

## GOOD PRACTICE

# The City of Cyclists



**City**  
Odense

**Country**  
Denmark

**Population**  
168.798

**Mission**  
Broaden the infrastructure of cycle paths for the inhabitants of Odense

**Organization**  
City of Odense

**Target Group**  
Citizens of all ages



### Description

Odense is a city for cyclists and well known home and abroad for its knowledge. Odense gives infrastructure a high priority when considering the cyclists. It is important that the cyclists can get around quickly, without too many stops and obstacles and that they are able to park centrally. Campaigns in Odense Cycle City are defined by a high degree of activity and self-participation of the members involved.

The strategy is to engage the participants physically in order to "reach" them mentally.

Odense has established more than 2000 new bicycle parking spaces over the past two years. Each solution stresses beauty, aesthetics, and particularly design and functionality.





At Odense Central Station, they have opened a new underground parking lot for bikes, featuring video surveillance, music, special locking arrangements, water fountain, baggage lockers and showcases for bicycle equipment. Quality also extends to the upkeep of all bicycle paths in Odense. This means that tasks like putting down even surfaces, keeping the paths free from dirt, garbage, broken glass and so on, and snow clearing are carried out at the same high level as on the largest roads in the municipality.



The municipal road inspectors must inspect all bike paths regularly, on bike, of course. They have also formed a special "bicycle-reporting-group" who ride around with digital cameras and mobile phones, observe and report information to the municipal service departments so that all problems can be fixed immediately.



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