



Policy recommendations ADICCT

Assessing and Developing Initiatives of Companies to control and reduce Commuter Traffic

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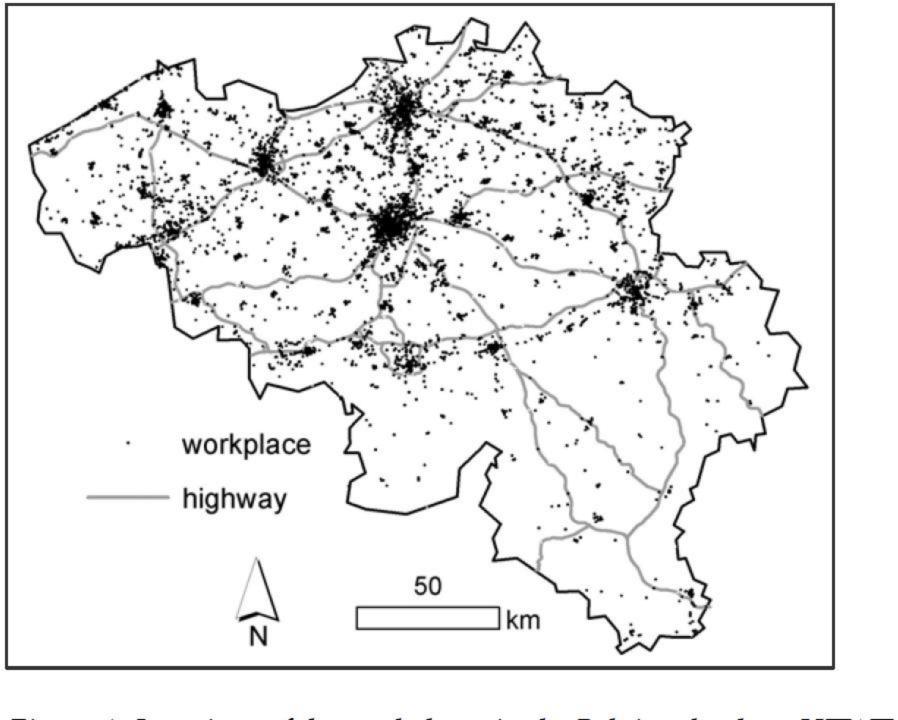
POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- A) Belgian home-to-work-travel survey
- B) policies that encourage employers to invest in mobility management

Policy recommendations:

HTWT survey





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A transport professional from New-Zeeland wrote:

• 'I am fascinated by the HTWT survey as it opens up possibilities for monitoring the effectiveness of workplace travel plans (as we call them here) and changes in modal split over time in a statistically robust manner.'

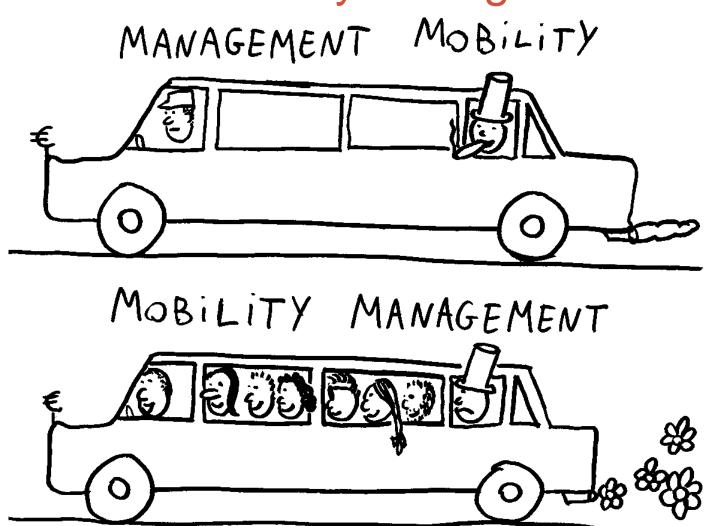
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Don't cancel the HTWT survey

Policy recommendations: HTWT survey

- Recommendations:
 - Information on commuting distance and place of residence of employees is lacking
 - Some complex definitions (carpoolen, telewerk,...)
 - Only information on main transport mode
 - No information on company cars
 - No data on SMEs



- Governments use employers to influence travel behaviour of employees
 - 5 ways:
 - Mandatory travel plans
 - Town & country planning
 - Taxation
 - Information, communication, promotion, subsidies
 - Social dialogue
- Some companies invest even without government incentives

