



## Connecting Bicycles and Trains in Europe - Easier, Faster, Cooler

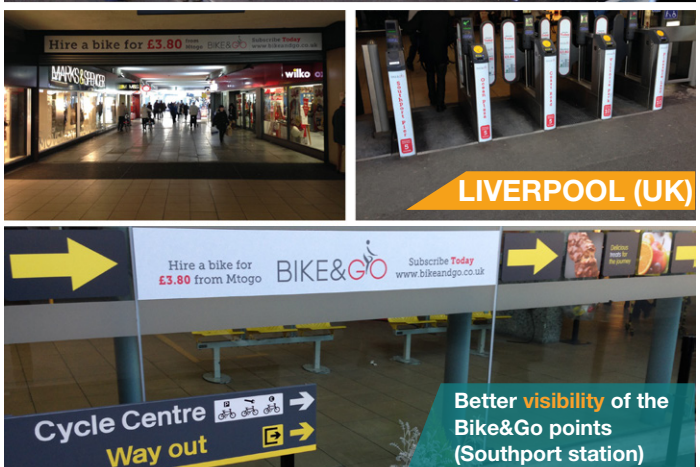
### News

In celebration of the two-year anniversary of the Bike-Train-Bike combination trip (or BiTiBi) project, the working team would like to share the results from Belgium, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom (UK). The "Evaluation Report – April 2016" gives an overview of the pilot projects and BiTiBi's positive impacts on the environment.

Bike rentals in **Belgium** continue to increase month after month. The new secure and sheltered bike parkings meet commuters' needs in **Italy**.

In **Spain**, dynamic local partners bursting with creativity to promote bike and train inter-modality have created tools that have promoted biking to work. Ideas such as "Try a Bike," "Bike to the Station" sessions, and a "Welcome Package" have helped employees realise the swift and efficient travel to work by bike. In **UK**, some train station walls are covered with Bike&Go stickers to inform passengers of this service to finish their journey.

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## Milan area – Focus on the bike parkings ('Velostazione')

In March, the project team gathered in Milan to visit the bike parkings in Como and Bollate.



In **Como**, a secured, covered and free of charge bicycle storage with a capacity of 90 racks opened in September 2015 next to the city's main station. The functional design and location of the parking facility is important for its success. Indeed, the location of the bike parking is excellent because it links the passengers to bikes and train by providing direct and easy access to bike parking and the train platforms. Facilities inside are also well-thought of as there is a small repair area ('Ciclo Officina') with self-service repair tools and water available inside the station.

In **Bollate**, multiple parking spaces have been installed in different train stations. The first bike parking opened in September 2012 inside Bollate Centro station with a capacity of 80 bikes. It was later expanded in 2013 and an additional 120 parking places were available. The second bike parking location opened in Bollate Nord station with a capacity of 100. This means the city of Bollate alone offers 380 bike parking spaces to its citizens. Parking in both stations are strategically placed on logical, well visible locations, en route between station entrances and platforms, making bike-train connection times short. However, a key success factor is the community spirit around the Velostazione in Bollate Centro. Indeed, this shows the project is strongly embedded at a local level. Although the municipality is the most important funder of the project, local organisation like 'Fabbrica dei segni' is the social enterprise that manages the parkings and repair shop which makes the cycle station a success.



Download the full report [here](#) and visit the [BiTiBi flickR](#) page to get photographs of the bike parkings.

## 10 Good Practices

A downloadable brochure of BiTiBi best practices is publicly accessible on the website. From organisation of a bike parking, to marketing and communication actions to promote bike-train inter-modality, this document contains 10 ideas that can be copy-pasted for other organisations to use. This brochure is a resource others can use to save money and time.

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## Coming Soon

**May & June 2015** - user surveys will be conducted and results will be disseminated after the summer.

**October 2016** - an updated version of the guidelines for implementation of bike-train inter-modality services, will be available online.



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## The BiTiBi Concept

The future of urban mobility is a return to a tried and tested combination of bicycles and trains. BiTiBi is an innovative, three-year project funded by the European Union aimed at improving the livability of European cities and improving the energy efficiency of our transport. The two most efficient modes of transportation – bicycle and train – provides a seamless door-to-door transport connection. Faster, easier and cooler.

Pilot projects are being implemented in the regions of Barcelona, Milan, Liverpool, and Belgium with ten partners, in order to inspire all European cities to consider a modern, multimodal approach to transport.



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