very Positive

Figure 35. Location of all types of experiences and overall perceived walkability, in Miloslavov.









3.3.11. Images from participants

Very positive. Safe, comfortable and enjoyable

Good footpath, crossing, greenery, weather protection, friendly people and nice ambience.



Woman, 62

Positive. Safe and comfortable

Good footpath, crossing, street lights, weather protection, low traffic, interest.



Man, 67

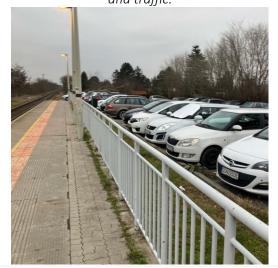
Positive. Safe and comfortable

Good crossing, street furniture and protection from weather.



Man, 23

Neutral. Safe and comfortable Adequate street furniture, weather protection and traffic.



Man, 35

Figure 36. Images from the study area from participants, in Miloslavov.











3.4 Pezinok



Figure 37. Pezinok. Source: Wikipedia

Data was collected between 10/12/2024 and 16/12/2024 around Pezinok. A total of 142 interviewed participants shared 142 walking experiences related to 532 environmental determinants.

Who walks, why and how?

From the **142 pedestrians** interviewed, most were adults (70.4%), followed by children (22.5%) and older adults (7%). In addition, 51.4% were women and 48.6% men. Regarding their ability, most participants did not have any difficulty to move or interact with the environment (83.8%), while some had mild or moderate difficulty (14.8%) and severe or extreme (1.4). Finally, most participants were active pedestrians (64.7%), followed by very active ones (35.2%). Based on their **walk context**, 50.7% of participants were walking by choice while 49.3% did it out of necessity. With regards to the walk purpose, 80.3% participants walked for transport, while 19.7% for leisure. Most participants were walking alone (62%) compared to those walking with others (38%). Finally, most participants were familiar with the place (77.5%), while others were not (22.5%).

Which were the main walking experiences?

From the **142 walking experiences** collected from interviews, most experiences were positive (52.8%), followed by very positive (28.2%), neutral (19%) and no negative or very negative experiences. When participants were asked to highlight one or more types of experiences, most referred to walking **comfort** (88%), followed by **safety** (85.9%) and finally **enjoyment** (21.8%). All of them were linked to positive experiences and some neutral ones.









What influenced walking experiences?

From the 532 environmental determinants that influenced walking experiences in this study, the most frequent was street furniture, included in 22.1% of all observations, followed by footpath (21.6%), weather protection (13.5%), crossings (11.3%) and environmental quality (10.9%). Participants related these determinants, and the other ones included in the study, to both positive and negative experiences. Overall, all determinants were related to more positive experiences, especially greenery and intertest. The most relevant determinants related to positive and very positive experiences were good footpath (18.8%), good street furniture (18.2%) and weather protection (11.1%), whereas there were no negative or very negative experiences.

Regarding safety, the most relevant determinants influencing safe and very safe experiences were good footpath (20%), street furniture (19.3%) and weather protection (11.5%). Similarly for comfort, the most relevant determinants influencing comfortable and very comfortable experiences were good footpath (19%), street furniture (18%) and weather protection (10.7%). Finally for enjoyment, the most relevant determinants related to enjoyable and very enjoyable experiences were good footpath (24.8%), street furniture (19%) and environmental quality (9.9%). There were no unsafe, uncomfortable or unenjoyable experiences shared.

Do different people have different experiences for different reasons?

Generally, not all participants shared the same type of experience or identified the same determinants in the same place. For this reason, the overall main types of experiences and their most relevant determinants can be filtered and re-analysed by type of pedestrians or walk contexts. The outcomes on how different people and walk contexts resulted in different experiences and relevant environmental determinants was calculated using all observations from the five study areas to maintain a representative sample. This information is included in Section 2. Overall analysis for all study areas.

What to fix, improve and expand.

Different walking experiences by participants helped identify areas with better and worse walkability and their main reasons. In this study area, there were only positive and neutral experiences, which implies that all participants had an overall positive experience about the walkability of the place. Positive (52.8%) and very positive (28.2%) experiences were mainly related to good footpath, street furniture, weather protection, environmental quality and crossings. These were the determinants that most people praised when sharing safe, comfortable and enjoyable experiences. Areas with this type of positive experiences and quality should be expanded and promoted. Finally, some places with neutral experiences (19%) can be considered "just adequate" environments. While they do not present a priority to fix, small improvements in their most common determinants, such as street furniture, footpath and protection from weather may enable more positive and very positive experiences.









3.4.1. Location of study area and observations

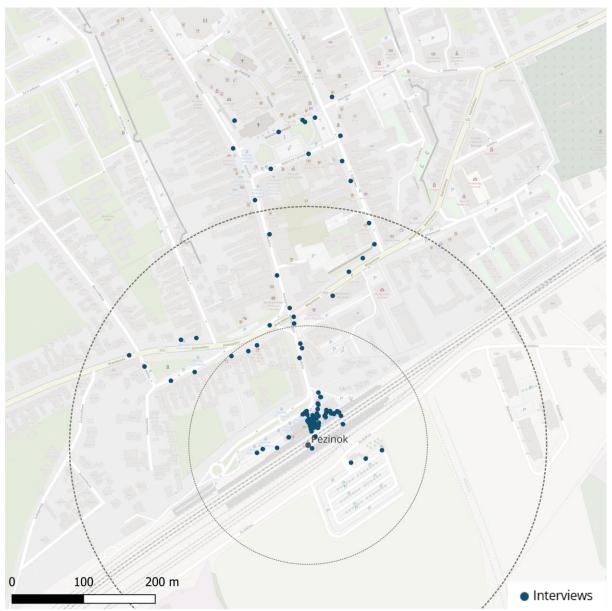


Figure 38. Observations from interviews and audits in Pezinok.











