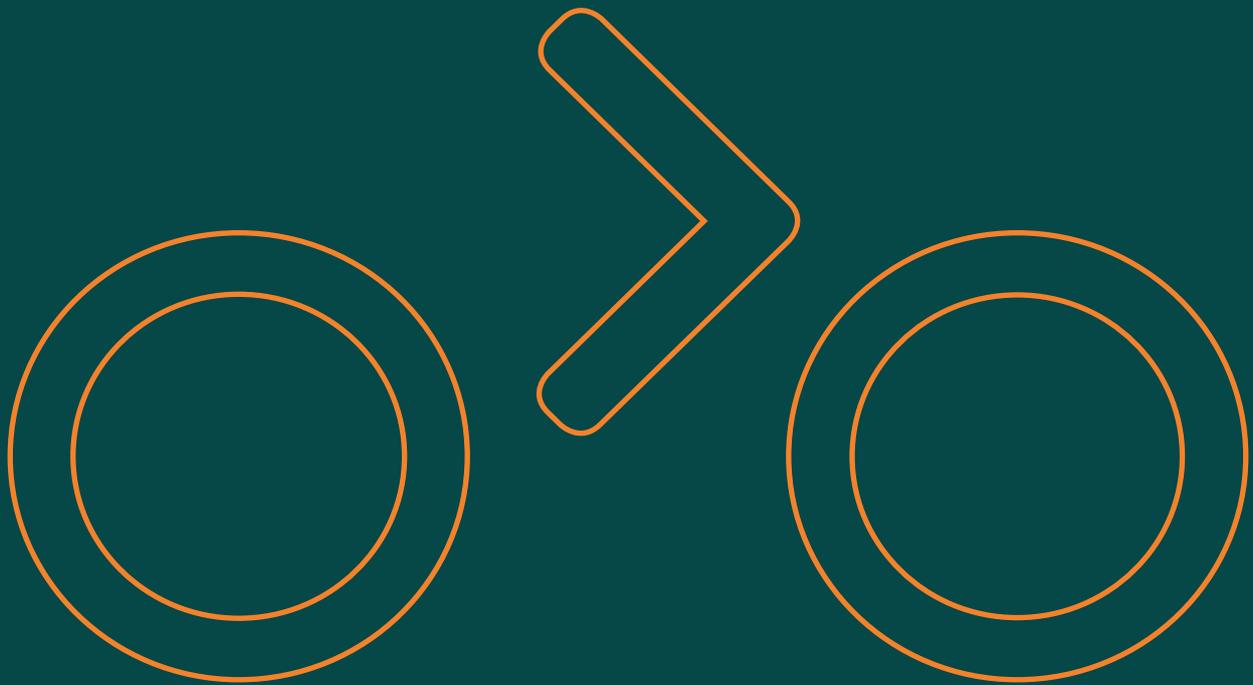


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Foreword

Real progress rarely announces itself loudly, more often, it becomes visible in the way conversations mature and ambitions grow. This past year, we have seen exactly that. The global conversation around cycling continues to evolve, and with it, the role of the Dutch Cycling Embassy. For many cities and regions, cycling is no longer viewed as an interesting alternative, but increasingly as a logical foundation for healthy, accessible, and liveable environments. As this understanding grows, so too does the recognition of the Netherlands' expertise and experience - creating meaningful opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and economic value, both internationally and at home.

We have noticed a shift in how organisations engage with us. While the number of incoming requests has been lower than in previous years, the depth and quality of collaboration have clearly increased. Organisations increasingly approach us with a strong starting point, clear ambitions, and a growing understanding of the role cycling plays in urban systems and in creating more liveable communities. This allows us to move more quickly beyond explaining the "why" and focus on the "how", i.e. where meaningful change begins. At the same time, we remain closely involved in initiatives such as ACTIVE, supporting the development of knowledge and capacity that enable regions to advance their cycling ambitions effectively.

We also continue to learn from developments around the world. Much-referenced Paris, for example, has demonstrated how determination combined with consistent policy can accelerate transformation. Efforts like these not only reshape cities locally, but also strengthen the international exchange of knowledge, reinforcing the idea that progress is greatest when we move forward together. These exchanges continue to generate valuable connections and contribute to the international positioning of the Netherlands as the leading cycling nation. We also see this momentum reflected across Asia, where our work is steadily expanding.

The way knowledge is accessed is evolving as well. Many of the foundational questions that once reached us are now addressed through widely available sources, including digital platforms, our newsletter, and our social media channels. We see this as a natural step in the maturation of the field. It enables us to focus where we add the greatest value: bringing the right people together, supporting complex challenges, and deepening relationships that lead to lasting impact.

And some moments continue to remind us that, ultimately, progress is built on human connection and shared experience. Velo-city, in 2025 in Gdansk, Poland, was again one such occasion. A strong gathering that created inspiring dialogue and meaningful opportunities for our network.

Looking ahead, 2026 will mark the Dutch Cycling Embassy's 15-year anniversary (yay!). It is a testament to the continued support of the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the strength of our network of public and private organisations, and, last but certainly not least, the dedication of the DCE team. Their expertise, professionalism, and openness to collaboration shape who we are today.

To everyone who has been part of this journey: thank you. I very much look forward to celebrating this anniversary together in 2026 and to shaping the next 15 together.

Warm regards,
Skadi Tirpak

Director, Dutch Cycling Embassy

Highlight Projects from 2025

January

DCE hosts Paris Mayor's Office



Dutch Cycling Embassy hosted Paris delegation Jan 20-21, showcasing Utrecht and Amsterdam's cycling infrastructure, parking solutions, and sustainable urban mobility strategies.

The year started off with a visit from a high-profile delegation from Paris to Utrecht and Amsterdam. In Utrecht, the programme explored intermodality and large-scale bicycle parking, highlighting how high cycling volumes are integrated into the urban fabric. A cycling tour demonstrated practical approaches to managing limited street space and balancing different user groups.

In Amsterdam, discussions focused on network coherence, speed management, and governance, reinforcing cycling's role as a structuring element in shaping accessible and liveable cities.

February

ThinkBike Workshop Dubai, United Arab Emirates



DCE hosted a ThinkBike Workshop in Dubai Feb 18-19 with RTA experts, building on 2023 COP28 preparation workshop to advance sustainable and active mobility planning practices.

