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# Introduction to National SUMP Support Programmes (NSSPs)

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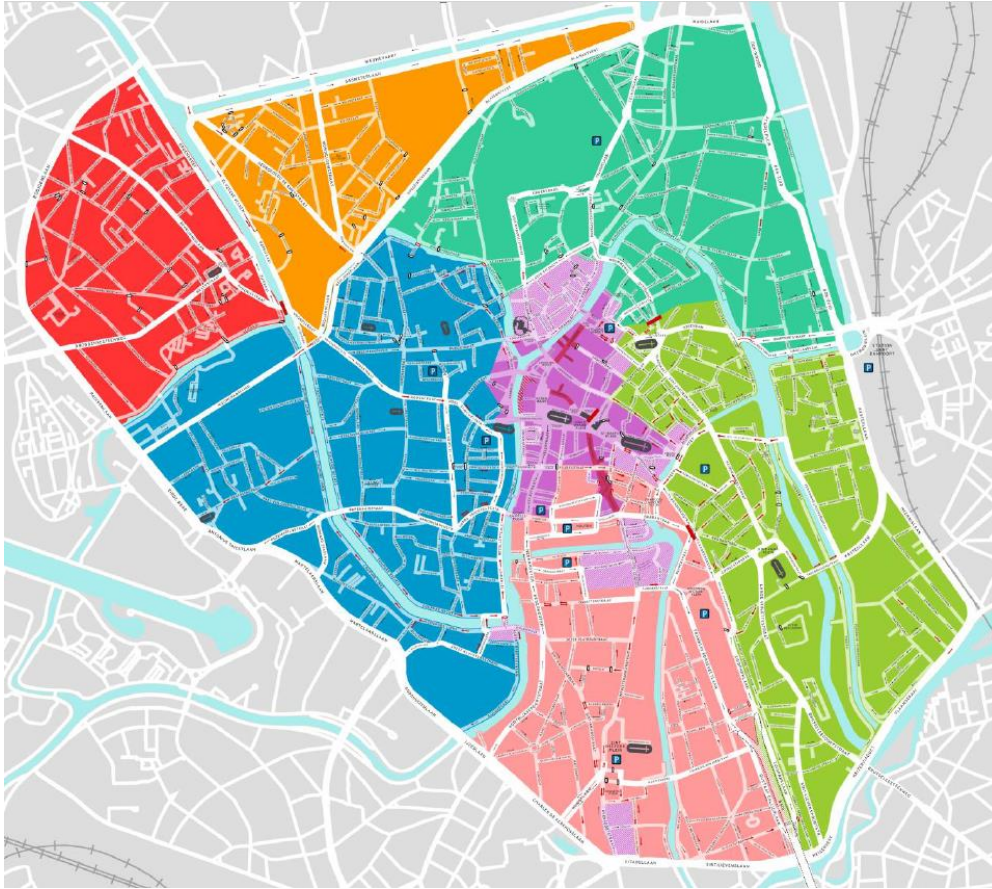
# Workshop objectives

- Introduce NSSP concept
- Hear how two countries do it
- Discuss in more detail, identify key challenges and related training/knowledge needs
- Explain next steps