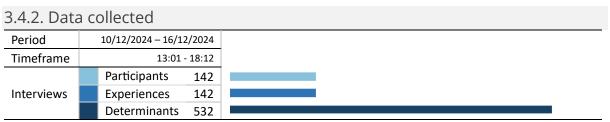


Table 49. Data collected in Pezinok.

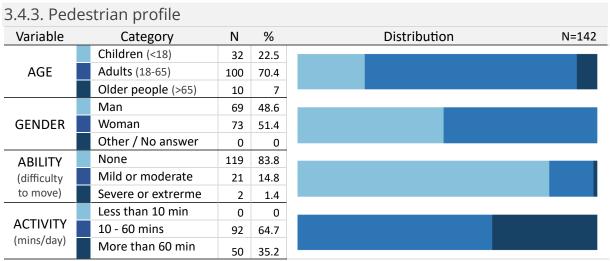


Table 50. Pedestrian profile in Pezinok.

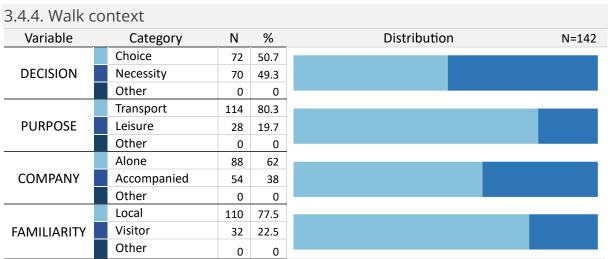


Table 51. Walk context in Pezinok.











3.4.5. Walking experiences

EXPERIENCE	N	%	TOP-5 determinant	s related to experience
Very positive	40	28.2	Negative	Positive
Positive	75	52.8	-	Footpath
Neutral	27	19	-	Furniture
Negative	0	0		Weather protection
Very negative	0	0	-	Environmental qual
TOTAL	142	100	-	Crossing

Table 52. Walking experiences and top 5 determinants related to them, in Pezinok.

SAFETY	N	%	TOP-5 determina	nts related to safety
Very safe	39	32	Unsafe	Safe
Safe	68	55.7	-	Footpath
Neutral	15	12.3	-	Furniture
Unsafe	0	0	-	Weather protection
Very unsafe	0	0	-	Environmental quality
TOTAL	122	100	-	Crossing

Table 53. Safety and top 5 determinants related to them, in Pezinok.

COMFORT	N	%	TOP-5 determinants related to comfort	
Very comfortable	38	30.4	Uncomfo	ortable Comfortable
Comfortable	64	51.2		Footpath
Neutral	23	18.4		Furniture
Uncomfortable	0	0		Weather protection
Very uncomfortable	0	0	-	Environmental quality
TOTAL	125	100	-	Crossing

Table 54. Comforts and top 5 determinants related to them, in Pezinok.

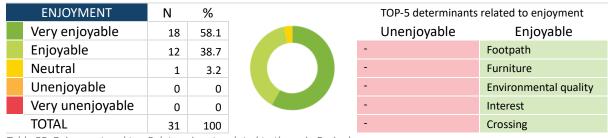


Table 55. Enjoyment and top 5 determinants related to them, in Pezinok.

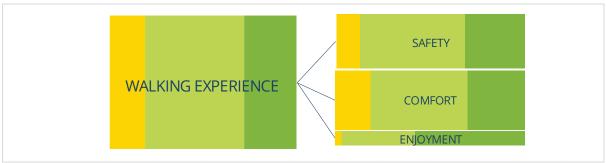


Figure 39. Share of positive and negative experiences and most frequent types, in B Pezinok.











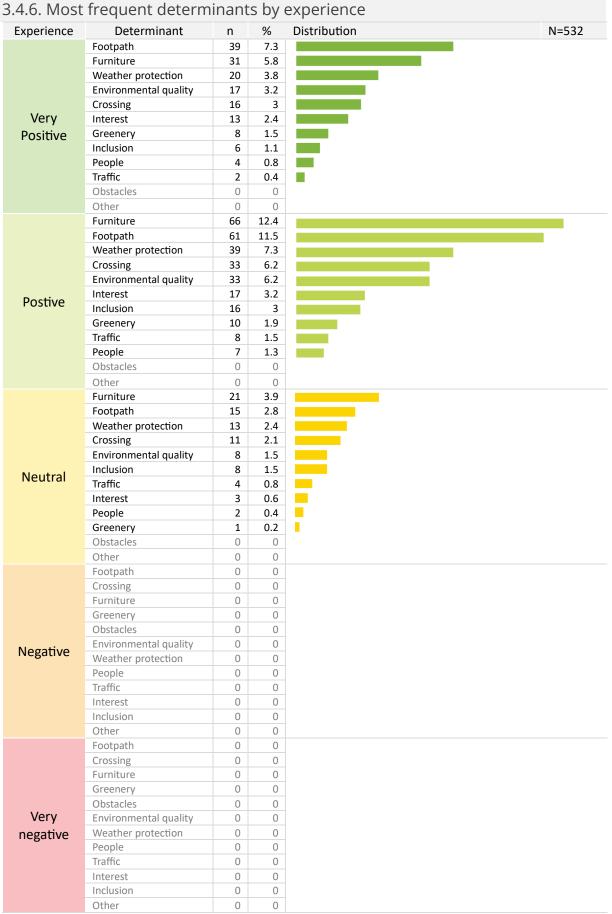


Table 56. Most frequent determinants by type of experience, in Pezinok.