Built on earlier exchanges around COP28, the ThinkBike Workshop with the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) of Dubai marked a next step in strengthening active mobility within a rapidly evolving urban context. Together with experts from the City of Rotterdam and TU Delft, the RTA explored network design, multimodal connectivity, and user-focused planning approaches.

Through interactive sessions and case-based discussions, participants deepened their understanding of how the integration of active mobility can strategically support Dubai's future development.

March

National Bike Summit 2025



Experts met in Washington D.C. to discuss digital city twins, bike planning, and strategies to boost cycling in U.S. cities.

At the National Bike Summit in Washington, D.C., the DCE contributed to knowledge exchange with mobility professionals from across the United States. Together with Marco Mulder (Arcadis) and Jeroen Steenbakker (Argaleo), interactive sessions explored how design principles and digital models can support stronger cycling networks tailored to local contexts.

The programme also highlighted behavioural approaches and showcased how US-American cities such as Bentonville, Miami-Dade, and Eugene are already applying insights from Dutch exchanges in their own planning practice.

April

DCE-Velowende Masterclass returns for a second edition



20 professionals met in Zurich to explore Dutch-style cycling design through lectures, site visits, and collaborative workshops.

The second edition of the Velowende Masterclass offered an interactive setting for Swiss professionals to reflect on their own projects through a Dutch lens. Discussions moved beyond design details to explore how networks connect, how priorities are set, and how cycling can be embedded more structurally in everyday planning practice.

By bringing together practitioners, policymakers, and advocates, the programme strengthened relationships within Swiss cycling mobility and ensured sustained momentum for continued exchange and collaboration between Swiss cities and the DCE.

May

ThinkBike Workshop in Charlotte, NC



A multi-day "ThinkBike" workshop in Charlotte, NC (May 20-22 2025) worked with planners and advocates to redesign bike-friendly corridors and wrap up with local cycling awards.

In Charlotte, NC, Dutch experts at Goudappel delivered a ThinkBike Workshop in partnership with the City of Charlotte's Department of Transportation (CDOT). Planners, engineers, mobility professionals, and other local stakeholders worked together to rethink crucial axes in Charlotte such as Central Avenue and South Boulevard through corridor redesigns and intersection improvements.

The three-day programme combined on-site analysis with collaborative design sessions, concluding with integrated concepts for safer, more coherent corridors — and a community cycling celebration that highlighted local leadership and momentum.

May

ThinkBike Workshop in Gdańsk, Poland



A two-day “ThinkBike” workshop in Gdańsk (Poland) brought together international and local experts to revisit infrastructure design with hands-on tours and workshop exercises.

In Gdańsk, the ThinkBike Workshop focused on strengthening bike–train intermodality in the context of the proposed Południe railway line. Commissioned by Metropolia Gdańsk-Gdynia-Sopot, InvestGDA, and the Embassy of the Netherlands in Poland, the programme brought together local stakeholders with international expertise from Nederlandse Spoorwegen, Movares, and TU Delft. Through site visits and hands-on sessions, participants revisited infrastructure design and station-area integration, exploring how cycling can be embedded more effectively within regional rail development plans.

June

Velo-city 2025



“Velo-city 2025” took place in Gdańsk (10–13 June), gathering global cycling professionals to showcase inclusive mobility, with a Dutch pavilion hosting 22 organisations.

At Velo-city 2025 in Gdańsk, Poland, the DCE led a delegation of 22 Dutch public and private organisations at the Dutch Cycling Pavilion. Throughout the conference, the pavilion served as a meeting point for international exchange, showcasing Dutch expertise in inclusive and integrated cycling policy and design.

The stand was officially opened by DCE Director Skadi Tirpak, together with representatives from the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Poland, marking a strong Dutch presence at the world’s leading cycling conference.

July

Exploring innovation in Utrecht’s region on two wheels



Utrecht’s region showcases cycling innovation: e-cargo bikes, night-visibility tech, bike infrastructure, and industry insights via company tours.

In the Utrecht region, a working visit led by Deputy for Mobility and Economy André van Schie and Nieuwegein Alderwoman Ellie Eggengoor highlighted the strength and diversity of the local cycling sector. Organised by ROM Region Utrecht, Utrecht Bike Community, and the DCE, the programme explored how cycling innovation contributes to the region’s economic profile and international positioning.

By bike, the delegation visited companies ranging from e-cargo bike manufacturers and night-visibility technology developers to providers of bicycle infrastructure. The visit concluded with a roundtable discussion with DCE partners, reflecting on how to further strengthen Utrecht’s cycling ecosystem and industry network.

September

DCE at The Netherlands Pavilion at the Osaka Kansai World Expo



DCE co-hosted cycling activities at the Osaka World Expo on Sept 23, celebrating Dutch-Japanese expertise through a panel discussion and the “Together We Cycle” documentary screening.

At the Osaka Kansai World Expo, the DCE co-hosted a dedicated cycling programme at the Netherlands Pavilion, aligning with the theme “Common Ground.” Together with Vice-Minister of Infrastructure Afke van Rijn and Japanese representatives from multiple levels of government, the event highlighted shared expertise and opportunities for continued collaboration between two leading cycling nations.

The day concluded with a panel discussion and the Japanese-subtitled screening of “Together We Cycle”, marking a cultural and professional exchange that connected policy, practice, and public inspiration.

September

Belgian & Dutch experts exchange knowledge on continuous cycle routes (Tilburg to Breda)



Belgian and Dutch experts studied the F58 cycle route, looking at implementation, participation, and promotion strategies for cycle highways on the Tilburg-Breda journey.

Along the F58 cycle route between Tilburg and Breda, Belgian and Dutch experts gathered for a joint study visit focused on the realisation of continuous cycle routes. Organised with Tour de Force and the municipalities of Tilburg and Breda, the programme combined on-site learning with exchange on design choices, governance, and cross-border collaboration.

Cycling the 25-kilometre corridor together, participants explored lessons on implementation, community participation, and communication strategies — highlighting how strong regional partnerships can turn cycle highways into well-used, everyday connections.

October

DCE leads ACTIVE workshop in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



DCE co-organized an ACTIVE workshop in Ulaanbaatar with the World Bank, training mobility professionals in cycling network planning, infrastructure design, and climate adaptation strategies.

In Ulaanbaatar, the DCE co-organised a two-day ACTIVE workshop with the World Bank and the City’s Sustainable Urban Transport Project, supporting local capacity building in active mobility. Guided by Dutch experts, participants explored cycling network planning, infrastructure design, road safety principles, and climate adaptation strategies tailored to Mongolia’s context. Through interactive sessions and on-site reflection, mobility professionals strengthened their skills and translated international best practices into locally grounded solutions — contributing to a safer, more inclusive urban mobility system for Ulaanbaatar.

