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Voetgangersbarometer

Belgium's first major pedestrian survey

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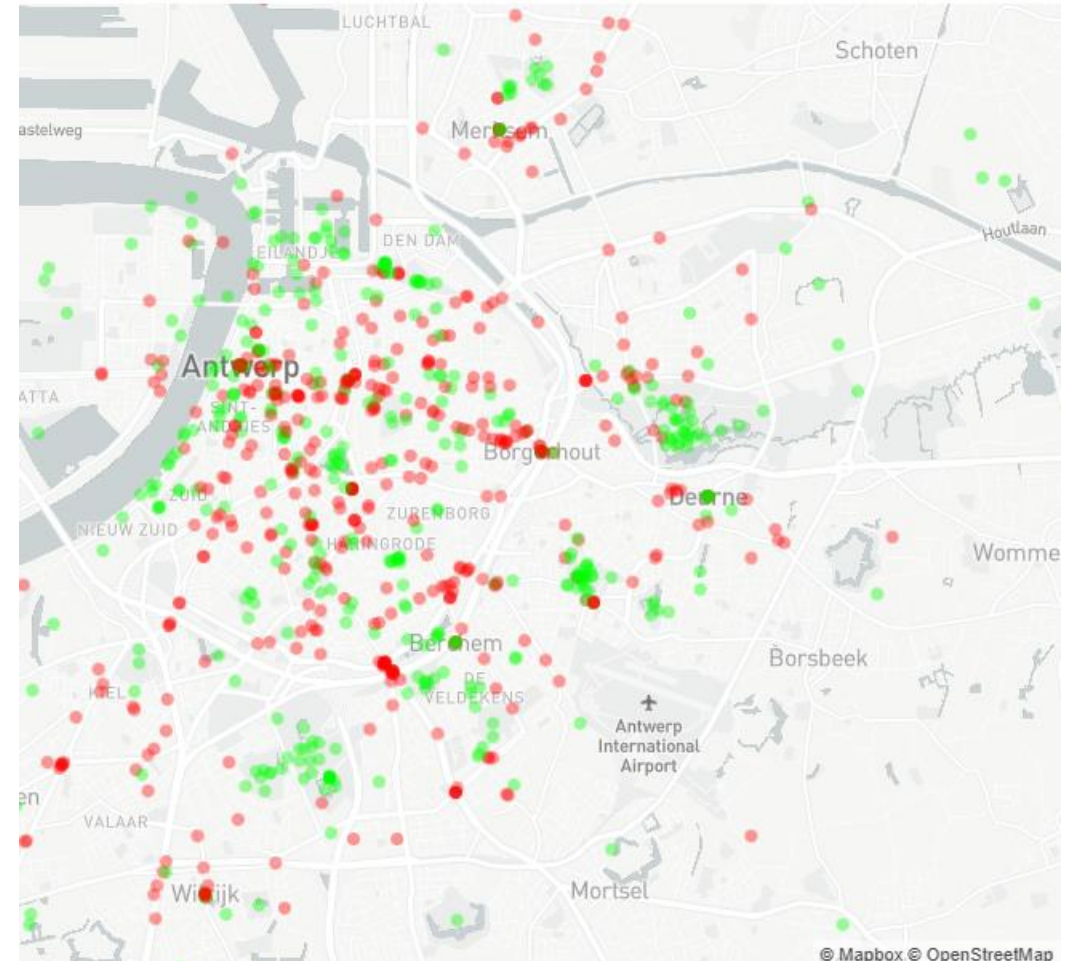
Why?

- Not enough data on pedestrians
- Data needed for policy making - walking high on policy agendas
- France: 'Baromètre des Villes Marchables' (2021, 2023) – Place aux Piétons'
- Question: How do people experience walking in their city or town?
- Elections in 2024



What?

- Online survey
- +/- 15 min
- Questions on walkability themes: general feeling, security, comfort, pedestrian network, importance to the municipality, ...
- Map with 'good' and 'bad' locations
- 2 languages (French & Flemish)
- 13.500 participants





How?

- Website:
www.voetgangersbarometer.be
- Launch on Sunday in free newspaper 'De Zondag' and '7Dimanche'
- 2,5 months time (April, May, June)

- Jan '23 – Nov '23
- Endreport (national)
- Individual reports (municipalities)
- Press release



**DOE JE VOETEN
EEN PLEZIER EN
LAAT JE STEM
HOREN!**



Neem deel aan de eerste
Belgische Voetgangersbarometer.



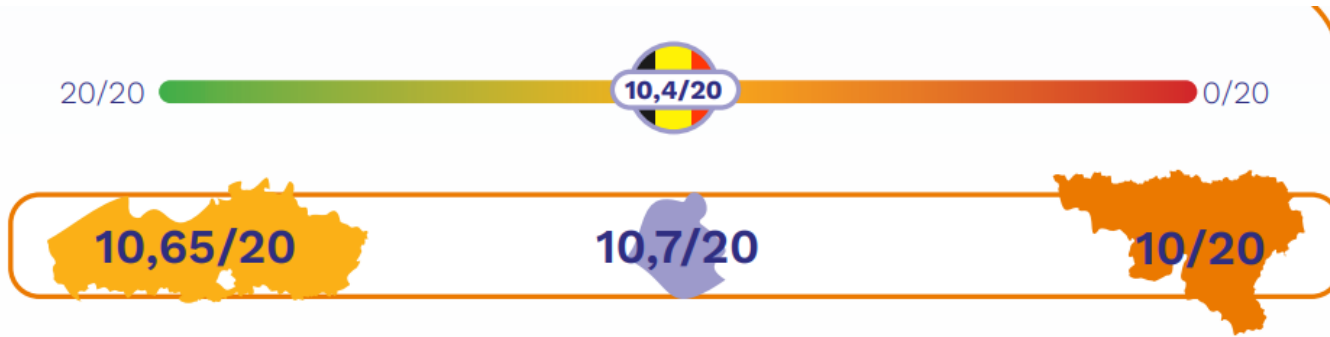
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Some results



