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Carriage of bikes by Commuter and
Regional Trains. Different solutions
for the same problem

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- Carriage of bikes by train is an issue for Railway companies



“Railway undertakings shall enable passengers to bring bicycles on to the train, where appropriate for a fee, if they are easy to handle, if this does not adversely affect the specific rail service, and if the rolling-stock so permits”

Art. 5, REGULATION (EC) No 1371/2007 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 23 October 2007m on rail passengers’ rights and obligations





Results of the study



- Carriage of bikes by train is allowed in all countries, with the exception of Japan.
- This carriage is subject to limitations: only in especially designated places. Carrying your bike in a non designated place is possible in some companies, but as a general rule, it is not allowed.
 - In some companies, it is for free
 - In some others you have to pay a fee
- Available places for bicycles vary according to type of rolling stock and passenger flows. Some companies establish a maximum

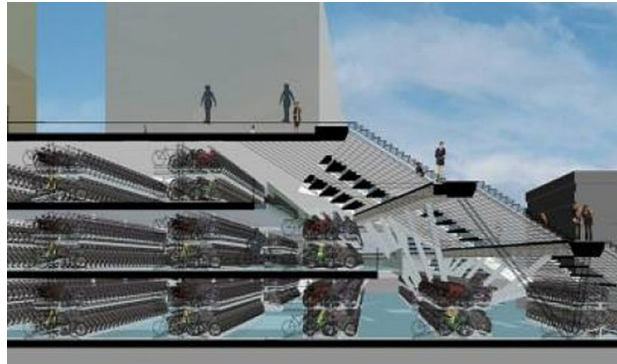




Best practice: Netherlands



- Almost 50% of train passengers use a bike to reach the station
- Half a million of bikes can be parked at Dutch train stations
- 7000 public bikes are available at 278 railway stations



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In 1999 a plan was launched to enlarge and renew cycling facilities at railway stations

20% more train passengers
40% more bicycle trips to/ from the station

Without the availability of rental bikes 8% of passengers would have used car instead of train
46% use of rental bikes instead of bus/tram for the last part of the trip
54% use the train more often because of this system

Source: Bi Ti Bi project



Conclusions



- Carriage of bikes by train is always an issue: every company tries to give its own solution: no harmonization.
- Railway companies have to/ will have to face problems that can become opportunities
- Bike-Train-Bike model may be the best solution for RUs and bike users
 - Stations more friendly
 - More capacity on trains
 - More use of public transportation

