

Velo-city 2015: a success!

Velo-city 2015, the global conference on cycling policy and cycling use has set new records in terms of numbers with :

- 1550 participants from 80 countries,
- 91 exhibitors presenting innovative cycling products and services,
- 65 plenary and parrallel sessions,

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• 7000 participants took part in the parade; congress delegates and local citizens from Nantes.

In the closing ceremony which took place Friday, May 5, the Charter of Nantes has been signed by Johanna ROLLAND, Mayor of Nantes and Nantes Metropole President, Manfred NEUN, President of the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF), and the following officials. Charter of Nantes

The Velo-city emblem has been handed over from the Mayor of Nantes to the Vice Mayor of Taipei. The Taipei City will be hosting the next Velo-city conference from February 27 to March 1st 2016.

<u>Photo</u>: Johanna ROLLAND, Mayor of Nantes and Nantes Metropole President, handing over the Velo-city symbol to Chou LI FANG, Taipei Deputy Mayor - in the présence of Manfred NEUN, President of the ECF. ©ECF

Find out more on the press corner in <u>french</u> and <u>english</u> - <u>www.velo-city2015.com</u> Photos available here: <u>https://www.flickr.com/photos/eucyclistsfed/</u>

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About Velo-city 2015 — Velo-city, the world summit on cycling, has been around for more than 30 years, born of a vision by ECF - European Cyclists' Federation — whose aim is to bring together associations and organisations involved in the promotion of cycling in Europe and across the world. More specifically, the Velo-city conference series boost the integration of urban cycling planning into all the relevant public policy sectors including transport planning, land development, public health, education, environment, economy, energy and citizenship...

After Vienna (2013) and Adelaide (2014) and before Taipei in 2016, Nantes Metropole was chosen by ECF to host Velo-city 2015, at La Cité, Nantes Events Center. Crowned the European Green Capital in 2013, named the world's fifth most bike-friendly city and situated at the crossroads of major cycling routes in Europe — Eurovelo bike routes 6 and 1 -, Nantes was selected for its exemplary commitment to cycling and sustainable policies. Velo-city 2015 is sending a strong editorial message with its motto: *Cycling: future maker*, making cycling a topic of global debate.

About the European Cyclists' Federation: With over 80 members across more than 40 countries, the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) unites cyclists' associations from across the globe, giving them a voice on the international level. Our aim is to get more people cycling more often by influencing policy in favour of cycling. www.ecf.com @EuCyclistsFed