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Turn data into action. Transform cities through cycling.

To celebrate the Copenhagenize 2025 Index – EIT Urban Mobility Edition and ensure its insights reach professionals worldwide, Copenhagenize is **launching an unprecedented year of Master Classes in partnership with EIT Urban Mobility.**

The 2026 program is designed to empower urban mobility professionals with actionable tools to improve cycling policies, infrastructure, and everyday active mobility systems when they return home.

Drawing on the findings of the Copenhagenize Index and over a decade of Bicycle Urbanism Master Classes, this new program offers a mix of open-enrollment and custom trainings, delivered both online and in person. Targeted at cities, companies, NGOs, and global institutions, these courses introduce proven tools and global best practices to accelerate the shift toward sustainable, inclusive, and bicycle-friendly cities.

Copenhagenize

With over 15 years of experience in planning and design and now 10 years of master classes, Copenhagenize offers a vision of bicycle urbanism by design that is based on the needs of users. This master class is designed to share learnings from projects around the world that are based in diverse contexts, from cities with varying sizes and densities at different stages of their bicycle urbanism journeys.

What's new in 2026?

This special 2026 program **completely revisits and enhances the Bicycle Urbanism Essentials curriculum**, incorporating exclusive data, innovations, and case studies from the new Copenhagenize Index - available nowhere else.

After researching the world's top 100 cycling cities we know that there are lessons to be learned from across the globe, not just from the historic cycling titans like Copenhagen and Amsterdam. Whether we're discussing cycling education in Brno, Singapore's Islandwide cycling network, or winter cycling in Montreal you will expand your ideas of what's possible and how.

Participants will gain the most up-to-date knowledge and strategies to lead transformational change in their own contexts. Each course will include a self-assessment based on the Index pillars and indicators, so you leave with clear next steps to transform cycling mobility in your city.

[Register here](#)



Open Enrollment Master Classes

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Index-Updated Bicycle Urbanism Essentials – Paris

Dates: September 29-October 1, 2026

Format: 3 days (21 hrs), in person

Location: Paris – the world’s 5th most bicycle-friendly city

Price: €2700 (standard) / €1890 (alumni rate), incl. VAT

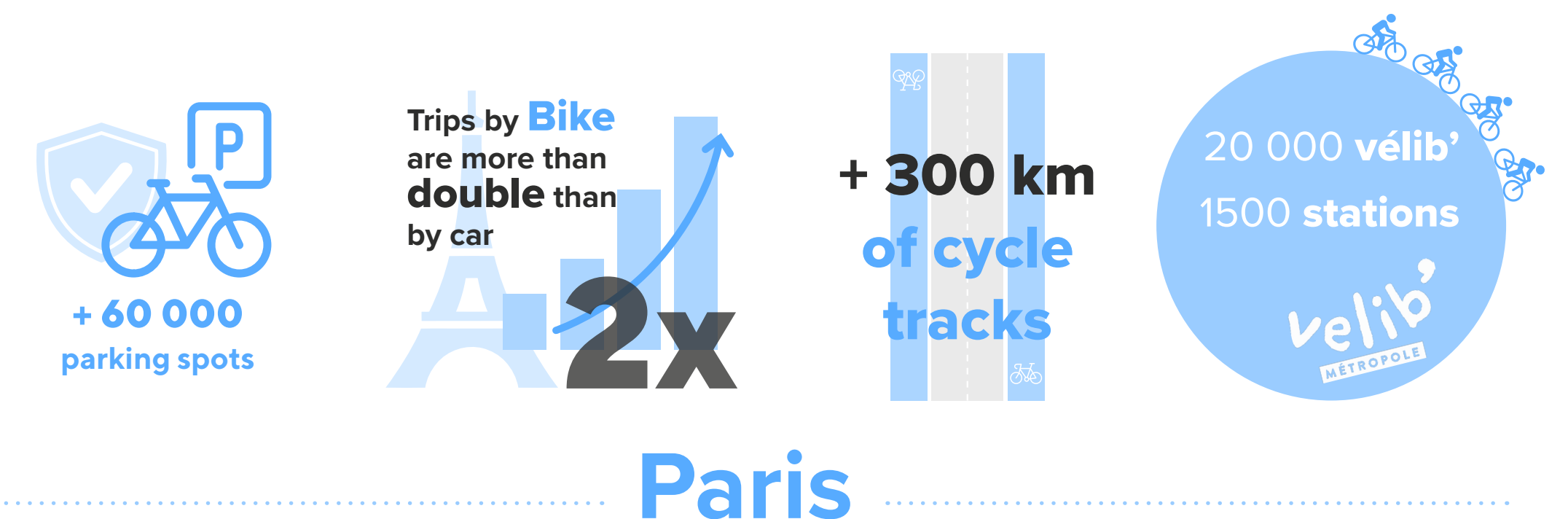
Registration deadline: September 7, 2026

