

Name	Province of Antwerp	 The province of Antwerp
Country	Belgium	
Organization Type	Regional Authority	
Website	www.provincieantwerpen.be	



Profile – The Province of Antwerp

The province of Antwerp is a regional authority in the north of Belgium with 1.800.000 inhabitants.

Main policy domains we are active in are Environment, Climate, Mobility, Spatial Planning, Economy, Agriculture, Education, Heritage, Leisure & Tourism.

The province of Antwerp has years of experience in EU funded projects, both as partner or coordinator, in programmes H2020, LIFE, COSME, Erasmus+, Interreg, ERDF Flanders and EAFRD. Further, there is a team of EU funding advisors supporting all other departments with their EU project proposals and running projects.



Profile – Department of Mobility

The department of Mobility manages a supra local cycle network with more than 4.000 km cycle routes including 23 cycle highways between the greater cities in and round the Province of Antwerp.

We design and build cycle highways and stimulate cycling and sustainable mobility with a focus on road safety. Together with many and different other players in the mobility and special planning we develop and implement safe mobility and cycling. To monitor the results of this policy, we developed the Cycle Barometer with different cycle datasets and information on road safety.



What we can offer in EU projects

Cycle Highways and networks

The province of Antwerp is the leading Belgian constructor of cycle highways. In 2001 a complete cycle network was designed. In 2009 the provincie Antwerpen started to build the first cycle highway. Now a team of 14 persons work fulltime on the realisation of the fietsostradenetwerk as well as supporting local authorities who plan the construction of cycle routes on the network.

The provincie Antwerpen has the expertise to design cycle networks and to build cycle bridges and tunnels, to support others in their plans of construction.

Road Safety

A programme for local authorities to work to no more deadly victims on the roads of the province of Antwerp. Knowledge and expertise in activating and stimulating local authorities and police officers to make and carry out road safety action plans.

Big Data on cycling in the provincial Cycle Barometer

<https://www.provincieantwerpen.be/aanbod/drem/dienst-mobiliteit/fietsbeleid/fietsbarometer.html>

More than 4000km of the supralocal bicycle route network in the province of Antwerp have been inventoried in detail. 3799 crossroads and 1431 locations with comfort problems are registered in detail. On more than 200 locations the number of cyclists were automatically detected, on +20 locations permanent cycle counters register every cyclist 24/7 since more than 5 years. Aggregated accident information and the user experience for over 6.000 cyclists is available.

Within the EU-BITS project we developed the CycleDataHub.eu, a crossroad for all cycle data in Europe.

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This data is analysed in order to make the functional cycle network safer. The cycle highways form the backbone of the cycle network and an uptake in the amount of cycle accidents is registered in the accident data. Often the crossings on cycle highways prove to be the weak points in the network.

The cycle policy team of the Province of Antwerp has more than 5 years in collecting and analysing cycle data, building cycle highways and support other governments on evaluating cycle policy and cycle networks.



Experience

Project Name	Relevance to the Project and Main Role
CIVITAS-PORTIS	PORTIS (H2020-MG-2015, €2.523.370, 2016-2020). Civitas PORTIS designs, demonstrates and evaluates integrated sets of sustainable mobility measures in 5 major port cities located on the North Sea (Aberdeen and Antwerp), the Mediterranean Sea (Trieste), the Black Sea (Constanta), and Baltic Sea (Klaipeda). The project also involves a major international follower port city on the East China Sea (Ningbo). The Province of Antwerp coordinates a cycle highway project in the port of Antwerp
BITS	Interreg North Sea Region (NSR) Programme, €5.000.000, 2019 to 2022. Bicycle and ITS (Intelligent Transport Systems) is aiming to reduce CO2 emissions by 9% and increase bicycle use by 10% within target groups. Ten partners from top cycling countries (NL, DK, BE) or those about to become (UK, DE) work together to raise awareness of best practices of "Smart Cycling", and to provide implementers with ready-to-use information and evidence from different regions. The Province of Antwerp is building the CycleDataHub and is running different pilots on new technologies.

CHIPS	Interreg North-West Europe, €4,51 miljoen, 2016-2019. Cycle Highways Innovation for smarter People Transport and Spatial Planning developed and promoted cycle highways as an effective and cost efficient low carbon solution for commuting towards and from urban employment poles. CHIPS demonstrated that, especially in combination with the growing number of e-bikes, cycle highway innovation can effectively get commuters out of their cars. The province of Antwerp was associated partner in the project.
Scale-Up	<p>H2020: 23 partners from across Europe implement 28 measures to improve mobility in our cities and regions. The focus is on:</p> <p>More effective coordination of mobility measures between the policy levels. As far as Antwerp is concerned, this includes the expansion of the partnership within the Antwerp Transport Region, including by scaling up MaaS (Mobility-as-a-Service) services.</p> <p>Developing multi-modal interchanges for passenger and freight transport, both within the city and across the whole of the Antwerp Transport Region. As part of Antwerp's data strategy NxtMobility, it will also continue to focus on developing a digital management tool to encourage multi-modal mobility. The city will also look at how to optimise freight transport using smart data.</p> <p>Providing access to inclusive and safe mobility solutions. The works on the Ring obviously form an important part of this, as well as the roll-out of an electric shared bike system within the Transport Region.</p> <p>Changing travel behaviour with a focus on clean, active, and healthy modes of transport. Smart ways to Antwerp will therefore continue to work on campaigns, nudging, and incentivising.</p>

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