

Executive Summary for Decision-Makers 2026

Sustainable Mobility Pilots in Päijät-Häme (KELPO) 2024-2026

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Challenge

Transport accounts for a significant share of emissions in the Päijät-Häme area. Achieving climate goals set by state, regions and municipalities requires cooperation, long-term commitment and scalable measures. Investments in sustainable mobility should be seen as strategic investments in regional vitality and future sustainability.

Pilots Overview

A) School and Student Travel

School mobility plans developed through surveys and stakeholder engagement. The pilot demonstrated that schools require support in implementing mobility plans. A follow-up survey revealed that cycling increased in schools that had a mobility plan in place.

B) Commuting

Workplace pilots in two companies highlighted the importance of communication, strategy alignment and long-term change processes. The importance of communication was highlighted. Development measures must align with the organization and be linked to its strategy. Pilot actions become embedded over time, and closer cooperation with public transport operators is needed.

C) Logistics

Logistics pilots supported SME sustainability development and tested parcel lockers in sparsely populated areas. Supporting companies in sustainability work improved understanding of responsible business practices and helped identify development needs. Parcel lockers should be located near other services such as grocery stores in municipalities to avoid unnecessary traffic, and dialogue with local (and summer-) residents is essential.

Recommendations for Action

School and student travel:

- Ensure accessibility via public transport, walking and cycling
- Improve safety and infrastructure around schools

Commuting:

- Improve route quality, safety, lighting and maintenance
- Collaborate with employers and align with organizational strategies and improve communication

Logistics in sparsely populated areas:

- Strengthen cooperation with municipalities and businesses and other stakeholders
- Support sustainable logistics solutions and service accessibility