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From Small Actions to a Sustainable Urban Vision

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Heidelberg's busiest square – full of trams, buses, and people. But:

- More a traffic hub than a welcoming place.
- Little green, little water, little space to stay.
- High heat in summer, low comfort for people.



OUR GOAL

Transform Bismarckplatz into a greener, healthier, and more social urban space — step by step, with small interventions leading to a long-term vision



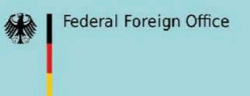
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- Bismarckplatz is the busiest square in Heidelberg. Thousands of people pass here every day. But the space is dominated by buses, trams, and cars.
- It is noisy, hot in summer, and has very little green. People mostly cross it quickly, not stay.



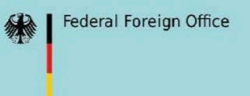
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Problems / Needs

Social aspect: lack of comfort, seating, meeting places

Environmental aspect: no rainwater management, heat island



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Start Small

- Green pockets, bike lanes, water-absorbing pavements
- Temporary car-free weekends
- Sketch idea: little green oases in corners



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Less transport. More life. A new heart for Heidelberg



Benefits / Call to Action

- Social: healthier, more attractive square
- Environmental: cooler, greener, cleaner air



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