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# Soumettre un projet de recherche Submit a project to the Mobile Lives Forum

The Mobile Lives Forum is using the humanities, social sciences and arts to prepare for the transition towards attractive, sustainable **lifestyles** from a **mobility** perspective. To do this, it funds research projects as part of its research program:

- **Area 1** : Understanding how people organize and arrange their lifestyles in space and time through travel and their use of information and communication technologies (digital mobility).
- **Axe 2** : Identify and implement policies that encourage the transition towards attractive, sustainable lifestyles.

## We're looking for innovative, useful, forward-thinking research projects.

- We are looking for socially useful projects that explore important dimensions of contemporary lifestyles from a mobility standpoint and help shed light on the challenge of transitioning towards desirable, sustainable lifestyles for their implementation now and in the future.
- We prefer topics not necessarily considered in traditional academic fields, which is why we typically do not finance academic dissertations that can be funded by universities.
- Projects may be rooted in academic disciplines (geography, sociology, history, management, etc.) or be multi-disciplinary, and be based on qualitative/quantitative or participative methods (research-action) in a local, national, international or comparative perspective
- They may combine these disciplines with the arts, e.g. photography, video, audio recordings, painting, or other forms of expression.

- They may relate to experiments as part of the Area 2 of the program

## **We are not patrons**

We are deeply involved in the discussions of research and/or artistic projects, which we enjoy co-building with their authors, be it with regard to the topic itself, the methods used or how the project is valorized. (See "valorization of projects" below).

## **Provision of research findings and data**

Once the research has concluded, we will publish the results on our website. Our goal is to make the quantitative/qualitative data and metadata produced (interviews, etc.) available to the entire scientific community.

- Rigor and scientific transparency... ..so as to promote the scientific nature of the research and discussions as regards the administration of evidence.
- Re-use of data and public utility... ..likewise to facilitate the use of research projects other than those for which the data was originally produced. We want to make their re-use possible. This is in line with the European program Es Fri and French projects headed by the CNRS's Institute of Human and Social Sciences, such as Be Quali).

## **Project valorization**

In addition to the sharing of research findings, the Forum strongly encourages their valorization through media, including books, films, comic books, photos, press kits, etc. tailored to the recipient (urban planning/transportation professionals, businesses, elected officials, the general public, etc.), in language that is understandable to them.

## **4 key themes for the next 3 years:**

### **Leisure and tourism**

How is mobility used to organize tourism and leisure? What will they be like in the future, given climate issues and modern aspirations? Which transition policies to implement?

### **ITC**

How will travel be used in conjunction with digital mobility, and with what impact on people and human relationships, lifestyles and living situations? What transition policies for the future?

## Work

Work structures people's lifestyles by setting a pace. It is a key dimension for scheduling activities as far as mobility is concerned. Companies do not sufficiently consider the spatial dimension of work-related mobility and its social and environmental consequences (see the Employees' ideal mobility as seen by companies survey). How can we develop future mobility to promote attractive, sustainable lifestyles? What transition policies to implement (geographic distribution of activities, schedule adjustments, work organization, distance to get to work, work spaces, etc.)

## Slow living and proximity

The Aspirations Survey (see the Aspirations relative to mobility and lifestyles survey) conducted by the Forum in six Western countries revealed strong aspirations with regard to the slow living and - to a lesser but nonetheless important extent - local lifestyles. However, a clear understanding of what this means and the changes they necessitate remain largely to be investigated. What would be the most attractive lifestyles from a slow living/local standpoint? How to make them a reality ?

## How to submit your project?

Please send your proposals (in French or English) to: [christophe.gay@sncf.fr](mailto:christophe.gay@sncf.fr) et à [sylvie.landrière@sncf.fr](mailto:sylvie.landrière@sncf.fr)

Proposals in English should also be sent to: [jcaletrio@gmail.com](mailto:jcaletrio@gmail.com)

### Mobility

Broadly, the word mobility can be defined as the intention to move and the realization of this movement in geographical space, implying a social change.

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### Lifestyle

A lifestyle is a composition of daily activities and experiences that give sense and meaning to the life of a person or a group in time and space.

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