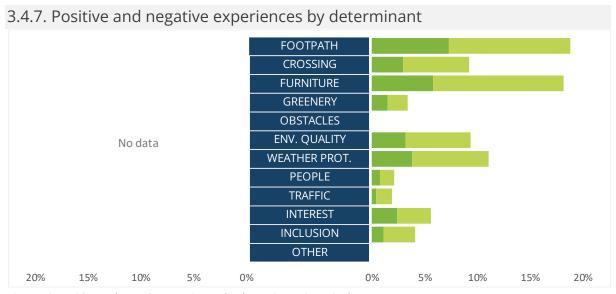


Figure 40. Positive and negative experiences by determinant, in Pezinok.

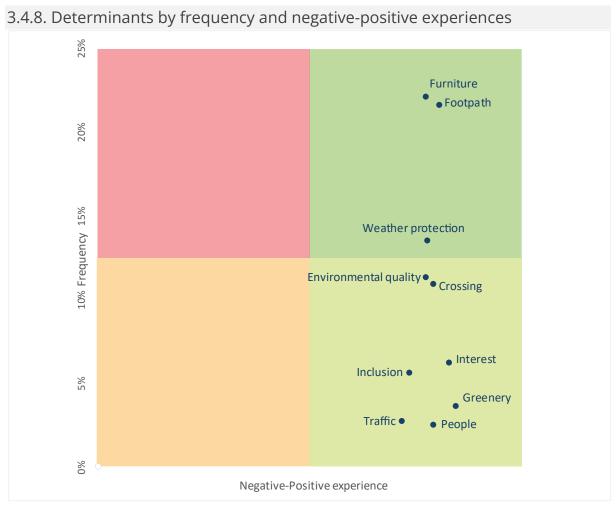


Figure 41. Determinants by frequency and negative-positive experiences, in Pezinok.









3.4.9. Positive and negative experiences by subcategory of determinants FOOTPATH Width Surface Slope No data Presence Absence Other (n=166)50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% 50% 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% CROSSING Location Priority Visibility No data Presence Absence Other (n=79) 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% FURNITURE Lighting Seating Wayfinding No data Presence Absence (n=206)Other 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% GREENERY Parks Trees **Plants** No data Presence Absence (n=26)Other 50% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% **OBSTACLES** Infrastructure **Business** Vehicles No data No data Presence Absence Other 50% 30% 20% 10% 0% 40% 50% 40% 0% 10% 20% 30% **ENV. QUALITY** Air Noise Cleanliness No data Presence Absence Other (n=47)50% 20% 30% 40%

Figure 42. Positive and negative experiences related to subcategories of footpath, crossing, furniture, greenery and obstacles, in Pezinok.











Figure 43. Positive and negative experiences related to subcategories of weather protection, people, traffic, interest and inclusion, in Pezinok.









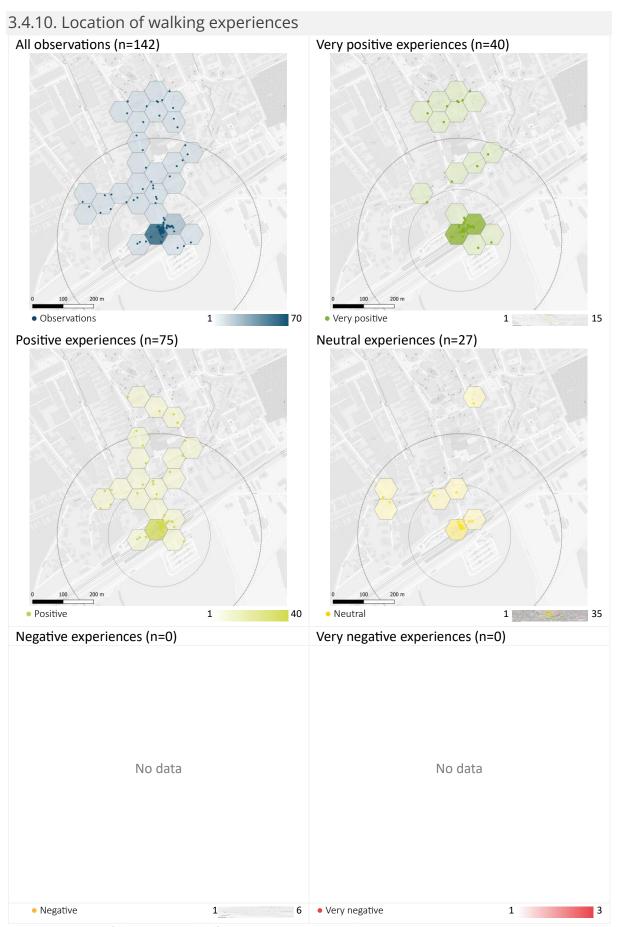


Figure 44. Location of observations and different experiences, in Pezinok.









Prezinok

Location of all types of experiences (n=142) and overall perceived walkability.

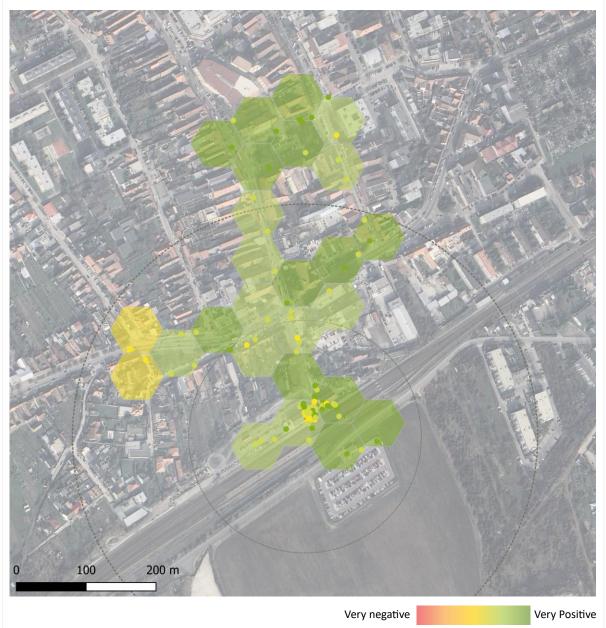


Figure 45. Location of all types of experiences and overall perceived walkability, in Pezinok.









