

Report Workshop TR 5.1: The Intermodality Approach: bicycle and public transport

Discussion: At the work shop we were introduced to two projects aiming towards better facilities to enable people to combine train travel with bicycle travel. The one example was the French Railroads, SNCF, and their new initiative to improve parking facilities for bicycles and to make it easier for people to travel with their bike on the train. The other example was a Dutch initiative to improve parking facilities at rail road stations.

We were all pleased to hear that there are some great improvements on the way for people who want to combine train travel with bicycling. There were some points made by the participants, thought, that are worth considering:

- Intermodality to a bicycle user means more than train-bicycle. In a broader sense it means making it possible to change mode of transport to the combination most convenient to the individual whether that is bus, car, ferry, tram or whatever. It also means good bicycle infrastructure close to the place where to change mode of transport. This was not covered in the work shop but should be an issue to focus on by planning authorities.
- It should be considered by the speakers and their organisations how tourism on bicycle combined with train could be made easier. There are problems today with ticket prices, passing borders between countries and so on.

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