



STUDY DAY

Cycling Researchers

On 3 April 2025, Ghent University's Leerstoel Fiets hosted a well-attended study day entitled "Cycling Researchers Study Day". The event brought together researchers, practitioners, and policy thinkers from across Flanders and beyond, all sharing a strong interest in cycling mobility.

With contributions from various academic disciplines and regional backgrounds, the day offered a platform to explore the many directions in which bicycle research can evolve. The programme combined interactive workshops, collaborative challenges, and reflective dialogue to foster new insights and future collaborations.



Rather than following a traditional format of presentations, the study day focused on a series of hands-on assignments designed to spark collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. Participants engaged in structured group exercises such as the "Hello Game", the "9 Whys", and "Troika Consulting", each offering a fresh method to reflect on personal research and shared challenges.

Interactive Approach to Bicycle Research

The interactive format was well received by many participants, who appreciated moving beyond passive listening to actively engage with each other's research. Through structured exercises and discussions, they explored their work in new ways while gaining insights from others. The assignments promoted openness and cross-disciplinary thinking, often harder to achieve in classic academic formats.

The study day successfully brought together cycling researchers from both academic and professional backgrounds. Through its format, it facilitated meaningful exchanges and demonstrated the value of connecting diverse perspectives. It also revealed a clear interest in continued dialogue and collaboration. A summary of the day's outcomes is currently being prepared and we are exploring ways to further develop this initiative.