Language: English

Includes: Tuition, course materials, bike rental, three lunches, two dinners, invite to The Master Class Community

The **Essentials Master Class** is an intensive three-day immersion **in Paris** that enables participants to learn from the Index and from this ever-evolving city, ranked 5th in the Copenhagenize 2025 Index.

This Master Class covers the **fundamentals of bicycle urbanism - from infrastructure and design to communication and policy - using the Index’s pillars as its guide**. Participants experience the city’s cycling network first-hand as Paris itself becomes the classroom. With immersive visits and bike tours, and case studies drawn directly from the Copenhagenize Index, participants will learn the dos and don’ts of best practice bicycle urbanism. Throughout the course, the Index indicators will provide a framework for participants to assess their own city so they return home ready with actionable next steps to advance cycling mobility.



This **Master Class** is explicitly structured around the logic of the **Copenhagenize Index**, enabling participants to:

- Learn the **essentials of bicycle urbanism** using the comprehensive indicators of the Index as a guide
- Understand why cities **succeed or stagnate**
- Translate Index insights into **concrete actions**
- **Apply** data-informed, user-focused bicycle urbanism **in their own contexts**

Program

Paris 2026 – Index Edition

A Master Class structured around the Copenhagenize Index

This edition of the Bicycle Urbanism Essentials Master Class uses the **Copenhagenize Index as its analytical and pedagogical framework**. Participants explore bicycle urbanism through measurable indicators, comparative analysis, and real-world evaluation, using Paris as a living laboratory. **Total hours: 21**

TUESDAY 19.05 > DAY 1 – PLANNING, IMAGE & POLITICAL WILL

Morning block: Bicycle Urbanism Through the Copenhagenize Index

Participants are introduced to bicycle urbanism through the logic, purpose, and methodology of the Copenhagenize Index. This block explains why cities are assessed, how data, perception, and lived experience intersect, and how bicycle planning fits within broader resilience and urban transformation goals. The Index is positioned as a practical tool for understanding why cities succeed, or stagnate, using the trends from the top 30 cities, top 5 cities, and world regions.

Afternoon block: Paris - From Political Vision to Street-Level Change

Paris is analysed through key Index pillars and indicators, including political commitment, image of the bicycle, and modal share. Participants explore the city's cycling tipping point, the role of major catalysts, and how advocacy and governance decisions translate into policy change, street design and neighbourhood transformation. Strengths and remaining gaps are examined through an Index lens.

WEDNESDAY 20.05 > DAY 2 – INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY & USER EXPERIENCE

Morning block: Designing Safe & Connected Cycling Networks

This block focuses on the core infrastructure indicators of the Index. Participants explore how leading cycling cities design coherent, legible networks that prioritise safety and comfort for all ages and abilities. Topics include network continuity, traffic calming, intersection design, and the importance of perceived safety in enabling everyday cycling.

Afternoon block: Bike Services, Intermodality & Everyday Use

Participants examine how bicycle parking, bike-share systems, and intermodality support daily cycling and expand usage. Using Index criteria, this block highlights best practices in parking design, secure facilities, and integration with public transport, emphasising how services enable mode shift at scale.

THURSDAY 21.05 > DAY 3 – LIVABILITY, COMMUNICATION & IMPLEMENTATION

Morning block: Cycling as a Tool for More Livable Cities

This block explores the bicycle's role in creating healthier, more inclusive, and more sustainable cities. Participants examine how cycling contributes to social inclusion, mobility equity, economic vitality, public health, and environmental improvements. The session also focuses on communication and education as essential for change: how to frame cycling as a public good, accompany transition, address resistance, and build long-term public support through clear narratives and learning.

