

The **European Cyclists' Federation (ECF)** and the **Hanse-Office** kindly invite you to join us for the presentation and discussion of the ECF 'Making buildings fit for sustainable mobility' report.

**'Making buildings fit for sustainable mobility'
- Breakfast Launch Event of the ECF Parking Report –**



20th March 2019, 9h30 – 12h00

at the Hanse-Office, Avenue Palmerston 20, 1000 Brussels.

Nowadays growing cities and urban areas face an increase in urban mobility, causing more flowing and stationary traffic. This development contradicts the efforts of city planners, politicians and citizens to increase the liveability of cities by decarbonising transport, reducing air pollution and combatting congestion.

The report 'Making buildings fit for sustainable mobility' analyses the building codes of 31 European states (EU28 + Iceland, Norway and Switzerland) and the federal level of Austria, Belgium and Germany to focus on these challenges. Parking itself is one of the largest determinants of an individual's mobility choices, although the provision of easily available, safe and secure parking spaces for cars can have negative consequences, such as massive oversupply of car parking.

In this respect the study highlights the way we design our buildings and incentivise energy intensive modes of transport which means that 50% of a household's energy use comes from mobility choices. These findings show that it is not enough to insulate homes and offices more effectively to have a better CO2 footprint.

The study looks holistically at these challenges and lays out a set of recommendations by illustrating the wide variety of different ways car and bicycle parking can be provided. The aim is to present a set of recommendations to 'upgrade' the building codes of Europe and effectively deal with the current parking situations in urban areas.

We would be delighted if you could attend this conference. Please confirm your participation by replying to events@hanse-office.de by 13th March 2019 at the latest. For further details, please refer to the programme attached.