October

Cycling Forward Together: The Fietsmissie to Baden-Württemberg



Dutch cycling delegation visited Baden-Württemberg on Oct 7-10, exchanging knowledge on sustainable mobility with Tübingen, Stuttgart, and Heidelberg at the RADKongress conference.

During a four-day Fietsmissie to Baden-Württemberg, a Dutch delegation of municipalities, ministries, and industry representatives exchanged knowledge with partners in Tübingen, Stuttgart, and Heidelberg. The programme combined site visits and policy discussions on cycling strategy, funding, and urban street transformation, highlighting shared ambitions in sustainable mobility. The mission concluded at the RADKongress in Heidelberg, where Dutch experts contributed insights on traffic safety and bicycle parking. Across all meetings, the visit strengthened cross-border collaboration and reinforced cycling as a practical tool for shaping more liveable cities.

November

Three-Day Study Visit by Hungarian Delegation



Hungarian delegation studied Dutch cycling Nov 11-13 across Houten, Rotterdam, Utrecht, learning network planning, parking design, and people-centered mobility strategies.

Over three sunny days, the DCE welcomed a Hungarian delegation for a study visit across Houten, Rotterdam, and Utrecht. Organised with the Active Hungary Development Center, the programme combined network planning, urban transformation, and bicycle parking strategies with on-site cycling tours and expert sessions.

From Houten's bicycle-first structure to Rotterdam's street redesigns and Utrecht's large-scale parking facilities, participants explored how long-term planning, design consistency, and communication together shape everyday cycling culture. The visit strengthened professional exchange and offered practical insights for adapting people-centred mobility strategies in the Hungarian context.

November

Study Visit from Beijing Municipal Commission for Transport



Beijing Transport Commission studied Dutch cycling Nov 24-25, exploring bicycle parking and regional highways across Utrecht, Amsterdam, The Hague with ministry partners.

In late November, the DCE hosted a delegation from the Beijing Municipal Commission for Transport for a study visit to Utrecht, Amsterdam, and The Hague. In cooperation with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management and the Netherlands Enterprise Agency, the programme focused on large-scale bicycle parking at train stations and the development of regional cycling highways.

Through site visits and expert exchanges, the delegation explored how cycling is embedded within broader mobility systems — further expanding the growing knowledge exchange between the Netherlands and China in the field of active mobility.

Overview of Projects 2025

January

Study Visit: Liberal Party of the Stockholm Region



Swedish Liberal Party politicians studied Amsterdam Jan 16-17, learning about Dutch cycling infrastructure, transit integration, and behavioral change through expert presentations and tours.

"Lunch & Learn" with Sustrans & the Dutch Cycling Embassy



Sustrans Midlands and Dutch Cycling Embassy hosted a lunch & learn on cycling infrastructure, covering network planning, design principles, inclusivity, and multi-level funding approaches.

DCE Webinar on Coloured Asphalt



Dutch Cycling Embassy webinar on Feb 13 explored coloured asphalt's role in cycling infrastructure, featuring expert insights on production, installation, and safety benefits.

Study visit: Seoul Facilities Corporation



DCE welcomed Seoul Facilities Corporation representatives. Margot Daris presented Dutch cycling culture, design principles, and NS' OV-Fiets bike-sharing system, inspiring discussion on promoting cycling in Korea.

DCE Hosts Paris Mayor's Office



Dutch Cycling Embassy hosted Paris delegation Jan 20-21, showcasing Utrecht and Amsterdam's cycling infrastructure, parking solutions, and sustainable urban mobility strategies.

DCE - ACTIVE Workshop in Oaxaca, Mexico



DCE hosted ACTIVE workshop in Oaxaca, Mexico Feb 5-6, promoting active mobility through expert presentations, infrastructure redesign, and collaborative planning sessions.

Dutch Cycling Embassy Signs MOU with Nowon-Gu, Seoul



The DCE signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Nowon-Gu, Seoul, during an official visit by a 16-person delegation led by Deputy Mayor Shin Jong-woo at Utrecht City Hall.

DCE Returns to Southeast Florida



Dutch Cycling Embassy visited Southeast Florida Feb 3-7, 2025, leading workshops and a keynote at the Safe Streets Summit to promote safe cycling infrastructure design.

Vancouver Webinar: Integrating Bike Share and Public Transport



DCE webinar on Feb 19 explored integrating bike share with public transit in British Columbia, featuring experts from DCE, TransLink, and Vancouver Bike Share.

February

Knowledge Sharing Session with City of Cape Town



DCE presented to Cape Town on Feb 21, sharing five decades of Dutch cycling principles with 200+ civil servants through a 40-minute webinar and Q&A session.

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum 2025



DCE participated virtually on Feb 25 in the Westminster Forum event, discussing Dutch cycling integration with public transport as first- and last-mile solution.

Dutch Cycling Embassy Sponsorship for Velo-city 2025



DCE launched a sponsorship program for Velo-city 2025 in Gdańsk to support public-interest organizations from developing economies. No sponsorship was awarded.

ThinkBike Workshop Dubai, United Arab Emirates



DCE hosted a ThinkBike Workshop in Dubai Feb 18-19 with RTA experts, building on the 2023 COP28 preparation workshop to advance sustainable and active mobility planning practices.

Quarterly Participant Meeting Q1



DCE hosted quarterly network meeting March 6 at Falco in Vriezenveen, featuring a factory tour, annual report updates, and networking opportunities with cycling infrastructure partners.

Transforming Transportation 2025



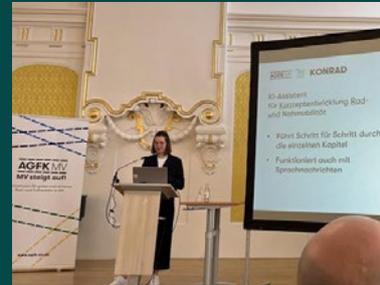
DCE attended the Transforming Transportation conference in Washington, D.C., with the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Man., contributing as a panelist on active transport and its financial viability.

DCE at the ITB Berlin with Manager of Active Mobility



DCE participated in the ITB Berlin Dutch Pavilion, discussing cycling infrastructure and culture through press conferences, the Slowlands presentation, and meetings with German city officials.

