



## WHY DON'T YOU RIDE A BICYCLE EVERY DAY?

**Bike Info Luxembourg** is currently running a survey “Why don't you ride a bicycle every day?” aimed at identifying the reasons that stop people from using a bicycle as their main mean of transport. Below you can find interim results (29 Jan 2015).

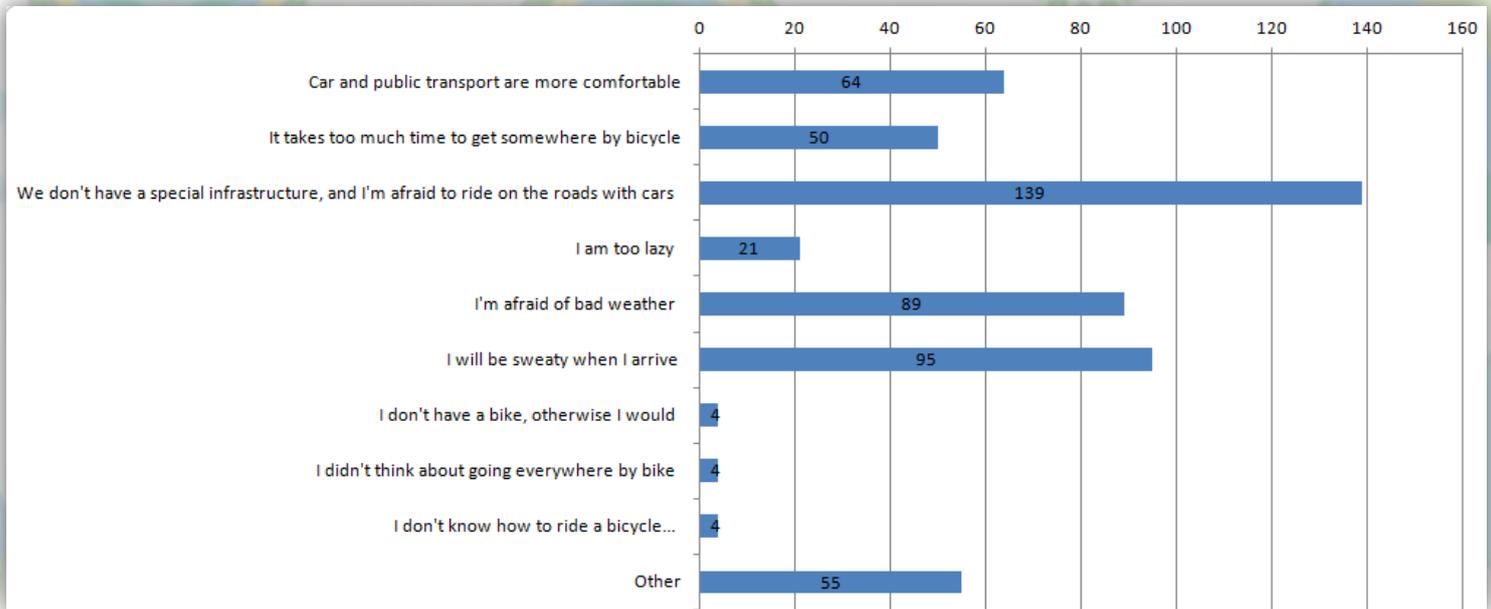
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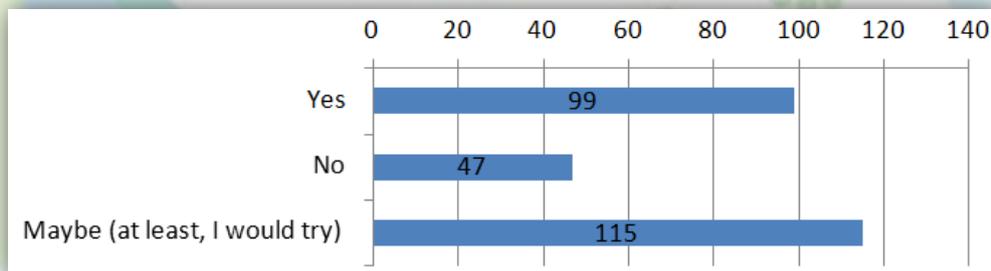


250 respondents

### 1. Why don't you go everywhere by bicycle?



### 2. If we would have bike paths everywhere, would you start cycling every day?



#### Trends:

- #1: I don't ride because there's no infrastructure. If we'd have it, I'd start riding every day.
- #2: No showers at the place of destination.
- #3: Too much stuff to carry.
- #4: Work is too far from home to go by bike.



## Comments left in the field "Other" of the 1<sup>st</sup> question

### **Comment #1 (no infrastructure; would start riding if we'd create it)**

The existing bike paths are a mess and they are worse than nothing, it is really unsafe. There is places where you follow a bike path and suddenly you are in the middle of a lane with cars going fast and nowhere to go with a bicycle.

### **Comment #2 (maybe will start riding if we build the infrastructure)**

In the village I live the countryside is always in the hills and too much traffic.

### **Comment #3 (It takes too much time, maybe will start riding if we build the infrastructure)**

Live far from town, with much gradients.

### **Comment #4**

In the morning I read daily news in a bus.

### **Comment #5**

No shower at work.

### **Comment #6**

I prefer riding in natur than on the street with stinky cars.

### **Comment #7**

I just love my car as well as my bike :-)

### **Comment #8 (two people think so)**

Luxembourg city is quite hilly!