Prezinok



3.4.11. Images from participants

Very positive. Safe, comfortable and enjoyable Good footpath and crossing, greenery and interest.



Woman, 21

Neutral. Comfort

Adequate footpath, crossing, street furniture, traffic and environmental quality.



Woman, 15

Positive. Safe and comfortable
Good crossing, street furniture and protection
from weather.



Woman, 22

Neutral. Safe and comfortable

Adequate footpath, traffic and interest.



Man, 28

Figure 46. Images from the study area from participants, in Pezinok.



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3.5. Senec



Figure 47. Senec. Source: Wikipedia

Data was collected on the 10/12/2024 around Senec. A total of 100 interviewed participants shared 100 walking experiences related to 404 environmental determinants.

Who walks, why and how?

From the **100 pedestrians** interviewed, most were adults (82%), followed by children (13%) and older adults (5%). In addition, 60% were men and 40% women. Regarding their ability, most participants did not have any difficulty to move or interact with the environment (88%), while some had mild or moderate difficulty (12%). Finally, most participants were active pedestrians (66%), followed by very active ones (34%). Based on their **walk context**, 65% of participants were walking by choice while 35% did it out of necessity. With regards to the walk purpose, 56% participants walked for transport, while 44% for leisure. Most participants were walking alone (57%) compared to those walking with others (43%). Finally, most participants were familiar with the place (85%), while others were not (15%).

Which were the main walking experiences?

From the **100** walking experiences collected from interviews, most experiences were positive (49%), followed by neutral (26%), very positive (25%) and no negative or very negative experiences. When participants were asked to highlight one or more types of experiences, most referred to walking **comfort** (84%), followed by **safety** (78%) and finally **enjoyment** (34%). All of them were linked to positive experiences and some neutral ones.

What influenced walking experiences?

From the **404 environmental determinants** that influenced **walking experiences** in this study, the most frequent was street furniture, included in 21.2% of all observations, followed by footpath (19.3%), crossings (12.9%), greenery (12.4%) and interest (12.1%). Participants related these determinants, and the other ones included in the study, to both **positive and negative experiences**. Overall, all determinants were related to more positive experiences. The most relevant determinants related to

positive and very positive experiences were street furniture (15.8%), good footpath (15.6%) and greenery (10.9%), whereas there were no negative or very negative experiences.

Regarding **safety**, the most relevant determinants influencing safe and very safe experiences were good footpath (17.1%), street furniture (16.5%) and greenery (11.3%). Similarly for **comfort**, the most relevant determinants influencing comfortable and very comfortable experiences were good footpath (15.6%), street furniture (14.8%) and greenery (10.2%). Finally for **enjoyment**, the most relevant determinants related to enjoyable and very enjoyable experiences were good footpath (19.6%), street furniture (17.7%) and greenery (15%). There were no unsafe, uncomfortable or unenjoyable experiences shared.

Do different people have different experiences for different reasons?

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3.5.1. Location of study area and observations

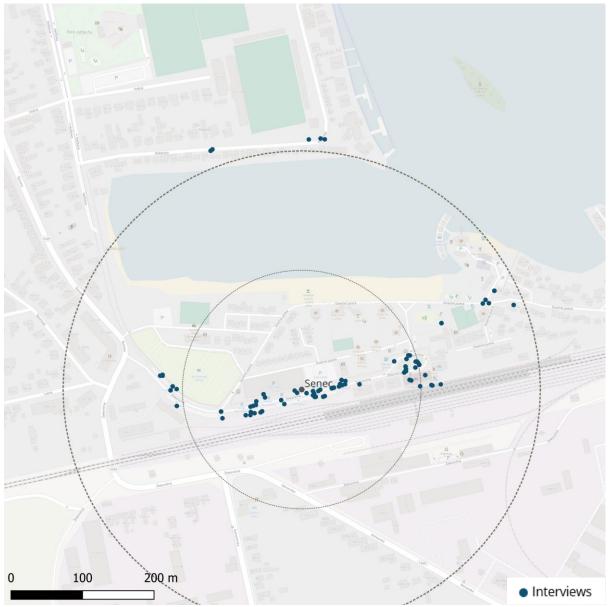


Figure 48. Observations from interviews and audits in Senec.

3.5.2. Data collected

Period	10/12/2024	
Timeframe	14:40 - 16:23	
	Participants	100
Interviews	Experiences	100
	Determinants	404

Table 57. Data collected in Senec.

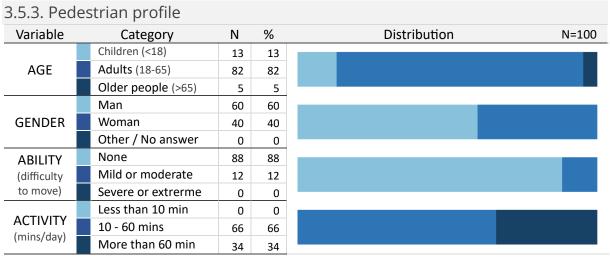


Table 58. Pedestrian profile in Senec.

