

REPORT TO THE WALLOON PARLIAMENT

Walloon Region's support for everyday cycling



The Belgian Court of Audit examined the support provided by the Walloon Region for everyday cycling. The audit was structured around two themes: the strategy adopted by the Region to promote utilitarian cycling and its translation into the subsidisation of infrastructure works to be carried out by the municipalities.

Since 2010, the Walloon Region has adopted several strategies and plans to increase the modal share of cycling for everyday transportation. However, it does not have reliable data to guide and evaluate its policy.

The Court examined the public policy tools aiming at supporting municipal investments in cycling infrastructure. It noted that subsidies based on calls for projects are not the most effective instrument and that drawing rights to support investments in sustainable mobility are mostly used to finance other public works.

The Court made a series of recommendations relating to the integration of the various cycling networks, data collection, the expansion of public policy tools, the concentration of resources on priority road sections and the incorporation of the cycling policy into a decree.