DCE at Walk- & Bike-Friendly Cities conference, MV, Germany



DCE's Nils Steinhäuser presented rural cycling solutions at a conference in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, discussing best practices for small municipalities and innovative planning tools.

Shaping the Future of Urban Transport in Limassol, Cyprus



A cycling tour and conference in Limassol March 18-24 showcased Dutch expertise supporting Cyprus's EU-funded MicroMobi project and Mayor Armeftis's vision for green urban transport.

March

National Bike Summit 2025



The Dutch Cycling Embassy attended the 25th National Bike Summit in Washington, D.C. The DCE hosted workshops on digital twins and bicycle planning. Margot Daris presented on behavior change schemes.

Mini ThinkBike Workshop in Richmond, VA



TBW in Richmond, VA brought experts and locals together to improve bike routes, intersections, and city cycling plans.

Fast Forward Towards Sustainable and Friendly Mobility in Slovenia



On 25-26 March 2025, Ljubljana hosted a “Fast Forward Towards Sustainable Mobility” conference with Slovenia’s environment minister and Dutch cycling experts.

Three-Day Study Visit Fingal County



In April 2025, a group from County Fingal spent three days in the Nijmegen region, learning, among other things, about infrastructure design, urban-rural connections, and cycling & public transport.

“Rotterdam Fietst” Screening and Discussion in Zürich



A lunchtime screening of the documentary “Rotterdam Fietst” was held, followed by a talk with filmmakers and cycling experts.

DCE in Rheine, Germany for Knowledge Exchange



Experts met in Rheine, Germany, for bike tours, infrastructure reviews, and discussions to improve local cycling planning and awareness.

DCE-Velowende Masterclass returns for a second edition



20 professionals met in Zürich to explore Dutch-style cycling design through lectures, site visits, and collaborative workshops.

Indian Delegation Technical Visit – Sustainable Mobility Mission 2025



On 23-24 April 2025, a high-level Indian delegation visited the Netherlands to explore Dutch cycling and sustainable mobility, including tours in Amsterdam and Utrecht.

Three-Day Study Visit County Sligo



In April 2025, a group from County Sligo spent three days in the Nijmegen region learning about cycling networks, design principles and traffic management.

May

Dutch Cycling Embassy at Intertraffic China in Shanghai



Dutch experts joined Intertraffic China in Shanghai to share micromobility insights and explore cycling innovations with local partners.

Amazon Bike Month Special Event in Amsterdam



On 8 May 2025, a lunchtime hybrid event at Amazon Netherlands in Amsterdam featured insights into Dutch cycling infrastructure and global case-studies.

DCE Hosts German-Language Webinar on Cycling Data



A German-language webinar explored how cycling data is collected, analyzed, and applied to guide mobility planning.

Guest Lecture During Windesheim International Education Week



DCE delivered a guest lecture during the Windesheim Hogeschool International Education Week, covering the evolution of cycling and its role in global urban mobility.

Study Visit from Cantonal Traffic Police of St. Gallen, Switzerland



A delegation from the Cantonal Traffic Police of St. Gallen, Switzerland visited the Netherlands to exchange insights into cycling infrastructure and policy.

Two-day knowledge exchange on urban cycling in Jönköping



A two-day knowledge-exchange in Jönköping, Sweden on 15-16 May 2025 focused on cycling infrastructure and urban planning via tours, roundtables and stakeholder meetings.

Utrecht Study Visit from Portland Metro Chamber



Around 25 leaders from the Portland Metro Chamber visited Utrecht on 23 May 2025 for a half-day tour of cycling infrastructure and urban mobility insights.

ThinkBike Workshop in Charlotte, NC



A "ThinkBike" workshop in Charlotte, NC (May 20-22 2025) worked with planners and advocates to redesign bike-friendly corridors and wrap up with cycling awards.

ThinkBike Workshop in Gdańsk, Poland



A two-day "ThinkBike" workshop in Gdańsk (Poland) brought together international and local experts to revisit infrastructure design with hands-on tours and workshop exercises.

Velo-city 2025



"Velo-city 2025" took place in Gdańsk (10–13 June), gathering global cycling professionals to showcase inclusive mobility, with a Dutch pavilion hosting 22 organisations.

DCE Hosts Pre-Programme for University of Leeds Study Visit



A pre-programme was held for students from the University of Leeds' Institute for Transport Studies, offering Dutch cycling-infrastructure and mobility insights ahead of their study visit.

Study Visit: Urban Land Institute



A study-visit from the Urban Land Institute (ULI) came to explore Dutch practices in cycling-friendly urban design and mobility planning.

Utrecht Study Visit from Atlanta Mayor's Office



On 4 June 2025, the Dutch Cycling Embassy hosted a delegation from Atlanta, GA, with a presentation on Dutch cycling and a guided Utrecht tour showcasing bike infrastructure and lessons for other cities.

Denizli Metropolitan Municipality (Turkey) Delegation in Utrecht



A Turkish delegation from Denizli Metropolitan Municipality visited Utrecht to explore Dutch cycling infrastructure, national mobility policy, EU-funding and opportunities for international collaboration.

Utrecht Study Visit from Queen's University Belfast



A delegation of 25 students and staff from Queen's University Belfast visited Utrecht to tour key cycling infrastructure and learn about Dutch cycling networks.

World Bank Technical Deep Dive in Vienna



The four-day deep dive in Vienna gathered officials from Europe and Central Asia to explore how to design liveable cities through site visits, panels and action planning.

Cycling & Walking at Global MoU Summit in Arnhem, Netherlands



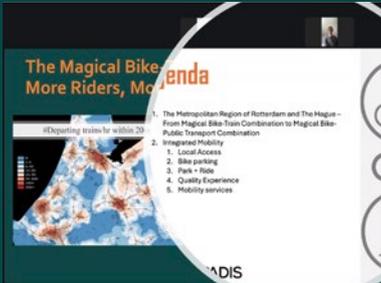
Participants cycled in Arnhem during the Global MoU Summit to explore sustainable mobility and zero-emissions transport through a guided infrastructure tour.

Dutch Cycling Expertise at Eurobike 2025



A Dutch pavilion hosted innovators at Eurobike 2025 in Frankfurt, where Dutch firms displayed smart mobility gear, e-bike charging solutions and eco-helmets, putting cycling tech in the spotlight.

Dutch Expertise at ICMA's Global Best Practices in Mobility Planning



A presentation at ICMA's Global Best Practices in Mobility Planning showcased Dutch expertise in active mobility and multi-modal transport.