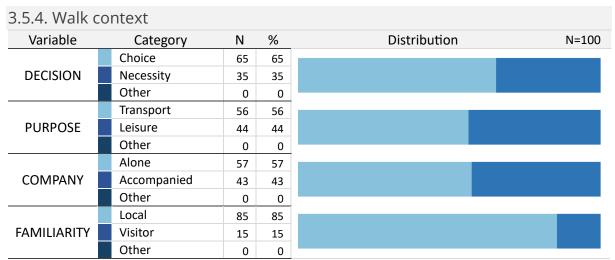


Table 59. Walk context in Senec.

3.5.5. Walking experiences

EXPERIENCE	N	%	TOP-5 determinant	s related to experience
Very positive	25	25	Negative	Positive
Positive	49	49	-	Furniture
Neutral	26	26	-	Footpath
Negative	0	0	-	Greenery
Very negative	0	0	-	Interest
TOTAL	100	100	-	Crossing

Table 60. Walking experiences and top 5 determinants related to them, in Senec.

SAFETY	N	%	TOP-5 deterr	minants related to safety
Very safe	19	24.4	Unsafe	Safe
Safe	43	55.1	-	Footpath
Neutral	16	20.5	-	Furniture
Unsafe	0	0	-	Greenery
Very unsafe	0	0	-	Crossing
TOTAL	78	100	-	Interest

Table 61. Safety and top 5 determinants related to them, in Senec.

COMFORT	N	%	TOP-5 determinant	ts related to comfort
Very comfortable	19	22.6	Uncomfortable	Comfortable
Comfortable	42	50	-	Footpath
Neutral	23	27.4	-	Furniture
Uncomfortable	0	0	-	Greenery
Very uncomfortable	0	0	-	Crossing
TOTAL	84	100	-	Interest

Table 62. Comforts and top 5 determinants related to them, in Senec.

ENJOYMENT	Ν	%	TOP-5 determinants related to enjoyment		
Very enjoyable	17	50		Unenjoyable	Enjoyable
Enjoyable	15	44.1		-	Footpath
Neutral	2	5.9		-	Furniture
Unenjoyable	0	0		-	Greenery
Very unenjoyable	0	0		-	Interest
TOTAL	34	100			Environmental quality

Table 63. Enjoyment and top 5 determinants related to them, in Senec.

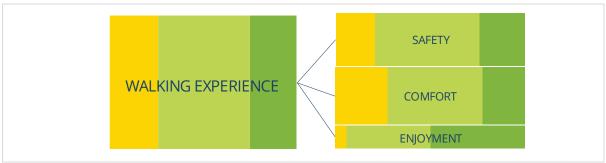


Figure 49. Share of positive and negative experiences and most frequent types, in Senec.

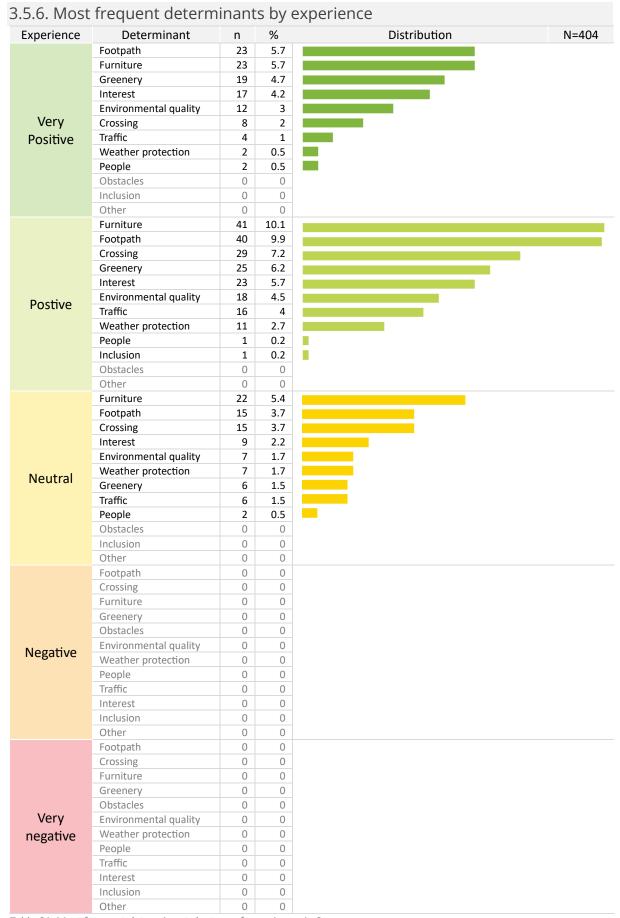


Table 64. Most frequent determinants by type of experience, in Senec.

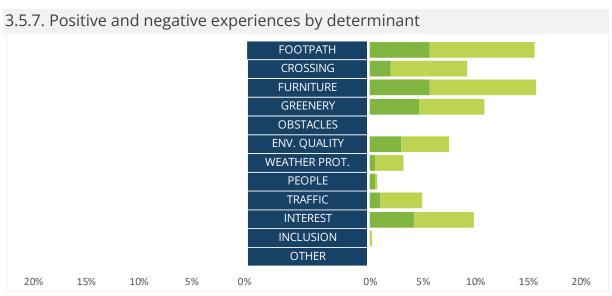


Figure 50. Positive and negative experiences by determinant, in Senec.