### **Comment #9**

Not enough infrastructure and the bike path make the road longer.

### **Comment #10 (I'm afraid of bad weather)**

I get sick easily...

### **Comment #11**

Problems with Knees.

### **Comment #12**

I did when i was younger. when getting older it's more dangerous, more time 'stealing' and sometimes more unhealthy (for men). and you have to do more things when older. and in an a greater array! don't only think of people of your age! ;) AND driving in the night 12 kms when u come from a party/gig is not so funny! and driving throughout the whole country to different places every second day with a bike is impossible!

### **Comment #13**

I am afraid to fall.

### **Comment #14**

I take my son to school in the mornings.

### **Comment #15**

I have very good train connections, daily biking is not an option.



**Comment #16**

Difficult to transport additional stuff (bags, jacket etc.).

**Comment #17**

It's 30 km from my home to my work. That's a bit far to do every day...but I'd ride it one way if there was more room on the bus...

**Comment #18**

No showers / no parking lot for bicycles / dangerous / too far.

**Comment #19**

No safe place to park my bike.

**Comment #20**

I have to transport a child and a laptop case :-)

**Comment #21**

Need somewhere to get changed and showered at destinations.

**Comment #22**

Too many careless drivers. It is shocking how many cars don't signal when turning right/left! Not to mention the bus drivers who behave like kings of the road.

**Comment #23**

I use my motorcycle. Even faster than a bicycle :)

**Comment #24**

Too much to carry and my suit doesn't like the bike too much ...

**Comment #25**

Can't compete with the 3ltr 240hp SUV's that are all over the roads. I prefer to arrive alive, even in my little 1.3 ltr carriage.

**Comment #26**

I have two kids (1 and 3 years old), I'm not sure about doing all the stuff I have to do everyday with a bike.

**Comment #27**

I have 5 children (2 of them 6 and 7 years old) and it's too difficult for them to climb the hill to get to our village.

**Comment #28**

Too far to commute to work (35 km).

**Comment #29**

In my case it is because I live on the top of a very high hill (Cents), so the way back is even harder than walking because I have to carry my bike. I don't move a lot here anyway.

**Comment #30**

Old Trains to take the bicycle with you. Lack of secured parking areas.

**Comment #31**

My bike got stolen! (two bikes actually...within 4 months!)...so I am hesitant to buy another one.



**Comment #32**

I often have serious luggage or need to wear special clothes that are not suitable to ride the bike, when I go from a to b - I often work physically, it would take too much energy to do everything by bike in addition to that.

**Comment #33**

I bought an e bike and always nearly crashed with cars when I rode it to work. Dangerous!

**Comment #34**

Les vêtements pour vélo ne sont pas très cool...

*Cycling cloths is not very cool...*

**Comment #35**

Luxembourg is not oriented to cyclists. Other people in traffic (pedestrians, cars, buses) do not take cyclists into account and often there is a lack of cycling paths.

**Comment #36**

I live uphill.

**Comment #37**

I don't look good with a helmet and I'm scared to ride without.

**Comment #38**

Mon tricycle a été volé l'année passée :(

*My tricycle was stolen last year :(*

**Comment #39**

I do ride everywhere by bike.

**Comment #40**

Work too far away.

**Comment #41**

J'ai besoin de ma voiture au travail.

*I need my car at work.*

**Comment #42**

Je roule en Scooter, ça me permet de me mieux protéger contre la pluie.

*I ride Scooter and it protects me better from rain.*

**Comment #43**

Je n'ai pas eu de box et impossible d'emmener le vélo par train de Dudelange jusqu'en ville parce qu'il est toujours hyperplein à 7.50.

*I didn't have box, and it's impossible to take bike into train from Dudelange to the city, because it's overcrowded at 7:50.*

**Comment #44**

Kein Parkplatz für Fahrräder auf der Arbeit.

*No parking place for bicycle at work.*

**Comment #45**

Pas de douche disponible sur lieu de travail.

*No shower at work.*



**Comment #46**

Pas de moyens pour sécher les vêtements.  
*No possibility to dry clothes.*

**Comment #47**

Début à 06.00hrs il fait généralement sombre, je porte l'uniforme (pas idéal en vélo), route dangereuse.  
*When departing at 6am, it's usually still dark, I wear uniform (not ideal for bicycle), road is dangerous.*

**Comment #48**

C'est trop loin.  
*It's too far.*

**Comment #49**

Plus grand obstacle: infrastructures (douches) non existentes au lieu de travail.  
*The biggest problem: no infrastructure (showers) at work.*

**Comment #50**

Je vis à 45 km de mon travail.  
*I live in 45 km from my work.*

**Comment #51**

Mes trajets sont souvent assez courts pour être faits à pied ou bien trop longs pour le vélo.  
*My trips either short enough for walking, either too long for cycling.*

**Comment #52**

Because of the long up-hill to go to work.

**Comment #53**

Work is too far from home to go by bike.

**Comment #54 (would start cycling every day if we would have good infrastructure)**

Whenever I visit NL or VL even for work trips. I use a bike for everything

**Comment #55 (maybe, would start cycling every day if we would have good infrastructure)**

It is not enough to have bike paths everywhere if the car drivers are not trained to pay attention to bicyclists. Many roads in the centre of towns are too narrow (or have poor visibility) to allow for bike paths and are therefore dangerous. Bike lanes should be broader and be protected by borders and should never be in the middle of car lanes. I have already been hit by a car who did not see me (although I was equipped with safety vest, helmet etc. , so I do not use my bike anymore...).