# Effects of a high quality long lasting NSSP

# Gent Circulation Plan

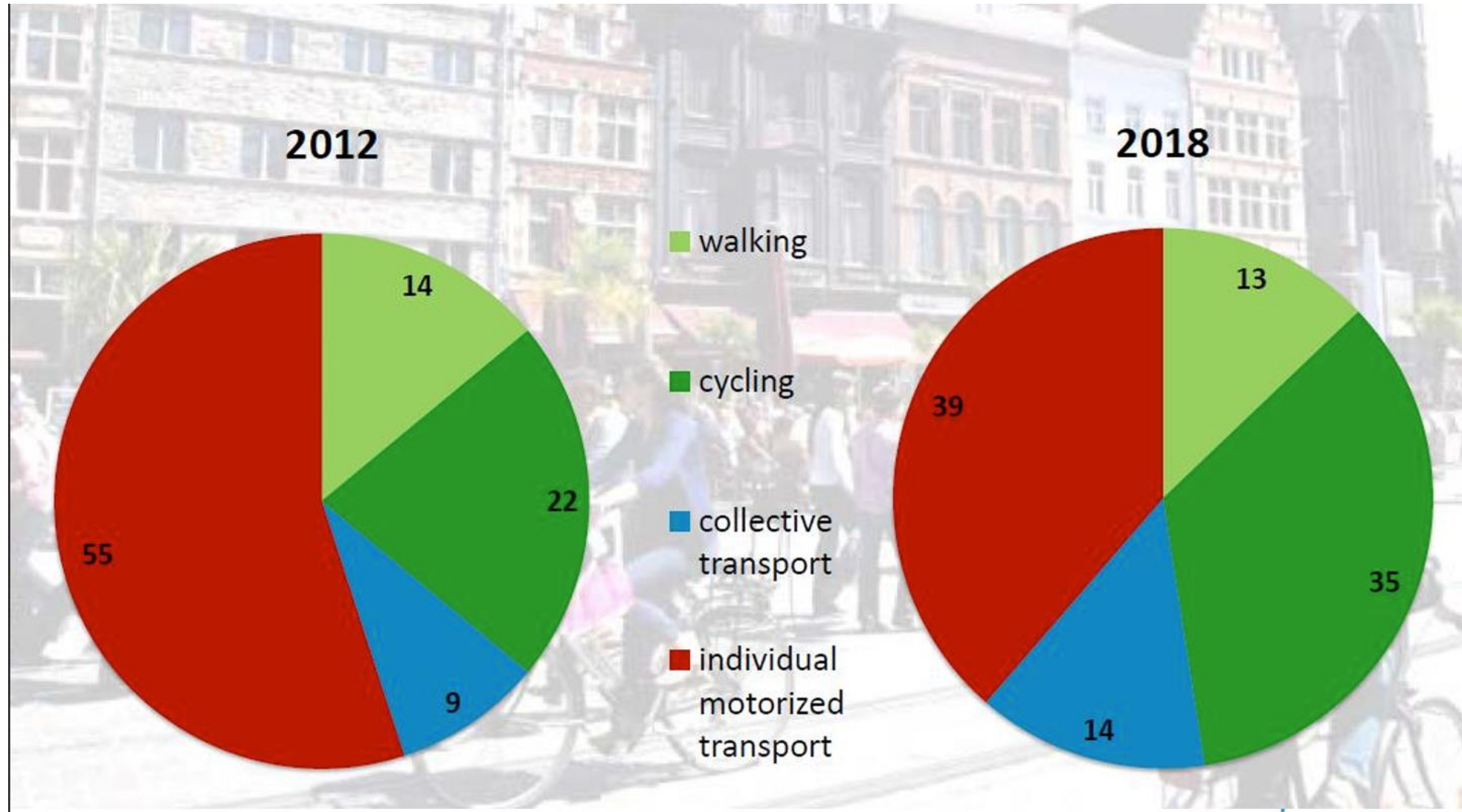
- Gent circulation plan March 2017 – inner city divided into sectors, cars cannot pass directly, made possible changes in public space



Source of images: [gent.be](http://gent.be); [tmleuven.be](http://tmleuven.be)