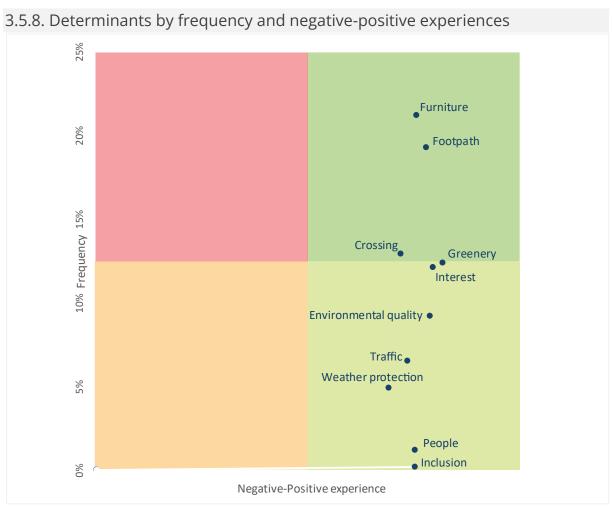


Figure 51. Determinants by frequency and negative-positive experiences, in Senec.

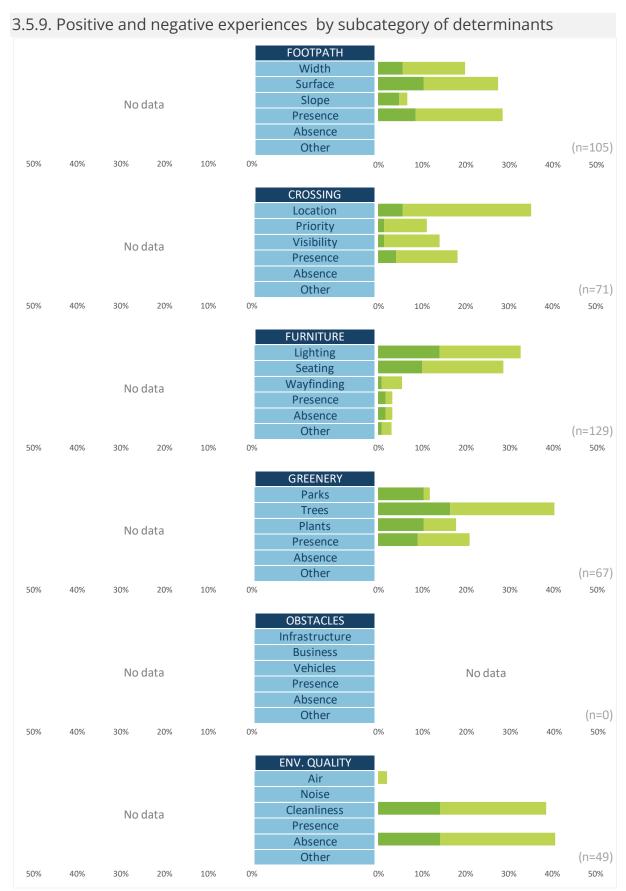


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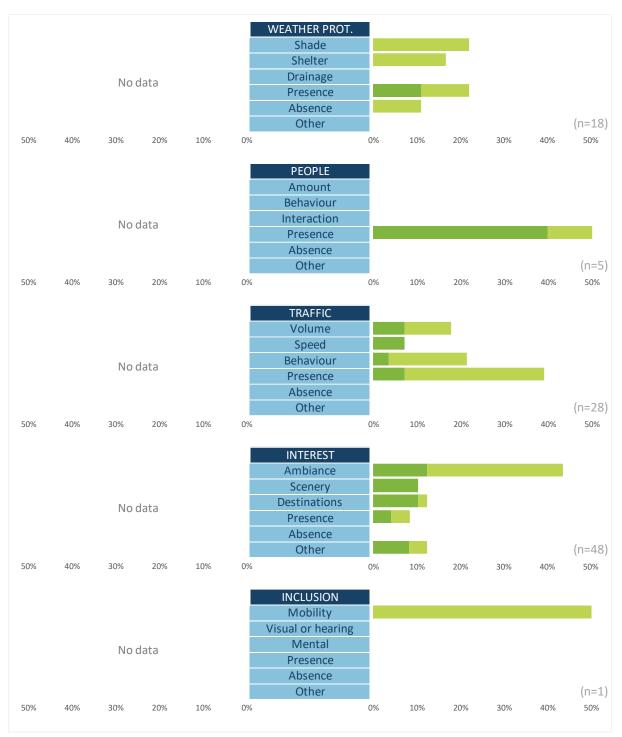


Figure 53. Positive and negative experiences related to subcategories of weather protection, people, traffic, interest and inclusion, in Senec.

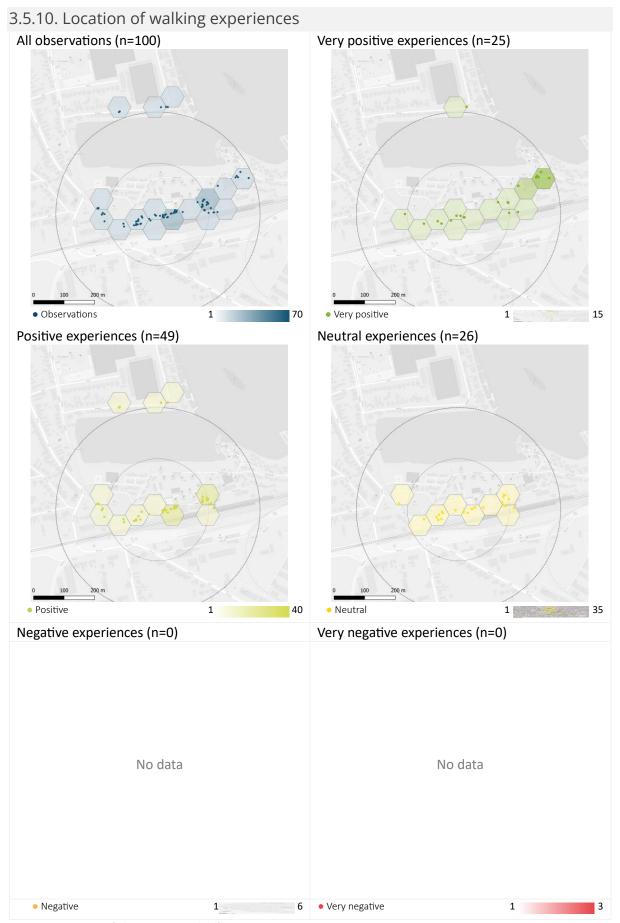


Figure 54. Location of observations and different experiences, in Senec.

