



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

News

In Belgium, Italy, UK and Spain, pilot projects encouraging the combination of bicycle and train journeys have been successfully developed by train and bikeshare operators Blue-bike, Ferrovienord, Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya, VAIC, and Bike & Go.

After almost three years of development, knowledge sharing, and impacts discussion, policy

recommendations will soon be coming.

For each country, a document written in the local language has been made available for stakeholders willing to learn from these experiences. These reports can be download [here](#).

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7th March 2017 - Final conference

On March 7th, 2017, the final conference will be held in Utrecht (the Netherlands) at the NS headquarter. Stakeholders of the BiTiBi project as well as guest speakers will give presentations on bike-train intermodality. A guided tour of the world biggest bike parking in a train station will be organised.



Save the date and stay tuned as registration will soon open.

Barcelona area – Focus on bike parkings and bike fleet available for companies

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In Sant Cugat, there is secure bike parking in the form of three 'BiciBox'-locations on the main square in front of the station as well as on the rear side. But as capacity is not enough to supply current demand, a new separate, secured and covered bike parking facility is under construction and is scheduled to open in January, 2017. The capacity of this new facility will be able to expand from the current 120 spaces to a maximum of 300 spaces as demand grows.

In Sant Boi, a new covered and secure bike parking facility opened in October 2016 in the station. This facility provides 24 places available on double-decker racks. The location right near the entrance to the tracks is convenient to drop the bike before reaching the platform. The train company Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya (FGC) provides video surveillance from their control centre and access to the facility is limited to registered users only.

In both cities, the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB) manages and pays for the access control of the secure bike parkings. In order to ease the use of the new service, the system is compatible with the existing BiciBox access cards.

Moreover, in Sant Cugat and Sant Boi, there will be a fleet of electric bikes available for companies whose employees travel from the station to their workplaces. Bikes are provided with insurance, locks, helmets and maintenance. Of course, the bikes will have dedicated parking space in the new secured bike parkings.

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



Quality level of infrastructure used by BiTiBi cyclists

While BiTiBi services and facilities are centred around the train stations, it is important to recognize the value of having quality on-street bicycle infrastructure to safely and reliably allow cyclists to complete the first and last mile of their journey. In eight pilot locations, bike routes leading to train station have been assessed using the ReCYCLE City tool developed by Noor Scheltema. The analysis shows that in most cities of the project, if comfort and attractiveness of the routes are well evaluated, safety and directness can be improved.

Download the [report](#) presented the results of the assessment for each city here.

Coming Soon

January 2017 - an updated version of the guidelines for implementation of bike-train inter-modality services and the final report summarising the whole 3-year pilot project 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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