Q2 Network Event: Celebrating 10 Years of Tour de Force



The "Q2 Tour de Force" update reviewed recent cycling-policy initiatives, outlined emerging projects and showed progress towards boosting national bike usage.

New Zealand Initiative Explores Dutch Cycling in The Hague



On 26 June 2025, a New Zealand Initiative delegation toured The Hague, exploring Dutch cycling infrastructure through a guided ride and expert Q&A.

Exploring Innovation in Utrechts Region on Two Wheels



ROM Region Utrecht and the Dutch Cycling Embassy hosted a visit for the Deputy and Alderwoman for Mobility and Economy, touring cycling companies and holding a roundtable on the region's cycling economy.

Ankara University Explores Dutch Cycling Culture in Utrecht



Ankara University delegation explored Dutch cycling culture in Utrecht, learning about grassroots strategies, inclusive design, and youth cycling practices.

Diplomats Cycle through The Hague with DCE



DCE co-led the "Diplomats Biking Spree" on August 16 in The Hague, guiding ambassadors from 14+ countries on a coastal cycling tour showcasing Dutch infrastructure and cycling culture.

First OST Course Module Kicks Off with Support from the DCE



A collaborative professional development course on cycling infrastructure was kicked off in Switzerland with input from the DCE.

Delegation from Siheung, Republic of Korea



A South Korean delegation from Siheung visited Utrecht on September 1 to learn about Dutch cycling strategies, infrastructure benefits, and global policy implementation examples.

Poland on Two Wheels Conference in Warsaw



Chris Bruntlett keyed Poland's "Two Wheels" conference on September 9, discussing Dutch cycling best practices, infrastructure benefits, and global city case studies.

July

August

September

**Guest Lecture at Windesheim
"Future Cities" Program**



Chris Bruntlett lectured Windesheim students on Dutch cycling history and its global urban impact, engaging 40 international participants in the Future Cities program.

**Sustainable Urban Mobility
Conference in Skopje, North
Macedonia**



A virtual conference in Skopje on September 18 featured Chris Bruntlett discussing European sustainable mobility best practices with the World Bank and Balkan city representatives.

**AGFS NRW explores cycling
connections between Arnhem and
Nijmegen**



German municipalities cycled the RijnWaalpad on September 18, learning about Dutch high-speed continuous cycling route design and sustainable mobility planning from AGFS NRW study visit experts.

**Utrecht Study Visit from Mölndal,
Sweden**



A Swedish delegation from Mölndal visited Utrecht on September 17 for a bike-train intermodality study, touring cycling infrastructure and learning about Dutch integration strategies.

**DCE joins final ECONNECTING
meeting in Faenza, Italy**



The ECONNECTING network met in Faenza, Italy launching a manifesto together with Shelley Bontje that highlights Dutch cycling achievements.

**Decathlon Lille discovers Urban
Mobility in Utrecht**



Decathlon managers from Lille toured Utrecht on September 18, exploring cycling infrastructure, smart parking technology, and urban mobility strategy through ROM and DCE collaboration.

**Utrecht Visit from Copenhagen
Metroselskabet**



Copenhagen Metro architects visited DCE to explore Dutch bike-train intermodality and Amsterdam-based implementation examples.

**Fresh Insights from DCE During the
Netherlands-to-Belgium Climate
Ride**



DCE gave a presentation and Q&A to Climate Ride (U.S.) cyclists on Dutch people-centered mobility.

**Exploring Cycling in Utrecht with
the Netherlands Embassy in
Mexico**



Mexico Embassy officer Daniela Nuñez visited Utrecht, touring the world's largest bike parking and cycling infrastructure with DCE director Skadi Tirpak to strengthen diplomatic ties on mobility.

DCE Organises Paris School Streets Study Programme for CityDeal



Dutch municipalities studied Paris school streets on Sept 16-18, learning about the French approach to cycling promotion linked to health, climate, and social cohesion goals.

Exploring Cycling in Vilnius during Urban Mobility Days



DCE Director toured Vilnius, learning how it expanded to 170km quality cycle paths, introduced cycle streets, and prioritized secure parking to transform urban mobility.

Dutch Cycling Event at The Netherlands Pavilion at the Osaka Kansai World Expo



DCE co-hosted cycling activities at the Osaka World Expo on Sept 23, celebrating Dutch-Japanese expertise through a panel discussion and the "Together We Cycle" documentary screening.

Celebrating Cycling through Connection: Dutch Cycling Embassy at the Orange Bike Ride



The Orange Bike Ride in Luxembourg celebrated Dutch-Luxembourg cycling connections, screening the "Together We Cycle" documentary and promoting sustainable mobility advocacy.

Belgian + Dutch experts exchange knowledge on continuous cycle routes from Tilburg to Breda



Belgian and Dutch experts studied the F58 cycle route, looking at implementation, participation, and promotion strategies for cycle highways on the Tilburg-Breda journey.

Workshop and Knowledge Exchange in Matsuyama, Ehime Prefecture, Japan



Chris Bruntlett shared European cycling expertise in Matsuyama on Sept 24-25, preparing Ehime Prefecture for the 2027 Velo-City conference amid impressive student cycling culture.

Dutch insights on cycling infrastructure presented at Rio Construction Summit



DCE attended the Rio Construction Summit, leading workshops on integrated cycle path design and discussing Dutch urban planning approaches for Brazilian cities.

China Comprehensive Transportation Development Conference in Beijing



Chris Bruntlett keynoted the Beijing mobility forum on Sept 21, discussing Dutch cycling design principles and inclusive infrastructure benefiting diverse demographics in China.

"Dutch Cycling Culture" Pop-Up Exhibition on Midosuji Boulevard in Osaka, Japan



DCE curated Dutch Cycling Culture pop-up at Osaka on Sept 25, showcasing sustainable urban living focused on wellbeing along Midosuji during Road Experience Expo.

Symposium on the Future of Cycling at Duke-Kunshan University in Kunshan, China



Chris Bruntlett keynoted the Duke-Kunshan symposium on Sept 28, discussing the global shift toward inclusive urban design and cycling culture with Dutch and Chinese experts.

Q3 DCE Network Meeting Hosted by Argaleo



On October 7, the third DCE network meeting, hosted by Argaleo, brought together new team members and partners, shared international updates and a board transition, and featured an interactive session on data-driven cycling tools.