200 m Very negative Very Positive

Location of all types of experiences (n=100) and overall perceived walkability.

Figure 55. Location of all types of experiences and overall perceived walkability, in Senec.

3.5.11. Images from participants

Very positive. Safe and comfortable

Good footpath and crossings, street furniture and greenery, clean and low traffic.



Man, 18

Positive. Safe, comfortable and enjoyable Good footpath, crossing and street furniture.



Woman, 30

Positive. Safe and comfortable Good crossing, street furniture, weather protection, greenery and interest.



Woman, 49

Neutral. Safe and comfortable Adequate street furniture, weather protection

and environmental quality.



Man, 39

Figure 56. Images from the study area from participants, in Senec.



Annex A: App use and Glossary

1. PEDESTRIAN PROFILE

Information about the people under study.

1.1. AGE The length of time that a person has lived¹. Ask the participant: "How old are you?" and add the value accordingly.



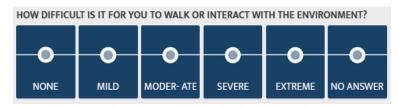
1.2. GENDER The collective attributes or traits associated with a particular sex, or determined as a result of one's sex. The state of being male or female as expressed by social or cultural distinctions and differences².

Ask the participant: "What is your gender?" and select the icon accordingly.



1.3. ABILITY Based on the difficulty to walk or interact with the environment: Having difficulty means increased effort, discomfort or pain, slowness, and changes in the way you do the activity³.

Ask the participant: "Do you have any difficulty walking or interacting with the environment?" Tell them to choose from the scale: None / Mild / Moderate / Severe / Extreme, and select the icon accordingly.



¹ Oxford English Dictionary (www.oed.com).

² Oxford English Dictionary, Psychology and Sociology (www.oed.com).

³ Measuring Health and Disability: Manual for WHO Disability Assessment Schedule.



1.4. ACTIVITY The amount of time, in minutes, that a person normally walks a day.

Ask the participant: "How many minutes do you normally walk on a typical day? and select the icon accordingly.

"Typical day" means a day when the participant is engaged in their usual activities.



1.5. OTHER (Optional) Any other relevant information about the participant

Ask the participant any other relevant question related to your project (e.g. socioeconomic status, education, etc.) *and include it as an open comment in the textbox.*



2. WALK CONTEXT

Information about the walk under study

2.1. DECISION Indicates whether participants walk by choice or out of necessity. Ask the participant: "Are you walking by choice or out of necessity?" and select the icon accordingly.

"By **choice**" means that walking is the preferred option, even if there were other alternatives. "Out of **necessity**" means that walking is the only (feasible or affordable) option. Also known as "captive pedestrians", due to personal or service constraints.



2.2. PURPOSE Indicates whether participants walk for transport or leisure.

Ask the participant: "Are you walking as a means of transport or as a leisure activity?" and select the icon accordingly.



"Transport" means that the main purpose of the walk is to access or reach a certain destination (within a specific time), such as commute to work or school on foot.

"Leisure activity" means that the main aim of walking is not to reach a certain destination, but to walk in itself, such as doing restorative or moderate physical activity through walking, socialising while walking, walking the dog or walking sightseeing.



2.3. COMPANY Indicates the number of other pedestrians walking with the participant. Ask the participant: "Are you walking alone or with others?" and select the icon accordingly. "Alone" means that the participant walks or use the public space on their own.

"With others" means that the participant walks accompanied with others, including carrying babies or walking dogs.



2.4. FAMILIARITY Indicates the close acquaintance or knowledge of the participant with the place.

Ask the participant: "Are you a local or visitor? Or "Are you familiar with this place?"" and select the icon accordingly.

"Local" means that the participant is familiar with the place.

"Visitors" means that the participant is not familiar with the place. They have never (or hardly ever) been in the place.



2.5. OTHER (Optional) Any other relevant information about the walk context

Ask the participant any other relevant question about the walk related to your project (e.g. need to carry heavy or bulky loads) *and include it as an open comment in the textbox.*



3. WALK EXPERIENCE

Information about the participant's experience while walking at the place under study.

3.1. WALKING EXPERIENCE Indicates the rate of positive-negative intensity of the walking experience from the participant.

Ask the participant: "How is your walking experience in this place?" and select the icon based on the Likert scale: Very negative / Negative / Neutral / Positive / Very positive.



3.2. TYPE OF EXPERIENCE Participants can specify the most relevant type of walking experience by selecting one (or more) predefined categories: safety, comfort and enjoyment. Participants can also identify "other" types of experiences.

Ask the participant: "Is your (positive/negative) experience related to safety, comfort, enjoyment or other type of experience?" and select the icon(s) accordingly. If the participant identifies "other" experiences, add them as comments.



Experience related to "safety" means exposure or protection to risk, danger or injury. Primarily from traffic, crime or other hazards while walking, such as falls, extreme weather or pollution.

Experience related to "comfort" means ease or effort required to walk to certain destinations or use and interact with elements of the public space as a pedestrian.

Experience related to "enjoyment" means presence or absence of satisfaction, pleasure or content while walking and interacting with the elements and characteristics of the public space as a pedestrian.