- 38% (or 4/10) enjoys walking in their town or city
- 40% thinks the public space is enjoyable: to rest, to meet friends, to sport, ...
- 61% walks daily
- 61% willing to walk more than 15 minutes to destination (27% even more than 30 minutes)

Belgische voetgangers geven hun gemeente slecht rapport



Het kruispunt van de Waelhemstraat en Helmetsesteenweg in Schaerbeek, Brussel. Veiligheid is een groot pijnpunt bij veel voetgangers. Beeld Wouter Van Vooren

Voetgangers zijn in ons land niet tevreden over de bewandelbaarheid van hun gemeente. Gemiddeld krijgt die een score van 10,4 op 20, net geen onvoldoende dus. Dat blijkt zondag uit de eerste Belgische Voetgangersbarometer van Tous à Pied, Voetgangersbeweging en Walk.Brussels.



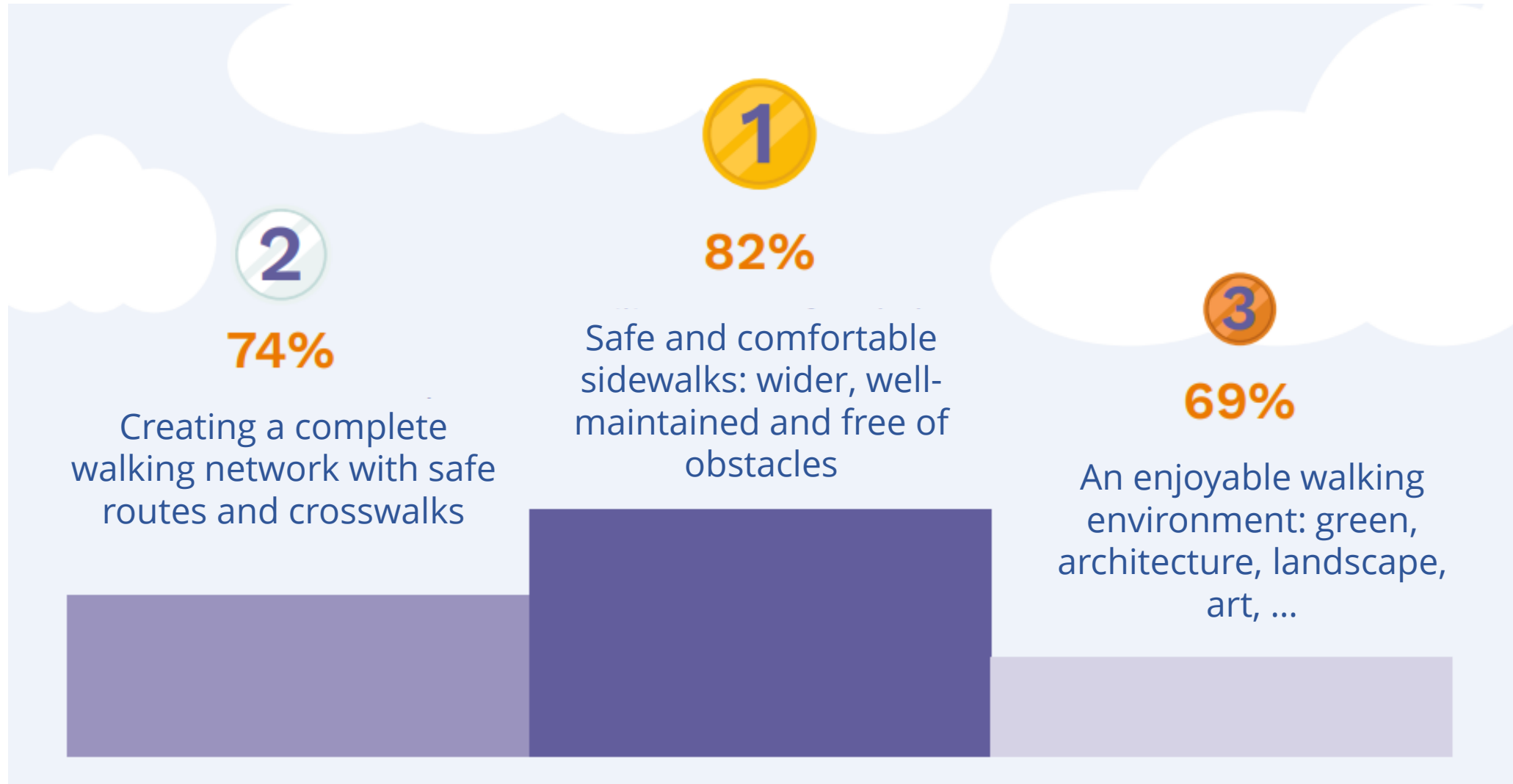
Some results

- 73% of people with walking difficulties think sidewalks aren't wide and flat enough (cfr. 64% of all participants)
- 65% believe there are too many obstacles
- 80% says there aren't enough facilities (benches, shelter, public toilets, ...)
- 56% thinks little has improved in the last 2 years
- 76% in bigger cities, think lowering speed to 30km/h is important
- In bigger cities only 31% thinks there's enough green/nature in public space
- Only 18% would let a child from 8 years walk by itself





Ways to stimulate walking



2

74%

Creating a complete walking network with safe routes and crosswalks

1

82%

Safe and comfortable sidewalks: wider, well-maintained and free of obstacles

3

69%

An enjoyable walking environment: green, architecture, landscape, art, ...



**Thank you for
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