Cycling Forward Together: The Fietsmissie to Baden-Württemberg



A Dutch cycling delegation visited Baden-Württemberg on Oct 7-10, exchanging knowledge on sustainable mobility with Tübingen, Stuttgart, and Heidelberg at the RADKongress conference.

Meeting City Council and Urban Environment Committee in Siheung, South Korea



Chris Bruntlett met Siheung City Council on Sept 30, discussing cycling policies and promoting bicycle transportation, following up on their earlier Utrecht study visit.

DCE leads ACTIVE workshop in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



DCE co-organized an ACTIVE workshop in Ulaanbaatar with the World Bank, training mobility professionals in cycling network planning, infrastructure design, and climate adaptation strategies.

Guest Lecture at University of Cincinnati School of Planning



Chris Bruntlett lectured University of Cincinnati students Oct 21 on Dutch cycling history, infrastructure design principles, and transferability to U.S. cities.

Knowledge Exchange with Mayor and City Council in Seoul's Nowon District, South Korea



Chris Bruntlett and Netherlands Ambassador cycled with Nowon Mayor Oct 1, discussing Seoul district's ambitions to become South Korea's most bike-friendly municipality.

2025 Cargo Bike Festival at the Jaarbeurs Congress Centre in Utrecht



International Cargo Bike Festival Oct 14 in Utrecht featured global speakers on cargo cycling logistics, moderated by Chris Bruntlett discussing sustainable delivery solutions.

Fachhochschule OST experiences cycling best practices with DCE



Swiss professionals studied Dutch cycling Oct 15-18 across Utrecht, Zwolle, Ede, and Amersfoort, learning about infrastructure design, data-driven policies, and intermodal strategies.

October

DCE meeting at NZ Embassy with Tangi Utikere MP



Tangi, NZ MP and opposition spokesperson for Local Government, Transport, Small Business, and Racing, met with DCE director to exchange views on transport infrastructure and spatial planning.

TH Wildau visits DCE



TH Wildau students visited the DCE Nov 10, learning about Dutch cycling development through presentations and network partner tours exploring infrastructure, planning, and culture.

Public Policy Exchange: Boosting Cycling in the UK



Chris Bruntlett keynoted the London Public Policy Exchange on Nov 20, discussing Dutch inclusive urban design for all, demographics and comprehensive cycling promotion strategies.

SXSW Sydney 2025



A Talk & Presentation at SXSW Sydney 2025 featuring a screening of "Rotterdam Fietst!" showcasing Rotterdam's efforts to promote cycling among children, followed by a local expert's reflection and panel discussion.

Three-Day Study Visit by Hungarian Delegation



Hungarian delegation studied Dutch cycling Nov 11-13 across Houten, Rotterdam, Utrecht, learning about network planning, parking design, and people-centered mobility strategies.

Palm Beach MPO Webinar: The Dutch Cycling Transformation



Chris (DCE) and Melissa Bruntlett (Modacity Creative) discussed Dutch cycling transformation on Nov 20 with the Palm Beach MPO, exploring infrastructure, communication, and local adaptation strategies.

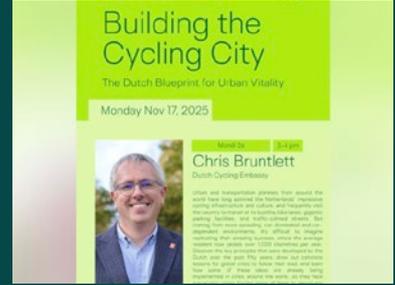
Utrecht Study Visit from Sama Velo in Dakar, Senegal



Sama Velo advocates from Senegal visited DCE on Nov 3, learning about Dutch cycling infrastructure and discussing local challenges through a tour of Utrecht and office discussions.

November

IST Austria Sustainability Seminar Series



Chris Bruntlett keynoted the Austria sustainability seminar on Nov 17, discussing Dutch cycling successes, network benefits, and global applications for urban vitality.

DCE and Goudappel Organize 4th DCE YOUNG Event



The 4th DCE Young event, co-organized by Goudappel, brought nearly 30 young professionals together at Goudappel's office in The Hague to connect, discuss their role in the field, and explore the future of cycling.

Delegation of Indonesian Traffic Police visits DCE's office and discovers Utrecht.



Indonesian Traffic Police visited DCE on Nov 24, looking at global cycling cultures, parking solutions, and practical transfer strategies through Utrecht tours and presentations.

AI Hackathon at Windesheim



An AI hackathon took place at Hogeschool Windesheim in which students did a market analysis for opportunities for several companies including the DCE.

Study Visit from Beijing Municipal Commission for Transport



Beijing Transport Commission explored Dutch cycling Nov 24-25, visiting bicycle parking and regional highways across Utrecht, Amsterdam, The Hague with ministry partners.

DCE Hosts Webinar on Bikenomics: Why Cycling (Investment) Pays



A German webinar on Nov 20 explored bikenomics, demonstrating the economic case for cycling through cost-benefit analysis and socioeconomic data to strengthen

Knowledge Exchange with Shanghai Municipal Commission of Transport



Through support of Energy Foundation China, DCE participated in meetings, site visits, and knowledge exchanges with Shanghai Urban Planning & Design Instit., Shanghai Municipal Transp. Comm., and Urban Transp. Research Institute at Tongji University.

Active Mobility Workshop with the University of Tehran



Chris Bruntlett participated virtually in a three-day Active Mobility Workshop with the University of Tehran, bringing together students, researchers, and urban mobility practitioners.

December

Q4 Meeting: DCE & RVO close the year with festive Q-meeting



DCE and RVO jointly hosted their final Q meeting of the year at Pulchri Studio in The Hague, welcoming around 90 participants for updates, a China presentation, and networking.

Study Visits

By experiencing Dutch cycling infrastructure, policy, and governance first-hand, international delegations gain practical knowledge and often shift their perception of how cycling can contribute to more liveable, people-friendly environments in their own context. During tailored visits to cities and regions across the Netherlands, professionals and decision-makers engage directly with experts and practitioners. Whether through short city programmes or multi-day study tours, these visits provide concrete insights that support the adaptation of Dutch approaches into effective, long-term spatial and urban development solutions at home.

