



Global Cities Put Brakes On E-Scooters

E-scooters were promoted as a holy grail for sustainable living in cities, cutting down on carbon-guzzling cars and providing recreation for all. Now, pedestrians just about everywhere loathe E-Scooters and want them dumped. □ TN Editor

Singapore became the latest city to target electronic scooters on Tuesday, when a ban on riding the devices loved by commuters but loathed by pedestrians took effect.

E-scooters have become a common sight on city streets from Berlin to Paris, but they have been blamed for accidents including the death of an elderly lady in Singapore this year.

Anyone riding an e-scooter on the city's sidewalks now faces up to three months in jail or a fine.

Here are five other countries that have restricted or banned e-scooters.

1. France

Paris has banned e-scooters from sidewalks, with offenders facing a fine of 135 euros (\$150).

A speed limit of 20km (12 miles) an hour has been imposed on the motorized vehicles across the capital, where scores of people have been injured and a man in his 80s was killed in April.

2. Germany

German lawmakers voted in May to legalize e-scooters on roads and cycling paths but ban them from sidewalks. Riders must be aged 14 and above, and comply with a 20 km per hour speed limit.

3. Spain

Last year Madrid banned e-scooters from pedestrian areas and from roads with speed limits of 50 km an hour or more.

4. Britain

It is illegal to ride e-scooters on public roads, cycle lanes and pavements and offenders can face a fine of £300 (\$387), although there have been recent calls for the ban to be lifted.

5. United States

Some cities have imposed restrictions on e-scooters and a study in September found they were involved in a rising number of injuries, often involving young men who are drunk or stoned.

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Google Employees Demand Plan Of Action On ‘Climate Crisis’

While conservatives at Google who dare to speak out are marginalized and terminated, this will never be the case with climate-obsessed employees who demand immediate action from Google on global warming. □ TN Editor

More than 1,100 Google employees have reportedly called on the Silicon Valley tech giant to release a plan to fix the “global climate crisis” which harms “marginalized people.”

The Hill [reports](#) that more than 1,100 Google employees have signed an open letter this week calling on the tech giant to address the “urgency of the global climate crisis and its disproportionate harm to marginalized people.”

In an open letter [posted to Medium](#) addressed to Chief Financial Officer Ruth Porat, employees called on the company to commit to zero-emission by 2030 and to no longer enter into contracts that “enable or accelerate the extraction of fossil fuels.” The letter also requests that the Internet giant cease funding for any think tanks, lobbyists, or politicians that deny climate change.

The letter also requests that Google commit to zero collaboration with “entities enabling the incarceration, surveillance, displacement, or oppression of refugees or frontline communities.” The letter states: “Google is a global company with billions of users across the world, many of whom are already bearing the brunt of climate disaster. Google’s code of conduct requires respect for users and for opportunities. As Google workers, we are committed to putting our users first, and Google must do the same.”

A similar letter was shared by Microsoft employees in September, which stated that it was “no longer possible for us to ignore Microsoft’s complicity in the climate crisis.” The demands from Google employees are pretty much identical to the ones listed by Microsoft employees. The letter from Google employees specifically references efforts by Microsoft and Amazon employees to combat climate change.

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Open Letter On Climate Action at Google

We, the undersigned 1,137* Google workers, in accordance with the gravity and urgency of the global climate crisis and its disproportionate harm to marginalized people [1], **call on Google to commit to and release a company-wide climate plan incorporating:**

1. Zero emissions by 2030 [2].
2. Zero contracts to enable or accelerate the extraction of fossil fuels [3].
3. Zero funding for climate-denying or -delaying think tanks, lobbyists, and politicians [4].
4. Zero collaboration with entities enabling the incarceration,

surveillance, displacement, or oppression of refugees or frontline communities [5].

These demands have been set by workers across the tech industry, including Amazon and Microsoft. As Amazon employees wrote in their open letter [6]:

Climate change is an existential threat. The 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report [7] predicts that a warming of 2° Celsius, which we're currently on track to surpass, will threaten the lives of hundreds of millions of people and put thousands of species at risk of extinction. We're already seeing devastating climate impacts: unprecedented flooding in India and Mozambique, dry water wells in Africa, coastal displacement in Asia, wildfires and floods in North America, and crop failure in Latin America. Vulnerable communities least responsible for the climate crisis are already paying the highest price.

Google is a global company with billions of users across the world, many of whom are already bearing the brunt of climate disaster [8]. Google's code of conduct requires respect for users and for opportunities [9]. As Google workers, we are committed to putting our users first, and Google must do the same.

Sincerely,
Google workers

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Italy Adopts Mandatory Climate Change Studies For K1-K13

Italy is the first nation to require Climate Change studies in K1 through K12. This is massive indoctrination that has nothing to do with education but everything to do with propaganda.

The 1934 Technocracy Study Course specified “an educational system to train the entire younger generation indiscriminately as regards all considerations other than inherent ability—a Continental system of human conditioning.” We have arrived. □ TN Editor

Italy is to become the first country in the world in which the study of climate change will be made compulsory in schools, the education minister announced on Tuesday.

Under a new law, all state schools will dedicate around an hour a week to sustainability and climate change issues from the beginning of the next academic year, said Lorenzo Fioramonti. That would amount to

around 33 hours a year.

“This is a new model of civic education centred on sustainable development and climate change,” the minister told The Telegraph.

“It’s a new subject that will be taught from grade one to grade 13, from the ages of six through to 19.”

The syllabus will be based on the UN’s 17 sustainable development goals, including how to live more sustainably, how to combat the pollution of the oceans and how to address poverty and social injustice.

“Italy will be the first country in the world to adopt this framework,” Mr Fioramonti said.

“There are countries like [Bhutan which focus on happiness and well-being rather than GDP](#), but this is the first time that a country has taken the UN agenda and turned it into a teaching model,” said the minister, who is a member of the Five Star Movement, which is in coalition with the centre-Left Democratic Party.

He was appointed education minister two months ago when the new coalition was formed after the collapse of the previous government, precipitated by Matteo Salvini of The League withdrawing his support.

In September, when millions of schoolchildren around the world took part in Fridays for Future marches, he courted criticism by saying Italian children should be allowed to miss school for the day.

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