

About Gent

Gent is a bustling historical city, with art and culture of high quality, an overflowing calendar of events and numerous shops, bars and restaurants.

Gent University continues to grow in importance with the presence of many young people and students turning the city into an important flourishing centre of Flemish culture.

In order to counteract traffic problems, a number of plans were recently introduced, contributing to making living in and visiting Gent more pleasant and attractive now than a decade ago. With CIVITAS ELAN, Gent wants to proceed with its plans to make Gent one of the most advanced 'mobile' cities in Belgium.



Infrastructure

Parking and public space management

Objectives / Innovative Aspects

- Reduce private car use in the ELAN corridor and especially within the area around the train station.
- Support and encourage employees and residents to use sustainable transport modes.

Expected Results

- Reduced parking pressure in the focus areas by 10%.
- Stimulated use of sustainable transport modes.

Technology

IT-based bicycle theft prevention

Objectives / Innovative Aspects

- Install a theft prevention system in public rental bikes, with handheld computers to locate stolen or displaced bikes.
- Develop a unique frame design for rental bicycles.
- Install secured sheds for rental bicycles.



Expected Results

- Increased number of relocated rental bikes by 10%.
- Increased rental bike use of 5%.

Innovation

Introduction of hybrid buses in Gent

Objectives / Innovative Aspects

- Introduce articulated hybrid buses as a transition from the present old high-floor trolley buses.
- Increase trials with articulated hybrid buses, with a view to purchasing only hybrid (diesel) traction buses in the future.

Expected Results

- Reduced diesel usage of ca. 25%.
- Improved accessibility and comfort for passengers as a result of 100% low-floor construction.



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