



## Electric bikes for civil servants in Fontenay-le-Comte (FR)

<b>Keywords</b>	<b>Electric bicycle, sustainable transport and mobility, municipal employees</b>
<b>Photos</b>	 
<b>Objectives of the action</b>	To promote non-car modes of transport among municipal employees through provision of electric bicycles
<b>Description of the action</b>	<p>The Municipality of Fontenay-le-Comte acquired in 2009 five electric bicycles as part of the city's environmental policy. The bikes are provided mainly for city employees. The autonomy of such bikes allows the easy movement within the city.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor in charge of the environment has led the project to completion. Specifications established previously were used to select models of bikes with the best relation of price to the quality. The unit cost of a bike totaled approximately € 1,000.00.</p>
<b>Results / achievements</b>	<p>Electric bikes have been used throughout the summer until the early autumn 2009 by municipal employees. The deterioration of weather conditions limited their subsequent employment. However, the majority of employees who used electric bikes for the first time have acclaimed this mode of transport for its simplicity and efficiency (primarily thanks to the pedaling assistance).</p> <p>However, some practical difficulties have arisen in use: difficulty in adjusting the height of stools according to weight of a person, finding a good parking spot for bikes, time taken to track users and to recharge batteries ...</p>
<b>Friendly advice for replication</b>	<p>It is necessary to provide suitable facilities for parking (particularly in terms of their width due to the presence of batteries) and to workout a fleet management plan (especially with relation to a specified bike servicing and repair).</p> <p>Large bags seem necessary to carry documents, a laptop and other items. Particular attention should also be paid to a type of battery.</p>
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