



# Security, safety and livability in open urban spaces

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# Welcome to Oslo – The Blue and the Green – and the City in between!







#### How to balance:

- The need for security and anti-terror measures
- The need for accessibility for the public







# We want a lively and accessible City Centre – more «City Life»

- More people is more City life and activities
- More people is more fun!
- More people is more security
- More people is more customers is a bigger economy
- More people is more democracy!







#### How do we create more City life?

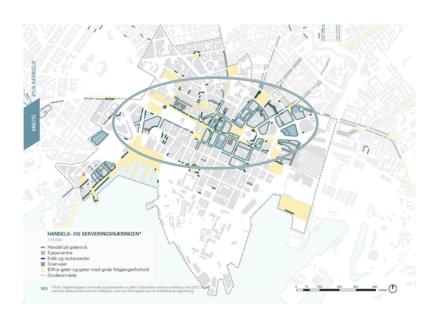
- Public Space Public Life Survey
- Focus on the Citys
  qualities in relation to
  human display of
  activity
- People choose the good places!







### **Mecanisms of City activity**



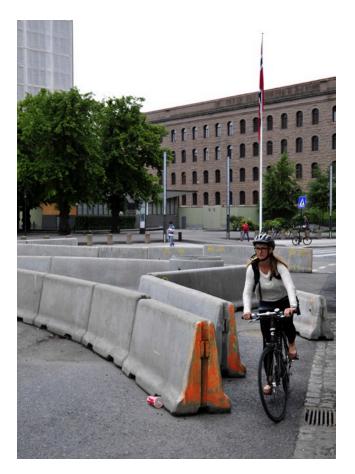
- Open ground floor with public businesses
- Streets of high quality of design and well adapted for pedestrians
- Coherent network of pedestrian streets
- Public squares adapted for diverse activities





#### **New security situation**

- After the bomb attack22.july 2011
- Government offices moved to new locations downtown
- Demand for visible security measures







### **Temporary security measures**









#### Principles of street use and security

- The City and the State work together on common principles for street use and security measure
- To ensure a democratic process on the City development



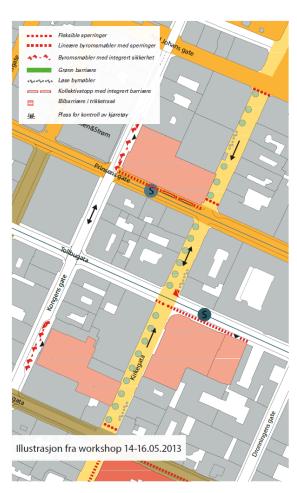




Strategic plan for street use and

security measure

- Principles on security how
- Principles on accessibility who
- Holistic perspective on the development of the City Centre
- To integrate security measures in street design
- Allow full accessibility to the public realm







#### Possible benefits for the City

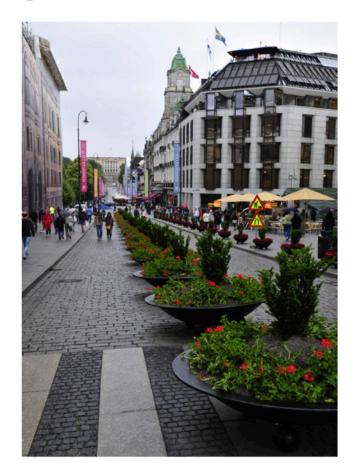
- Revitalization of the historic City Centre
  - Key streets and squares to be refurbished to high standard
  - Security measures to be built into city street furniture (walls, benches, steps, bollards, poles plant vessels etc.)
  - An active policy on opening up and making accessible the ground floor of historic and listed buildings
  - A common attitude to public use of the Ground floor
  - Traffic management need-to-drive only
  - Pedestrianize streets close to objects of terror exposure





### How is the document put into effect

- The Document is prepared in a close collaboration between the State authorities on building and security and the City Planning authorities
- The plan is decided on by the City Government







#### How will the plan be taken i use

- The City's guide on street use and traffic management
- The State's guide on shaping and designing security measures







#### **Current situation**

- The State building authorities now prepare plans for permanent security measures at 6 buildings downtown
- The City will decide on the designs according to the Principle plan
- Lets hope for the best result for the public!







#### Benefits: new design new street use









#### Thank You for Your attention!

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