

Analytical Hierarchy Process for City Hub Location Selection - The Viennese Case



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Introduction

- Current trends with negative impact (congestion, noise and pollution) to cities
 - Increasing Urbanization
 - Growing freight transport volumes
 - Thriving industry of e-commerce

- Urban consolidation centers (city hubs, *midi-hubs*) with a two-stage delivery process as one promising solution
 1. Delivery to midi-hub located within the city area
 2. Consolidated last-mile distribution to end consumers by environmentally friendly vehicles

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Aim of the project

- Generate model for midi-hub location selection problem considering
 - Qualitative and quantitative factors
 - Different stakeholder groups
 - Municipality (city administration)
 - Residents of Vienna (citizens)
 - Logistic service providers (logistic companies)
- Appropriate method: **Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP)**

Implementation of AHP

Step 0: Problem Definition

Step 1: Determine relevant criteria for location selection of midi-hub in Vienna

Step 2: Collect valuable data from each stakeholder group to determine priority weights (-> survey)

Step 3: Collect data and compare each potential location pairwise with respect to selected criteria at step 1

Step 4: Analyze pairwise comparison matrix results and check/fix inconsistencies

Step 5: Identify preferred midi-hub location(s)

Step 6: Before & after analysis for selected midi-hub location(s) and final recommendations

Pros and cons of AHP

Pros

- Hierarchical structuring of a decision problem
- Combine multiple inputs from several participants and/or stakeholders to a consolidated outcome (comparison matrix)
- Desirable results would possibly occur since priorities are the main decision maker in the model
- Calculation is easy with help of some tools (e. g., MS Excel, online tools etc.)

Cons

- Pairwise comparison is a quite artificial way to compare a set of items
- If consistency index is more than 10%, reconsidering the inconsistent input and adjustments must be made

Criteria for midi-hub location selection

Midi-hub location selection

Costs

Environmental & social aspects

Location-specific characteristics / features

Initial investment cost

Operating cost

Transport and distribution cost

Reduction of climate-relevant greenhouse gases (CO₂)

Reduction of health-relevant emissions (particulate matters, NO_x) and noise

Increase in safety & security

Inbound logistics (bringing goods to hub)

Outbound logistics (delivering goods from hub)

Existing / available infrastructure

AHP Survey process

- Companies and municipality filled out online survey (sent via email)
- Citizens were invited to a workshop to conduct survey
- All survey questions involved comparing all criteria and determining their degree of importance pairwise (slightly more important, significantly more important, etc...)
- Results were entered into a AHP online tool created by Goepel, K.D. (2018) which calculates the overall importance of the criteria based on all survey results

Survey: Screenshot 1

From which stakeholder perspective do you answer the following questions?

- City Administration
- Logistic Companies
- Citizens

* Aus Sicht welcher Stakeholdergruppe beantworten Sie folgende Fragen?

- Stadtgemeinde
- Unternehmen, die innerstädtische Lieferungen/Abholungen abwickeln
- BürgerInnen

Bitte wählen Sie "BürgerInnen", wenn Sie die nachfolgenden Fragen weder aus Sicht der Stadtgemeinde noch aus der Sicht eines Unternehmens beantworten.

Survey: Screenshot 2

Which criteria is relatively more important?

- X
- Y
- Equally important

* Welches Kriterium beurteilen Sie als wichtiger?

- Kosten
- Umwelt und Sozialer Aspekt
- Gleichmaßen wichtig

Kosten: Ausgaben für Grundstücke, Gebäudeübernahme, Leasingkosten, Transport- und Distributionskosten

Umwelt und Sozialer Aspekt: Bezogen auf den Schutz der Umwelt, nachhaltige Transportsysteme - Auswirkungen der Logistikaktivitäten auf die Umwelt und die Lebensqualität der StadtbewohnerInnen.

Survey: Screenshot 3

How would you rate the relative importance of the selected criteria?

- 1 - Slightly more important
- 2 - Significantly more important
- 3 - Very strongly more important
- 4 - Extremely more important

* Wie viel wichtiger halten Sie Ihr ausgewähltes Kriterium gegenüber dem anderen?

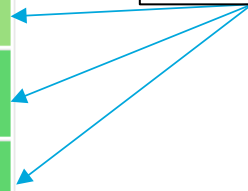
① Choose one of the following answers

- 1- etwas höhere Bedeutung des bevorzugten Kriteriums
- 2 - deutlich höhere Bedeutung des bevorzugten Kriteriums
- 3 - sehr viel höhere Bedeutung des bevorzugten Kriteriums
- 4 - absolut höhere Bedeutung des bevorzugten Kriteriums

Criteria preferences of city administration

Goal	Main Criteria	Sub-Criteria	Weights
AHP Standortauswahl	Kosten 0.322	Anschaffungskosten 0.243	7.8%
		Betriebskosten 0.292	9.4%
		Transport- und Distributionskosten 0.465	15.0%
	Sozial- und Umweltaspekt 0.464	Reduktion von klimaschädlichen Treibhausgasem 0.392	18.2%
		Reduktion von gesundheitsschädlichen Emission 0.405	18.8%
		Höhere Sicherheit - weniger Verkehrsunfälle 0.202	9.4%
	Standortspezifische Eigenschaften 0.214	Eingangslogistik 0.312	6.7%
		Ausgangslogistik 0.571	12.2%
		Bestehende/Verfügbare Infrastruktur 0.116	2.5%