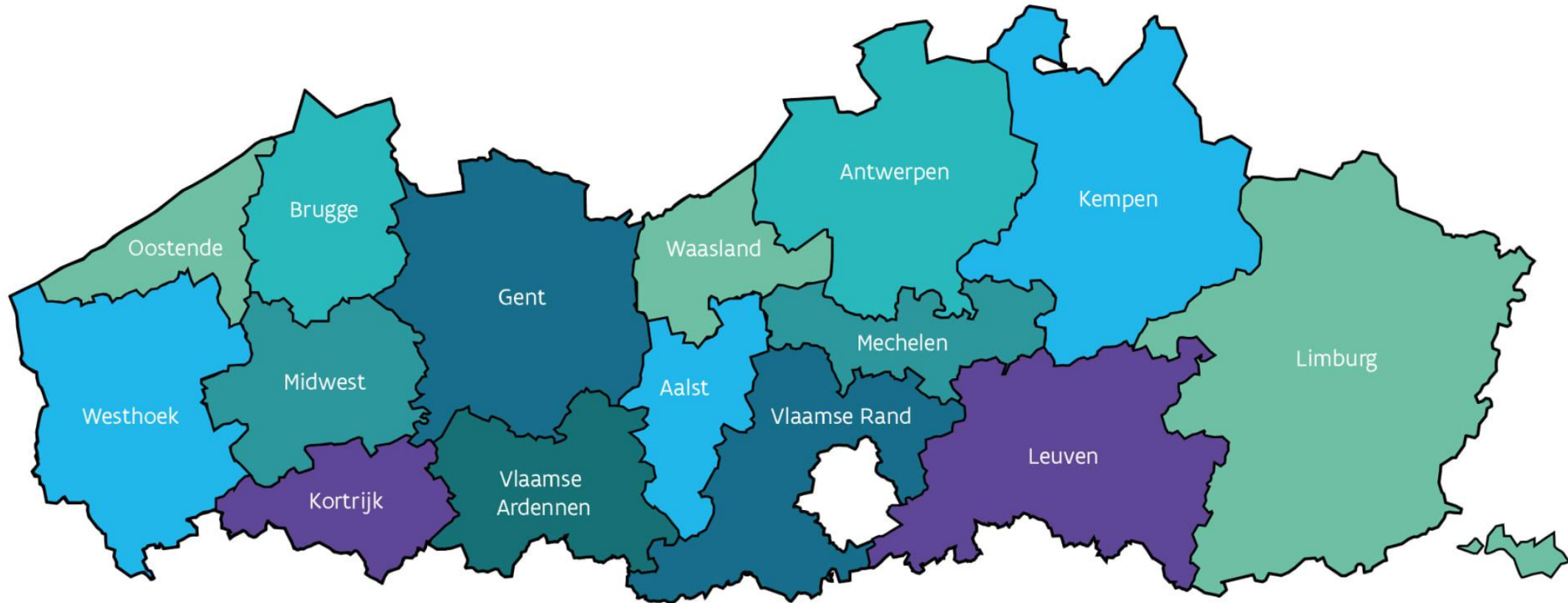


# Change in Gent modal split



Source of image: City of Ghent

# Obligatory SUMP for FUA within transport regions in Flanders (BE)



Source of image: [vervoerregio.be](http://vervoerregio.be)

# Flanders – “national” parking guidance to municipalities





# Summary of NSSP elements in Flanders (BE)

- Objectives: to have SUMP in all municipalities in Flanders to help deliver accessibility and environmental goals in transport
  - Since 1996, law requires municipalities (now regions) to have SUMP, working with other partners e.g. PT company, region, roads agency
  - “National” guidance on how to do SUMP
  - Money and tailored on-site advice to municipalities from experts on SUMP
  - “National” level evaluation tool for SUMP highlights areas for improvement
  - Flemish Roads Agency required to work with municipalities on SUMP
  - Advice on specific measures e.g. national parking policy document

# NSSP helps overcome these national barriers to SUMP

- National level focus: long distance interurban trips, predict and provide
- National level scheme evaluation focuses on cost-benefit analysis
- Silo working
- Unclear legislative framework
- Variable political support and interest
- Not enough or poorly-targeted national finances for sustainable transport
- Limited focus on national level evaluation and monitoring of SUMP
- Lack of clarity as to how SUMP fits with national planning framework
- Limited consistency between cities in approach to SUMP

# So what is an NSSP?

# NSSP concept and objectives

- Set of activities implemented by higher level of government (regional, provincial, or national) to support cities/municipalities with SUMP
- Objectives:
  - Help local governments with their SUMP
  - Encourage more local governments to do SUMP
  - Better quality, better funded SUMP
  - Align local transport policy more closely to national policy

# Typical elements of an NSSP 1

## National SUMP platform

- National focal point to promote and inform cities about SUMP, and to share best practice
- Regular meetings, annual conferences, training events, website, and social media

## Cross-sectoral cooperation and leadership

- National-level stakeholders from various backgrounds guide NSSP
- National-level cross-ministry SUMP working group
- Integrated funding across e.g. transport, health, planning

## SUMP Guidance

- Each Member State should develop its own guidance, tailored to national situation and provided in national language

# Typical elements of an NSSP 2

## Financial support

- For developing SUMP
- For SUMP measures
- For training and capacity building

## Assessment tools

- To check that SUMPs are “good” enough
- To ensure money (above) is well-spent

## Bespoke advice and support

- Special advisers to assist cities with their SUMP

## Legislation

- (Larger) cities can be mandated to develop SUMP, especially if applying for national funding
- Reduce barriers to SUMP or measures within SUMP



✓ This symbol indicates points where a national programme can provide particular support during the SUMP process

Source: Practitioner Briefing: National Support Frameworks for Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning

# Conclusions



# Categories of NSSP development

## Level

## Elements of NSSP

### Basic

- Translated EU SUMP Guidance
- Information and awareness raising, periodic events
- National SUMP contact point

*In addition to the previous level:*

### Intermediate

- National SUMP platform
- Country-specific SUMP guidance
- Funding for SUMP development
- Bespoke training on specific SUMP topic

*In addition to the previous level:*

### Advanced

- Legislation requiring and defining SUMP
- NSSP officially adopted by national government
- Funding for measure implementation
- Quality assessment
- Expert support available to cities

## Conclusion: NSSP has a key role in facilitating SUMP

- NSSP has to be adapted to each country's context, but...
- **IF** national level:
  - Recognises, promotes and funds SUMP
  - Gets rid of national level barriers to SUMP
  - Aligns legislation and standards to SUMP
- **THEN** local level more likely to listen – and therefore more likely to develop and implement an effective SUMP itself.

## Next steps today

- We hear from the Flemish and Greek Ministries about their NSSPs
- Questions and answers
- We then discuss in turn four specific NSSP topics:
  - National SUMP platforms
  - SUMP guidance and training at national level
  - National legislation and financial support for SUMP
  - Monitoring and evaluation of SUMP (national level)