"Other" experiences might include accessibility, attractiveness, vibrancy, etc.



4. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINANTS

Information about the elements and characteristics of the place under study that influenced walking experiences to participants.

4.1. MAIN DETERMINANTS Elements and characteristic of the place under study that influenced the participant's walking experience.

Ask the participant: *'What (elements and characteristics of this place) influenced your experience? and select the icon(s) accordingly.*

FOOTPATH	Public space exclusively dedicated to pedestrians
CROSSING	Specific part of the road where pedestrians have the right of way to cross
FURNITURE	Public equipment provided to support pedestrians in the street
GREENERY	Vegetation in public space
OBSTACLES	The presence (or absence) of physical barriers on the footpath or
ODSTACLES	crossings, which hinder, discourage or make it impossible to walk
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	The presence or absence of pollution in public space
WEATHER PROTECTION	Equipment provided to mitigate adverse weather conditions in public space
PEOPLE	The presence (or absence) of other people in public space and the way they interact and behave
TRAFFIC	The presence (or absence) of traffic in public space and the way the behave
INTEREST	The presence (or absence) of interesting things to access, see or experience in public space
INCLUSION	The design and composition of public space so that it can be accessed, understood and used by all types of pedestrians, regardless their age, gender, ability or other personal characteristics and circumstances

4.2. DETERMINANTS - **SUBCATEGORIES** (Optional) Further information about main determinants can be subdivided into different subcategories, if the participant identifies some specific characteristics, elements or typologies of a main determinant that are relevant for their walking experience.

Ask the participant: *'What about the (main determinant) influence your experience? and select the options accordingly.*

FOOTPATH	Subcategory	Description
	WIDTH	The extent of the footpath from side to side
0	SURFACE	The uppermost part of the footpath
ίΝ	SLOPE	The steepness of the footpath
	PRESENCE	Presence of continuous footpath
	ABSENCE	Lack of continuous footpath
	OTHER	E.g. Design, maintenance, etc.



CROSSING	Subcategory	Description
	LOCATION	The designated place for pedestrians to cross the road
70 (IN	PRIORITY	The priority given to pedestrians on waiting and crossing time (compared to traffic)
11/11	VISIBILITY	The ability to see and be seen by traffic
	PRESENCE	Presence of designated crossing
	ABSENCE	Lack of designated crossing
	OTHER	E.g. Raised crossings, pedestrian island, etc.

FURNITURE	Subcategory	Description
	LIGHTING	The provision of lighting in public space
	SEATING	The provision of seats in public space
	WAYFINDING	The provision of information to navigate through public space and reach destinations
T	PRESENCE	Presence of street furniture
	ABSENCE	Absence of street furniture
	OTHER	E.g. Public fountain, public toilets, bins, etc.

GREENERY	Subcategory	Description
	PARKS	Public green spaces
	TREES	Trees in public spaces outside parks and gardens
	PLANTS	Isolated or ground level plants in public space
	PRESENCE	Presence of vegetation
	ABSENCE	Lack of vegetation
	OTHER	E.g. Vertical gardens, roof gardens, etc.

OBSTACLES	Subcategory	Description
	MISPLACED EQUIPMENT	Street furniture or infrastructure blocking the footpath
\wedge	BUSINESS ACTIVITIES	Business and commerce equipment placed on the footpath
	PARKED VEHICLES	Parked vehicles blocking the footpath or crossings
	PRESENCE	Presence of obstacles
	ABSENCE	Lack of obstacles
	OTHER	E.g. Bulky waste, building protrusions, etc.



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	Subcategory	Description
	AIR QUALITY	The level of air pollution in public space
	NOISE QUALITY	The level of noise pollution in public space
. /	CLEANLINESS	The state or quality of being clean or well kept
	PRESENCE	Presence of pollution
* ***	ABSENCE	Lack of pollution
	OTHER	E.g. Bad odour, construction dust, etc.

WEATHER PROTECTION	Subcategory	Description
	SHADE	Public equipment to block sunlight and heat
	SHELTER	Public equipment to provide shield from precipitation and wind
	DRAINAGE	Infrastructure for dispersing rain water in public space
	PRESENCE	Presence of protection from weather
	ABSENCE	Lack of protection from weather
	OTHER	E.g. Misting systems, air conditioner, etc.

PEOPLE	Subcategory	Description
党党党	AMOUNT	The amount of other people in public space
	BEHAVIOUR	The way other people act in public space
	INTERACTION	Social exchange between people in public space (including visual contact)
	PRESENCE	Presence of people in public space
	ABSENCE	Lack of people in public pace

TRAFFIC	Subcategory	Description
	VOLUME	The amount of traffic in public space
	SPEED	The distance traffic moves per unit of time, often in km/h or mph
	DRIVING BEHAVIOUR	The way drivers interact with other road users and obey traffic laws
	PRESENCE	Presence of traffic
	ABSENCE	Lack of traffic
	OTHER	E.g. E-scooters, etc.



INTEREST	Subcategory	Description
	AMBIENCE	Socioeconomic and cultural activities in public space
	SCENERY	Visual aesthetic of the public space and views
	DESTINATIONS	Places that pedestrians want to visit
	PRESENCE	Presence of interest
	ABSENCE	Lack of interest
	OTHER	E.g. Live street music, street art, etc.

INCLUSION	Subcategory	Description
	MOBILITY AID	Equipment to provide support to pedestrians with reduced or assisted mobility
	VISUAL & HEARING AID	Equipment to provide support to pedestrians with visual or hearing impairment
	MENTAL AID	Equipment to provide support to pedestrians with mental disorders
	PRESENCE	Presence of supporting aids
	ABSENCE	Lack of suporting aids