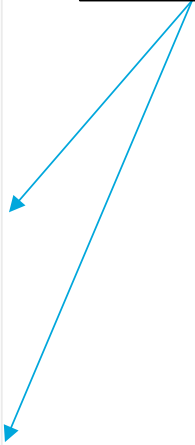
Most preferred criteria



Criteria preferences of citizens

Goal	Main Criteria	Sub-Criteria	Weights
AHP Standortauswahl	Kosten 0.125	Anschaffungskosten 0.171	2.1%
		Betriebskosten 0.367	4.6%
		Transport- und Distributionskosten 0.462	5.7%
	Sozial- und Umweltaspekt 0.421	Reduktion von klimaschädlichen Treibhausgasem 0.241	10.1%
		Reduktion von gesundheitsschädlichen Emission 0.427	18.0%
		Höhere Sicherheit - weniger Verkehrsunfälle 0.333	14.0%
	Standortspezifische Eigenschaften 0.455	Eingangslogistik 0.309	14.1%
		Ausgangslogistik 0.386	17.6%
		Bestehende/Verfügbare Infrastruktur 0.304	13.8%

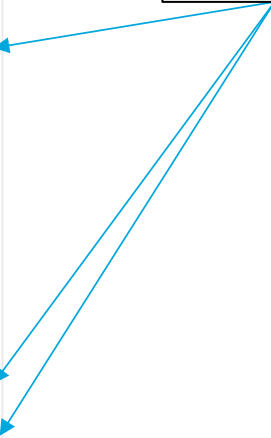
Most preferred criteria



Criteria preferences of logistic companies

Goal	Main Criteria	Sub-Criteria	Weights
AHP Standortauswahl	Kosten 0.367	Anschaffungskosten 0.233	8.5%
		Betriebskosten 0.295	10.8%
		Transport- und Distributionskosten 0.472	17.3%
	Sozial- und Umweltaspekt 0.204	Reduktion von klimaschädlichen Treibhausgasem 0.316	6.4%
		Reduktion von gesundheitsschädlichen Emission 0.477	9.7%
		Höhere Sicherheit - weniger Verkehrsunfälle 0.206	4.2%
		Eingangslogistik 0.380	16.3%
	Standortspezifische Eigenschaften 0.429	Ausgangslogistik 0.444	19.1%
		Bestehende/Verfügbare Infrastruktur 0.176	7.6%

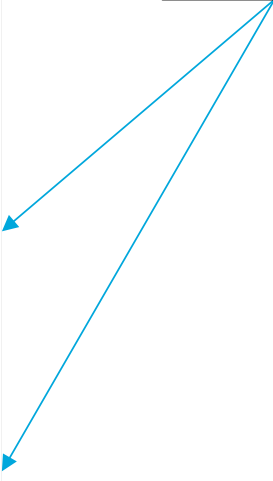
Most preferred criteria



Overall survey results of all participants

Goal	Main Criteria	Sub-Criteria	Weights
AHP Standortauswahl	Kosten 0.228	Anschaffungskosten 0.204	4.6%
		Betriebskosten 0.328	7.5%
		Transport- und Distributionskosten 0.468	10.7%
	Sozial- und Umweltaspekt 0.355	Reduktion von klimaschädlichen Treibhausgasem 0.292	10.4%
		Reduktion von gesundheitsschädlichen Emission 0.446	15.8%
		Höhere Sicherheit - weniger Verkehrsunfälle 0.262	9.3%
	Standortspezifische Eigenschaften 0.417	Eingangslogistik 0.340	14.2%
		Ausgangslogistik 0.443	18.5%
		Bestehende/Verfügbare Infrastruktur 0.217	9.1%

Most preferred criteria



Summary of survey results

Stakeholder	Costs	Social & Environmental aspect	Location specific characteristics
Municipality	32,2%	46,4%	21,4%
Citizens	12,5%	42,1%	45,5%
Companies (LSPs)	36,7%	20,4%	42,9%

Most relevant sub-criteria by stakeholder group:

- **Municipality:**
 1. Reduction of GHG emissions
 2. Reduction of particular matter & noise
- **Citizens:**
 1. Reduction of particular matter & noise
 2. Outbound accessibility
- **Companies:**
 1. Transport & distribution costs
 2. Inbound & Outbound accessibility

Indicators for location evaluation

- Several potential locations preselected within Vienna
- Locations are evaluated based selected criteria
- To compare the alternatives, data has to be gathered from
 - Industry experts (cost estimations)
 - Municipality (Emission rates, noise levels, congestion data, etc.)
 - Investigation of the sites (infrastructure, connectivity, proximity to e-charging stations and bike lanes etc.)
- Based on the collected information ranking of the alternatives is created with pairwise comparison method

Possible Midi-Hub Area



https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Datei:Vienna,_administrative_divisions_-_Nmbrs.svg

AHP Tool for evaluation of alternatives

Alternatives										
No	Node	Criterion	Glb Priorities	Compare	Location -1	Location -2	Location -3	Location -4	Location -5	Location -6
1.	Kosten	Anschaffungskosten	4.6%	AHP	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167
2.		Betriebskosten	7.5%	AHP	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167
3.		Transport- und Distributionskosten	10.7%	AHP	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167
4.	Sozial- und Umweltaspekt	Reduktion von klimaschädlichen Treibhausgasem	10.4%	AHP	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167
5.		Reduktion von gesundheitsschädlichen Emission	15.8%	AHP	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167
6.		Höhere Sicherheit - weniger Verkehrsunfälle	9.3%	AHP	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167
7.	Standortspezifische Eigenschaften	Eingangslogistik	14.2%	AHP	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167
8.		Ausgangslogistik	18.5%	AHP	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167
9.		Bestehende/Verfügbare Infrastruktur	9.1%	AHP	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167
Total weight of alternatives:					0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.167



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Preliminary results

Municipality	Citizens	Companies
A	A	B
B	D	A
D	B	D
C	C	C
E	F	F
F	E	E



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