TOWARDS AN ACCESSIBLE NETWORK FOR ADAPTED BIKE SHARING IN FLANDERS

G-sport Vlaanderen aims to lower thresholds, inspire, and support people to take part in sports and start moving. We have therefore taken the initiative, together with cities, municipalities and services, to establish an accessible shared bike system in Flanders for people with a disability.

Disabled people often ask G-sport Vlaanderen the following question: ‘Where can we hire an adapted bike?’ Research shows that the options for this are still limited. Adapted bikes can be hired from rental points, but there are still only a few available. There is not a lot of staff present, the organisation is sometimes difficult and not everyone can find a bike suitable for them. Moreover, there is still no good overview of the rental points.

G-sport Vlaanderen aims to be the connecting factor to set up a high-quality network for adapted bike sharing in Flanders.

This project reaches further than just the sporting aspect and we build the bridge to domains such as mobility, tourism, wellbeing, etc. The aim of all this is to ensure that everyone in Flanders has the opportunity to cycle.

We would like to thank all our partners who have made this possible. Together with them we combine knowledge, experience and enthusiasm in a growing network of high-quality sharing locations.

Contact

Please let us know if you are interested or already have experience with shared bikes! This is the only way in which we can join forces, bring people and knowledge together and exchange ideas and experiences. Together we will put adapted bikes on the map in Flanders and create new opportunities.

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Audio reader function for visually impaired persons available at www.gsportvlaanderen.be

Interested in bike sharing?

Take a look at the options here to obtain support from G-sport Vlaanderen.

www.gsportvlaanderen.be/crowdfunding

Aim

G-sport Vlaanderen started the shared bikes project with the aim to ensure that everyone can enjoy cycling, including people with a disability. Everyone must be able to search the existing range online, for example, location, rental points and shared bike types. In addition, G-Sport Vlaanderen encourages cities, municipalities and services to set up rental points for adapted shared bikes.

Why adapted bikes, why share?

Not everyone can ride a normal bike. Therefore, both organisations and private individuals are looking for adapted bikes. Buying this kind of bike for yourself is generally too expensive and the sharing options are still limited or not sufficiently known.

G-Sport Vlaanderen wants to inform, motivate and raise the awareness of cities and municipalities, services, schools, etc. on how to get out and about on a bike. By means of inspiration and concrete tools, G-Sport Vlaanderen wants to expand the existing range and the number of users. This can be done by workshops on themes such as insurance, maintenance, emergency assistance, accessibility, etc.

In addition to an informative role, we also support future projects financially by means of the crowdfunding campaign.

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**Range of Adapted Bikes to Share**

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- **Wheelchair platform bike**: 1 rider + 1 passenger in wheelchair
- **Rickshaw bike**: 1 rider + 2 passengers
- **Duo bike**: 2 riders
- **Three-wheeler**: 3 riders
- **Tandem**: 2 riders
- **Recumbent three wheelers**: 1 rider + 1 co-rider
- **Recumbent tandem**: 3 riders + 2 co-riders
- **Wheelchair bike**: 1 rider + 1 passenger
- **Trailer module duo bike**: "Trailer" that only functions as addition to a duo bike
- **Handbike**: 1 rider - hand powered
- **Four-wheeler**: 1 rider + option of 1 co-rider
- **Normal bike**: 1 rider
- **Duo bike**: 2 riders
- **Handbike**: 1 rider - hand powered
- **Three wheel tandem**: 1 rider + 1 co-rider
- **Four-wheeler**: 1 rider + option of 1 co-rider
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**Existing Initiatives**

Within this project, G-Sport Vlaanderen combines the information from all the initiatives that lease, rent out or share adapted bikes.

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- **Limburg**: Number of rental centres: 26, Number of shared bikes to rent: 129, Types of shared bikes: 11