

WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITIES OF COVID-19

THE CHANCES CREATED

- Travel ABC for business travel
 - **A**(void)
 - **B**(ook an alternative)
 - **C**(ompensate)
 - Thanks to COVID, everyone quickly learned to work and learn digitally and remote
 - It saved us a lot of time in awareness rising and training on digital skills!
- Campus designed for cars became more people oriented
 - To guarantee social distance, pavements were too small...
- Teleworking/classing is mainstreamed
 - Most efficient mobility measure on VUB's carbon footprint!
 - **10% less commuting km's (staff and students) = 1000 ton CO²/y. reduction**

BUT...

RELUCTANCE TOWARDS EARLIER REALISATIONS

- VUB has a sustainable modal split (up to 90% sustainable modes), but reluctance towards public transport now
 - Specific official communication done towards staff and student
 - The VUB does not advise against the use of public transport, but reminds of the golden rules...
- Going radically digital helps to reduce carbon footprint and releases pressure on space on campus, but...
 - No one wants to go 100% digital: need for a good hybrid system, and find a good balance between people planet and profit
 - ⇒ Yearly quality survey on education for all students focusses on how they lived through this period, both how they experienced the didactic approach and their wellbeing
 - ⇒ Extra research to define the parameters for this good hybrid digital ⇔ live

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- Restaurant as sustainable pioneer@VUB evolves to take-away: how to cope with disposables
 - Green Office runs project to launch reusable take away this summer (if needed)