Study Visits 2025:

16-01-2025 (2 days)	Study Visit: Liberal Party of the Stockholm Region
20-01-2025 (2 days)	DCE hosts Paris Mayor's Office
09-04-2025	Study Visit: Urban Land Institute
23-04-2025 (2 days)	High-Level Indian Delegation Explores Dutch Cycling and Mobility Innovations
30-05-2025	Fifth India-the Netherlands Joint Working Group Meeting held in the Hague
07-05-2025 (2 days)	Study Visit from Cantonal Traffic Police of St. Gallen, Switzerland
28-05-2025	DCE Hosts Pre-Programme for University of Leeds Study Visit
28-05-2025	Denizli Metropolitan Municipality (Turkey) Delegation in Utrecht
04-06-2025	Utrecht Study Visit from Atlanta Mayor's Office
04-06-2025	Cycling & walking together during annual Global MoU Summit in Arnhem, the Netherlands
20-06-2025	Utrecht Study Visit from Queen's University Belfast
26-06-2025	New Zealand Initiative Explores Dutch Cycling in The Hague with DCE
11-07-2025	Exploring innovation in Utrecht's region on two wheels
21-07-2025	Ankara University explores Dutch cycling culture in Utrecht
01-09-2025	Delegation from Siheung, Republic of Korea
17-09-2025	Utrecht Study Visit from Mölndal, Sweden
17-09-2025	Utrecht Visit from Copenhagen Metroselskabet
18-09-2025	Study Visit: AGFS NRW explores cycling connections between Arnhem and Nijmegen
18-09-2025	Decathlon Lille discovers Urban Mobility in Utrecht
30-09-2025	Belgian and Dutch experts exchange knowledge on continuous cycle routes from Tilburg to Breda
15-10-2025 (3 days)	Fachhochschule OST experiences cycling best practices with DCE
03-11-2025	Utrecht Study Visit from Sama Velo in Dakar, Senegal
10-11-2025	TH Wildau visits DCE
11-11-2025 (3 days)	Three-Day Study Visit by Hungarian Delegation
24-11-2025	Delegation of Indonesian Traffic Police visits Dutch Cycling Embassy's office and discovers Utrecht.
24-11-2025 (2 days)	Study Visit from Beijing Municipal Commission for Transport
Total:	26

ThinkBike Workshops & ACTIVE Trainings

In 2025, the DCE facilitated its well-established ThinkBike Workshops in collaboration with local experts and decision-makers, and partnered on select ACTIVE trainings - an initiative of the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management in collaboration with RVO. Through these activities, DCE created interactive learning environments in which Dutch and local professionals jointly assess infrastructure, policy, and institutional contexts, helping cities and regions to reframe challenges and conceptualise context-appropriate approaches for safer, more accessible and liveable environments.

ThinkBike Workshops 2025:

03-02-2025	TBW Southeast Florida	Broward County	United States
18-02-2025	TBW Dubai	Dubai	UAE
14-03-2025	TBW Richmond	Richmond, VA	United States
20-05-2025	TBW Charlotte	Charlotte, NC	United States
26-05-2025	TBW Gdańsk	Gdańsk	Poland

Total: 5

ACTIVE Trainings 2025:

05-02-2025	ACTIVE workshop Oaxaca	Oaxaca	Mexico
07-10-2025	ACTIVE workshop Ulaanbaatar	Ulaanbaatar	Mongolia

Total: 2

Knowledge Exchange & Engagements

The DCE had the opportunity again this year to contribute to a range of international webinars, guest lectures, and conferences, while facilitating and supporting outbound missions and institutional visits. These engagements connected the DCE with a wide range of public, academic, and industry partners, enabling practical exchange between Dutch and local professionals and supporting ongoing cooperation in the development of context-appropriate cycling policies and infrastructure.

Outbound Missions & Institutional Engagements 2025

17-03-2025	Podcast Here Come the Dutch! By The Mechanics of Transportation (about workshop in Richmond, VA, with Marco Mulder)
27-03-2025	"Rotterdam Fietst" Screening and Discussion in Zürich
10-04-2025	Interview: Creating Better Cities and Regions Through Cycling (by ECF)
15-05-2025	Guest Lecture During Windesheim International Education Week
23-06-2025	Dutch Expertise at ICMA's Global Best Practices in Mobility Planning
15-09-2025	Guest Lecture at Windesheim "Future Cities" Program
16-09-2025 (3 days)	DCE Organises Paris School Streets Study Programme for CityDeal
19-09-2025	Celebrating Cycling through Connection: Dutch Cycling Embassy at the Orange Bike Ride in Luxembourg
24-09-2025 (2 days)	Workshop and Knowledge Exchange in Matsuyama, Ehime Prefecture, Japan
25-09-2025	"Dutch Cycling Culture" Pop-Up Exhibition on Midosuji Boulevard in Osaka, Japan
30-09-2025	Meeting City Council and Urban Environment Committee in Siheung, South Korea
01-10-2025	Knowledge Exchange with Mayor and City Council in Seoul's Nowon District, South Korea
01-10-2025	Meeting at NZ Embassy w/ Tangi Utikere MP
07-10-2025 (4 days)	Cycling Forward Together: The Fietsmissie to Baden-Württemberg
21-10-2025	Guest Lecture at University of Cincinnati School of Planning
28-11-2025	AI Hackathon at Windesheim
05-12-2025 (6 days)	Dutch Cycling Embassy in Shanghai, China
Total:	17

Webinars & Online Sessions 2025

28-01-2025	"Lunch & Learn" with Sustrans & the Dutch Cycling Embassy
13-02-2025	DCE holds webinar on coloured asphalt
19-02-2025	Vancouver Webinar: Integrating Bike Share and Public Transport
21-02-2025	Knowledge Sharing Session with City of Cape Town
09-04-2025	Presentation During Stockholm Cykelfrämjandet's Annual General Meeting
30-04-2025	DCE Hosts German-Language Webinar on Cycling Data

Webinars & Online Sessions 2025 (continued)

01-05-2025	KfW – Expert Talk with the DCE – Ideas for a Bicycle-Friendly City
23-06-2025	Dutch Expertise at ICMA's Global Best Practices in Mobility Planning
20-11-2025	Palm Beach MPO Webinar: The Dutch Cycling Transformation
20-11-2025	DCE Hosts Webinar on Bikenomics: Why Cycling (Investment) Pays
16-12-2025	Active Mobility Workshop with the University of Tehran

