











COOPERATION FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN BELARUS

SUBGRANTED PROJECTS

Cooperation of the local communities and the local governments in creating a bicycle infrastructure in the neighbourhood

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GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project location: Minsk

Organiser: Minsk Cycling Community

Status: Civic initiative

This project aims at developing the bike infrastructure in Minsk with the involvement of the residents and the local authorities. The planned activities aim at raising awareness, informing and creating debate with residents, local authorities and anybody interested in this issue as well as at listing the equipment and infrastructure related to cycling in the neighbourhood.

Thus, an informational and educational campaign will be addressed to the residents to involve them in the project as well as a survey to better grasp their opinion on this issue. Minsk Cycling Community will also organize an informational seminar addressed to all interested bodies (groups of citizens, local authorities, relevant organizations, companies etc.) as well as round as round tables and workshops where experts will also be invited.

Minsk Bicycle Community works on the development of the bike infrastructure to increase the number of cyclists in Minsk as well as to develop cycling in general. For more information: http://bike.org.by

PROJECT UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2012

The project organisers are observing several districts of Minsk and are preparing the concept of ensuring bicycle circulation in the city, amongst others through the aid of volunteers. This concept consists in the adaptation of sidewalks for the movement of bicycles. It concept will be presented during the round-table "Barrier-free environment – needs and possibilities of development" and the seminar "The perspectives of bicycle infrastructure in Minsk".

The project implementation allowed establishing contacts with local authorities responsible for the city architecture which could take into account the recommendations of the Minsk Cycling Community. Also the Cycling Community cooperates with the Office for Rights of People with Disabilities and the NGO "Particular World".

The project moreover foresaw the involvement of local people in the creation of facilities to safe parking of bicycles. The execution of an opinion poll showed which parts of the city needed more bicycle parkings. The project was then carried out in one of those parts.

As people did not come to the organisational meetings, the organisers decided to implement the project without the cooperation of people and consequently offered them the results directly.



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