



Common position of EUCG, Gracq and Fietersbond Brussels

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It is important to take into account cyclists' needs when further developing the European Quarter. To do this, consultation with the cyclists groups and the residents committees is strongly recommended.

There should have been a special chapter on 'cycling' under the heading 'mobility'. Here some of the general objectives could be repeated:

- 15% of traffic movements by bike in 2015,
- 'bandes de confort' for streets with cobble stones, and definitely no cobble stones on Regional Bike Routes (ICR/GFR),
- SULs on all the one-way streets (according to the legislation),
- no mixing of pedestrians and cyclists,
- slower car traffic (infrastructure to guarantee slower speeds is preferred to signposting or policing).

After the brainstorming in this Master Plan, we assume that more detailed plans will be drawn up to implement it. We ask you to systematically take into account cyclists:

- advanced cycle boxes (ZAC) at traffic lights,
- advanced green for cyclists,
- make sure there is space on the streets to make it possible to cycle through a traffic jam (after widening the pavement for pedestrians, a measure which is mentioned more than once in the plan).

As far as the general infrastructure is concerned, we would like to ask for more bike parking (U-type, preferably covered and on the streets), in particular at intermodal nodes with public transport (Schuman and Luxembourg stations, metro, etc).

Also, wherever there are stairs, there has to be a bike rail alongside.

As cyclists' organisations, we would like for the Master Plan to strive towards a reduction of car traffic, instead of attracting more motorized vehicles by designing tunnels and additional parking space.

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