Total: 11

Conference Contributions & Speaking Engagements 2025

25-02-2025	Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum 2025
04-03-2025 (3 days)	DCE at the ITB Berlin with Manager of Active Mobility
11-03-2025 (2 days)	Transforming Transportation 2025
11-03-2025 (3 days)	National Bike Summit 2025
19-03-2025	Shaping the Future of Urban Transport in Limassol, Cyprus
20-03-2025	DCE Presents at Conference for Walkable, Bike-Friendly Cities in MV, Germany
25-03-2025 (2 days)	Fast Forward Towards Sustainable and Friendly Mobility in Slovenia
27-03-2025	DCE in Rheine, Germany for Knowledge Exchange
28-04-2025	Dutch Cycling Embassy at Intertraffic China in Shanghai
08-05-2025	Amazon Bike Month Special Event in Amsterdam
15-05-2025 (2 days)	Two-day knowledge exchange on urban cycling in Jönköping
03-06-2025	World Bank Technical Deep Dive in Vienna
10-06-2025 (4 days)	Velo-city 2025
25-06-2025 (5 days)	Dutch Cycling Expertise at Eurobike 2025
01-08-2025	First OST Course Module Kicks Off with Support from the DCE
03-09-2025	Fresh Insights from Dutch Cycling Embassy During the Netherlands-to-Belgium Climate Ride
09-09-2025	Poland on Two Wheels Conference in Warsaw
15-09-2025	Dutch Cycling Embassy joins final ECONNECTING meeting in Faenza, Italy
18-09-2025	Sustainable Urban Mobility Conference in Skopje, North Macedonia
21-09-2025	China Comprehensive Transportation Development Conference in Beijing
23-09-2025	Dutch Cycling Event at The Netherlands Pavilion at the Osaka Kansai World Expo
24-09-2025 (3 days)	Dutch insights on cycling infrastructure presented at Rio Construction Summit
28-09-2025	Symposium on the Future of Cycling at Duke-Kunshan University in Kunshan, China
30-09-2025 (3 days)	Exploring Cycling in Vilnius during Urban Mobility Days
1-10-2025	Cycling for the Future: Inspiring Healthy, Safe and Happy Cities
14-10-2025	2025 International Cargo Bike Festival at the Jaarbeurs Congress Centre in Utrecht
17-11-2025	Institute for Science and Technology Austria Sustainability Seminar Series
20-11-2025	Public Policy Exchange: Boosting Cycling in the UK

Total: 28

Insights & Publications

Throughout the year, the DCE publishes articles and publications that share experiences and insights from our network. These pieces illustrate how Dutch cycling knowledge is adapted and applied in different cities and regions, and how local partners translate ambition into practical policies and projects.

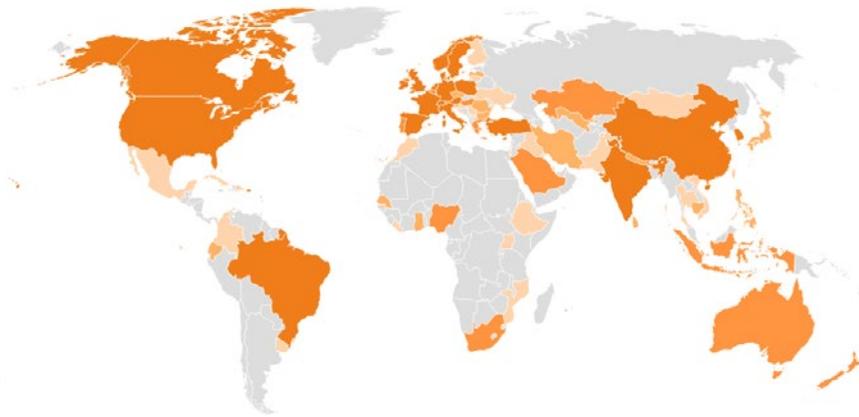
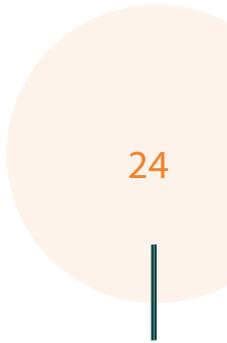
Insights & Publications 2025:

28-02-2025	2024 Annual Report
05-03-2025	How Dutch Expertise is Transforming Austin's Streets
01-04-2025	50 Jahre Fietsersbond – Eine Erfolgsgeschichte auf zwei Rädern
01-04-2025	„Infuuts“ Wenn Radfahren auch im Krankenhaus möglich wird
01-04-2025	Kabelloses Laden für E-Lastenräder: Ein Pilotprojekt in der Region München zeigt neue Wege für die urbane Mobilität
01-04-2025	Merwede: Die Stadt von morgen entsteht in Utrecht
01-04-2025	Utrecht setzt auf Tempo 30: Mehr Sicherheit und Lebensqualität für alle Verkehrsteilnehmer*innen
01-04-2025	TACQ: Wie Technologie und Fachwissen zusammenwirken, um Radinfrastruktur weltweit sicherer zu machen
02-04-2025	Radfahren im Frühling in den Niederlanden
09-05-2025	Whitepaper on Broad Prosperity and Cycling
15-06-2025	Rethinking Transport Infrastructure Investment Through the Lens of Bikenomics
16-06-2025	Unlocking Cycling Potential with DQ Flows
17-06-2025	The Most Impressive Cycling Infrastructure in the Netherlands
10-07-2025	Bunte Lichter für mehr Sicherheit
10-07-2025	Van Raam gewinnt den EUROBIKE Award 2025
10-07-2025	Wie wird die Mobilität im Jahr 2050 aussehen?
14-07-2025	Mapping Transport Poverty: How the Bicycle Makes a Difference
21-07-2025	Biciminga: Reimagining the move
19-09-2025	Pedaling Towards Partnership – The Role of Cycling Diplomacy
24-09-2025	Haarlem's transition to 30 km/h streets – This is how they did it
15-10-2025	Niederländisches Kabinett schlägt Geschwindigkeitsbegrenzungen auf Radwegen vor
31-10-2025	Unique and effective design: Hamburg has given new life to their wayfinding system

Total: 22

Global Reach in 2025

Incoming Requests



Top 10 Countries

1. USA
2. United Kingdom
3. France
4. Germany
5. Canada
6. China
7. Italy
8. India
9. South Korea
10. Sweden

Top 5 Request Types

1. Collaboration
2. Information request
3. Interview request
4. Meeting request
5. Other

500+ incoming requests from nearly 75 countries

Social media



Newsletter subscribers up by 37%

- 178,200 total followers
- +13.6% year-on-year growth
- +21,300 net new followers
- Over 20 million total views

Platform Distribution