- Mandatory travel plans
 - Brussels Region (+ examples in the USA,...)
 - Advantage: all (large) employers involved
 - disadvantage: follow-up, administrative control

- Town & country planning
 - b.v. MOBER (Mobility Impact Assessment, Flanders region);
 Planning Policy Guidance Note 13, Town and Country
 Planning Act Section 106, Section 278 (UK)
 - Land use planning (location of economic activities) and permitting (parking standards, bicycle parking,...)
 - Strong link between mobility and spatial planning
 - Link developer-user: what after some years?
 - (local) governments does not want to frighten employers (competition between governments)
 - e.g. in UK: government can force developer to pay bus service during X years

Taxation

everybody pays taxes (small as well as large companies, households)

- Positive and negative incentives
- Financial instruments are often effective
- Complex, no coherence: tax benefits for bicycle mileage allowance, transport organised by employer, as well as for company cars

Table 3.6: Direct fiscal losses and its determinants, 18 EU member states. 2008

Country	Imputation rate	Marginal tax rate	Company car sales as percentage of GDP, 2008	Loss, share of GDP (%)	Loss, in billion €	Taxation papers
Netherlands	25%	52%	1,3%	0,2%	1.5	Company Car Taxation Copenhagen Economics
Belgium	n.a.	68%	2,0%	1,2%	4.1	

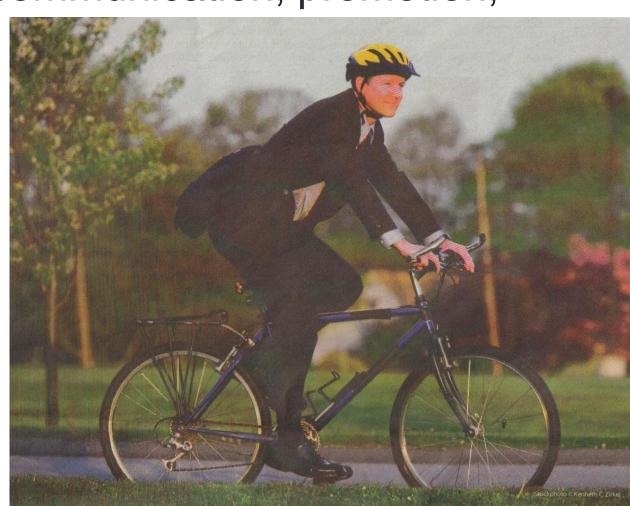
- Taxation
 - Strong focus on financial aspects; mobility is of secondary importance
 - Electric vehicles?
 - Parking: benefit in kind?
 - Grey areas, e.g. 'mobility budget'



Information, communication, promotion,

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Business Mobility Awards



Promotion

'the ridesharing publication for Southern California, Crossroads, in March 1997 recommended that, at Easter, employers should "give each employee a plastic egg with instructions to decorate it in a rideshare theme. Put all the entries on display and award prizes for the most 'egg'cellent work of art.'

Shoup (1997) Transport Policy, Vol. 4, No. 4, pp. 201-216

- Information, communication, promotion, subsidies
 - E.g. Commuting fund (Pendelfonds, region of Flanders)
 - Information: always necessary
 - Subsidies: reward employers which make real efforts
 - Subsidies reach limited number of commuters: innovative projects have to inspire other employers (via communication, innovative examples)

Leading by example

Obama met de trein naar het werk

WASHINGTON-

Toekomstig president Barack Obama, zijn vrouw Michelle en toekomstig vice-president Joe Biden en zijn vrouw Jill wuiven van op het achterbalkon van de trein naar de fans. De vierdaagse feestelijkheden rond de ambtsaanvaarding begonnen zaterdag met een historische treinrit van Philadelphia naar Washington. Met de rit kopieerde Obama het historische traject van **Abraham Lincoln naar** de hoofdstad bij diens inauguratie in 1861.



Social Dialogue



Social Dialogue

- Cycling allowances, reimbursment public transport season tickets,...: part of collective labour agreements
- Labour agreements at national, sector and company levels => # employees involved differs
- Don't mention parking
- Mobility is not the main concern of negotiators
- Social partners must be involved anyway

- Mandatory travel plans
- Town and country planning (permits and land use plans)
- Taxation
- Information, communication, promotion, subsidies
- Social Dialogue

- Why not a list of mandatory measures?
 - Cycling fee
 - Parking cash-out
 - Preferential parking for carpooling employees
 - Bicycle racks/sheds
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- Allow that some employers or regions add measures to the list

