



## THE CHARTER OF NANTES CYCLING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

*In the year of the adoption by the United Nations of new Sustainable Development Goals and the year of the UN Climate Summit COP21 in Paris, we acknowledge on the occasion of the Velo-city 2015 conference in Nantes that the world has to make the crucial steps for a more sustainable development of the future and that all cities, regions, countries and international political bodies should recognize the importance of cycling for the sustainable development of the world.*

Therefore the undersigned and all supporters of this charter call on all authorities to promote cycling.

### *We call on all Cities and Regions*

- To integrate cycling in all policies to ensure that cycling is a component of all current and future decision-making processes, with clear and ambitious targets for the increase of cycling.
- To include cycling in urban mobility systems and to create safe spaces, cycle route networks, parking facilities and, where appropriate, bicycle rental systems - linked to infrastructure for walking and public transport.
- To promote behaviour change on mobility habits and to raise awareness on climate and environmental issues and all benefits of cycling

### *We call on the European Commission, the European Parliament and all EU Member States*

- To acknowledge the importance of cycling for a sustainable future of the EU and all countries in Europe
- To promote the development of an EU Roadmap for Cycling to ensure that cycling is taken into account in EU policies
- To dedicate adequate budgets for cycling infrastructure, the promotion of cycling, research and data collection on cycling and the monitoring of the development of cycling in Europe

### *We call on the United Nations and all its Members States*

- To recognize the important role active mobility and cycling can have in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
- To acknowledge that cycling gives people worldwide the opportunity to travel without emitting Greenhouse Gases, and therefore to take cycling into account in the agreements of COP21
- To encourage investments in and implementation of safe and convenient cycling infrastructure worldwide and therefore to integrate cycling in the UN Habitat III new urban agenda.

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