Afternoon block: From Benchmarking to Action - Copenhagenize Your City

In the final block, participants apply the Index framework to their own city. Through guided self-assessment and peer learning, they identify strengths, gaps, and priority actions. The Master Class concludes with concrete, Index-informed next steps participants can take home and implement.

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100%
of participants agree that
the skills gained are
USEFUL
in their
professional life.

Over **500**
alumni
trained globally.

Open Enrollment Master Classes

Bicycle Urbanism Through the 2025 Index - Online

Format: Three 2-hour online sessions

Two Editions: Western & Eastern time zones

Price: €600 per person, incl. VAT

Language: English

Includes: Tuition, course materials, invite to the Master Class Community

Edition 1

Dates: October 6, 13, & 20

Time: 9:30 am CET / 3:30 pm SST / 4:30 pm JST

Registration deadline: September 30, 2026

Edition 2

Dates: November 3, 17, & 24

Time: 5 pm CET / 11 am EST / 8 am PST

Registration deadline: October 27, 2026

New this year! It's not always possible to come to Paris in person, so this year we are offering a **condensed online version of our Essentials Master Class**. This format is packed with best practices and tools to apply to your work in cities around the globe. Each live session delivers concentrated learning from the Copenhagenize Index - insights, best practices, and inspiring examples from cities worldwide.

Each session will cover one of the pillars:

Session 1: Policy and Support - Political commitment, advocacy, the image of the bicycle, urban planning.

Session 2: Safe & Connected Infrastructure - Bicycle infrastructure, bicycle parking areas, traffic calming, safety.

Session 3: Usage and Reach - Bicycle modal share, modal share growth, women's share of bicycle trips, bike share systems, cargo bikes.

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Custom Master Classes

Custom Index-Updated Bicycle Urbanism Essentials

Dates: Flexible (based on client schedule)

Format: Online, in-person, or hybrid (typically 2–3 days in person + online session)

Participants: Minimum 12 (from one city, organization, or a consortium)

Location: Paris – the world’s 5th most bicycle-friendly city, *OR* in client’s preferred city

Languages: English, French, Spanish, or Arabic

Price: Upon request and based on the format

Includes: Courses (content to be discussed) and invite to The Master Class Community

Our Custom Master Classes are developed for a **single entity or region with specific goals in mind**. Based on our Bicycle Urbanism Essentials program (see *page 4*), each session can emphasize technical design, strategic planning, or policy implementation depending on participants’ needs.

Whether focusing on infrastructure and design for engineers or policy and implementation for elected officials, the **program leverages Copenhagenize’s decade of training experience and exclusive 2025 Index data** to deliver a rich, targeted learning experience.

Bringing together stakeholders from the same city or region - whether that be technicians, city employees, elected officials, transit authorities, business associations or civil society groups - is an opportunity to **get everyone on the same page and using the same language so you can advance quicker together when you return home**.

Custom Master Classes can be hosted in Paris, your hometown, or another city of your choice, and can be fully in-person or a hybrid online/in-person format. Either way, the experience is packed with learnings and discussion using the 2025 Index as an assessment tool for your own city. You will leave the master class with a clear **understanding of your city’s strengths and weaknesses and a roadmap** of what steps to take to improve.

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- Learn the **essentials of bicycle urbanism** using the comprehensive indicators of the Index as a guide
- Understand why cities **succeed or stagnate**
- Translate Index insights into **concrete actions** for your hometown
- Apply **data-informed, user-focused bicycle urbanism** in their own contexts
- Collaborate with colleagues and other local stakeholders to **determine actionable next steps together**



Teachers

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The Copenhagenize team members leading the master classes



Clotilde Imbert

Director
(French)

Clotilde is the director of Copenhagenize, managing a broad range of projects that make cities around the world more bike-friendly. As an urban planner specialized in sustainable urban development, she has intricate knowledge of bicycle infrastructure and communications strategies. She manages a team of talented designers, architects, and planners producing world-class projects from the Paris office.



Arthur Duhamel

Head of Urban Design
(French + Canadian)

Arthur is the head of the urban design department of Copenhagenize. As an urbanist specialized in master planning and urban design, Arthur brings forward human-oriented approaches in the development of bicycle facilities and infrastructure. His professional experience in integrated mobility and public space projects spans across all scales, from strategic visioning, to design and implementation. In his spare time, he enjoys bikepacking in the wilderness.



