

12th September 2024

To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Attendance at a 'Planning and Promotion of Cycling in Denmark Study Trip' November 4th-7th

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The Active Travel Unit are organising a cycling study trip to Denmark to review to cycling networks within Copenhagen and surrounding areas from November 4th-7th inclusive.

The purpose of this trip is to get an insight into how the cycle network has developed in Denmark and for the delegation to physically see various types of infrastructure and how it works with pedestrians, buses and cars.

Denmark consider cycling and walking as the most important modes of transport in the city and are building a network of major bicycle routes, connecting the city to the region. One of the main themes in the Traffic and Mobility Plan for the capital region of Denmark is to progress developments in the fields of traffic and mobility, which is what Active Travel aim to mirror in Limerick.

This visit will:-

- Highlight the cycle/walking network
- Deepen the depth of knowledge in relation to cycling/walking amenities.
- Allow for exploration of future project collaboration opportunities.
- Share best practices

This trip is an excellent opportunity to build relationships and tap into the excellent manner in which pedestrians, cyclists and public transport is prioritised.

The cost of the trip will be approximately €1500 per person. The price includes flights, accommodation, transfers, meals, bicycle rental and public transport during the study trip.

This will be fully funded by NTA and paid for from within the Active Travel budget.



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In accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act 2021, as amended the approval of the Council is hereby sought for the attendance of 6 No. Councillors to partake on this cycling tour (Sample itinerary attached).

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Brian Kennedy,

Director of Services, Transportation & Mobility

Planning and Promotion of Cycling in Denmark

Study Trip September 9-11, 2024

Day Program

Monday, September 9, 2024

20.30 Meeting you at [Hotel Kong Arthur](#), Nørre Søgade 11, 1370 København. We invite you for a drink.

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

08:15 Meet at the [bicycle rental place](#) Åboulevard 3, 1635 København V. We take some time to adjust the bikes.

08:45-10:25 **Bicycle trip 1** (11 km) in central Copenhagen, passing Nørrebrogade (among Europe's busiest bicycle streets), visiting the "traffic island" of Nørrebro, the bicycle street Nordre Frihavnsgade and other high-level bicycle facilities.

10:30-11:15 **Urban policies promoting cycling and quality of life.** James Thoem, Associate, [Gehl Architects](#), Vesterbrogade 24.

11:15 -12:00 **Bicycle trip 2** (3 km) visiting a bicycle street, passing a crossing with a diagonal cycle lane, passing the iconic Cykelslangen (The Bicycle Snake) and Bryggebroen.

12:00-13:00 **Lunch** (covered by the study trip) in [Bryggens Spisehus](#), Islands Brygge 18.

13:00 -15:15 Three lectures at Islands Brygge 37, meeting room "Ørestad".

Thomas Krag, former CEO of Cyklistforbundet: A historical view on cycling in Denmark and the role of NGOs.

Marion Louise Frandsen, City of Copenhagen, challenges in creating bicycle streets.

Jens Erik Larsen, expert in bicycle route planning and signposting: Cycle route planning and signposting in Denmark and abroad including Cycle Superhighways in the Capital Region of Denmark and the history of EuroVelo.

15:15 -17:30 **Bicycle trip 3** (11 km) following parts of the signposted route Havneringen, University of Copenhagen, Inderhavnsbroen and to The Little Mermaid, ending in the city center. Length 11 km.

19.00 **Evening meal** at [Ravnsborg Kitchen & Bar](#), Ravnsborggade 1 (covered by the study trip).



Wednesday, September 11, 2024

08:15 Meet at [Dronning Louises Bro](#), southern side (Søtorvet 2, 1371 København), ready to cycle.

8:15-09:00 **Bicycle trip 4** (3.5 km) to Danish Road Directorate, Carsten Niebuhrs Gade 43, 1577 København V.

09:00-10:00 **Anne Eriksson**, Traffic Safety Engineer at the Danish Road Directorate: Promoting cycling and cycle safety from the national level. Meeting room MC 12.

10:00-10:30 **Bicycle trip 5** (3.5 km) to Danish Cyclists' Federation, Rømersgade 5, 1362 København.

10:30-11:15 **Kenneth Ørberg Krag**, CEO of Danish Cyclists' Federation: Lobbying for cycling in Denmark.

11:15-14:00 **Bicycle trip 6** (24 km) to Ishøj Municipality, Ishøj Store Torv 20, 2635 Ishøj following cycle superhighways and green routes, with lunch at Strandcaféen, Brøndby Strand, underway.

14:00-15:00 **Malte Emborg Vinding**, Mobility Planner at Ishøj Municipality: Cycling facilities in Ishøj.

15:00-15:45 **Bicycle trip/train ride 7** (1.5 km by bike) with bikes in train most of the way to the bicycle rental place Åboulevard 3, delivering the bikes back.

15:45-16:15 Walk to Hotel Kong Arthur for a drink and **evaluation** of the study trip.

16:45 **End of program**



Price

The price is **650 €** per person with an early bird price of **570 €**. You can obtain the early-bird price if you sign up **before the 29th July, 2024** or enroll at least two participants at the same time. Prices are including VAT (Danish VAT is 25%).

The price includes all meals, bicycle rental and public transport during the study trip, but not accommodation (hotel and breakfast).

Cancellation fee is 20% until August 19, 2024. After this date cancellation is not possible. Full refund will be given if the organizers cancel the study trip.

Registration

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Accommodation Hints

Some fair priced, central options are [Ibsens Hotel](#), [Hotel Kong Arthur](#) and [Generator Hostel København](#). You can also check out current offers at, among several others, [hotels.com](https://www.hotels.com).



The Organizers



Jens Erik Larsen, M.Sc, has since the late 1970'ies worked as a consultant with bicycle route planning. He is co-founder of Foreningen Frie Fugle (company registration number [DK29268843](#)) and has been part of the Danish Road Directorate expert group on bicycle signpost standardization as well as the EuroVelo Council. Jens Erik has made several bicycle maps and bicycle route plans including signposting. He is also an experienced study trip organizer, and has guided numerous cycle trips in Denmark and abroad.



Thomas Krag, M.Sc., was director of Danish Cyclists' Federation 1986-2000 and started his campaigning career as a volunteer 10 years earlier. Since year 2000 Thomas Krag has been in charge of Thomas Krag Mobility Advice, a consultancy with expertise in mobility and transport behavior (company registration number [DK25226631](#)). Thomas Krag has been part of the organization of several national and international bicycle conferences and is also an experienced study trip organizer. Thomas Krag Mobility Advice is member of the Cycling Embassy of Denmark.



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