RemiHub, Vienna

The RemiHub in Vienna is a prime example of the use of "sleeping assets" for urban logistics purposes. In this case this means the temporary joint use of public transport areas for city logistics. In Vienna, too, space is becoming increasingly scarce due to increasing urbanisation and the steadily rising volume of parcels through e-commerce and other modern trends. City administrations as well as citizens themselves do not want to waste more of the valuable space, especially not for logistics and freight transport. In addition, the delivery vehicles also cause traffic jams, air and noise pollution. The trend is therefore towards alternative delivery vehicles such as cargo bikes and e-vans. However, these vehicles need inner-city transfer points, so-called city hubs. The areas of the Vienna Public Transport operator (Wiener Linien) are excellently connected to the transport network and are also usually located in the middle of the city, i.e., close to everyone who orders and returns parcels and packages. Public transport areas like garages, workshops, or even vacant lots therefore offer an interesting opportunity for freight handling in the middle of the city, as they are only full and used at certain times of the day - which is exactly when there are few buses, trams and underground trains on the streets.

RemiHub is a research project that was so successful in its first phase that it has now been extended to continue finding completely new transhipment points throughout the city. The project partners are Wiener Linien, a cargo bike operator and two research institutions as well as other participating test companies. Two urban mobility laboratories: thinkport VIENNA and aspern.mobil LAB are also involved.



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