Mauricio Suarez

Architect-Urbanist
(Colombian + American)

Mauricio's passion for cycling started in Colombia, his country of birth, and slowly developed through his studies in architecture and urban planning. Through his multidisciplinary and multicultural career, Mauricio has worked on the design of architectural and urban projects in the United States and France. After joining Copenhagenize, he has used his experience to design and develop cycling infrastructure and facilities suitable for people of all ages and abilities in a variety of contexts.



Kassandra McCleery

Research and Education Project Manager
(American + French)

Kassandra is an urban planner specialized in gender inclusive approaches to planning and community development. From her community building work she has developed a strong ability to mobilize people, develop programming, and manage multiple stakeholders and partnerships. She advocates for more bike-friendly and inclusive cities through her work coordinating research projects and educational and outreach activities at Copenhagenize.



Sami Ibrahim

Head of Cycling Strategy
(Lebanese)

Sami is the head of the cycling strategy department of Copenhagenize in charge of managing cycling strategies projects, evaluating cycling policies, and more broadly assisting authorities in achieving their bike-related policy objectives. Specialized in strategic urban development, he has strong public policy advisory skills which he applies to different international contexts.



Mathilde Chesneau

Architect-Urban Designer
(French)

Mathilde is an architect specialized in urban design. She designs bicycle infrastructure and facilities both in public spaces and in buildings. The use of public space is at the heart of her work, integrating observations from her daily bicycling experience, started while studying in the Netherlands, where she did research on bicycle urbanism.

Copenhagenize Master Class Community

Over the past decade, more than **500 people from around the world** have participated in our master classes. We have stayed in touch with many alumni and followed how they apply these lessons to transform their cities. In several cases, we have even gone on to collaborate on projects and witnessed new partnerships emerge from connections made during the master class. **Recognizing the lasting value of meeting, learning, and sharing with peers in cycling mobility**, we decided to formalize this network last year by creating the Copenhagenize Master Class Community for all alumni and future participants. The community offers a structured platform to **stay connected with peers from your cohort and previous years, while providing ongoing opportunities for learning, exchange, and collaboration.**

As a member, you will have access to:

- the alumni **network**
- a library of **case studies** from around the world
- **invitations** to community-only webinars
- referral **discounts** for future master classes

The goal of this community is to provide a space where you can **connect with other participants, continue learning from each other** and Copenhagenize, and share and promote your work and your city with an international network of experts.

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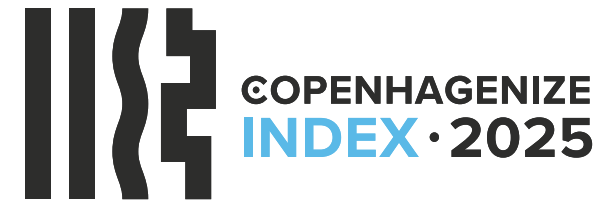
Conditions:

- **Cancellation policy:** Client can cancel with a refund 60 days or more before the Master Class. The organizer reserves the right to cancel the course if there is an insufficient number of participants. In this case, participants will be informed 20 days before the beginning of the course and fully reimbursed.
- **Certifications:** Copenhagenize is registered as an official training provider with the French government.
- **Payment:** invoice from French company, payment due upon reception of invoice to confirm your participation. After registering online you will receive an invoice to pay in order to finalize your participation. Upon receiving the payment, you will receive a registration confirmation, a more detailed program, and practical information.
- **Open enrollment course format:**
 - Paris** - 21 hours of training + lunches, dinners, presentations (shared at end of course), interactive workshops, bike tours, site visits, WhatsApp discussion group.
 - Online** - Three 2-hr classes = 6 hours of training, presentations (shared at end of course), interactive online workshops.

- **Assessment:** presence during the master class, presentation of final workshop solution.
- **Language:** Courses are in English. The custom courses can be offered in French, Spanish, or Arabic too.
- **Ability:** Please let us know if you have any particular needs, especially if we will need to make accommodations for the bike tour.
- **Bike tour:** participants need to be comfortable riding a bike in normal traffic, rain or shine, for three hours. Our routes are flat and an able-bodied adult can comfortably complete them on a pedal bike.

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