2. How connecting roads work



The bicycle junctions were invented by Hugo Bollen, a former mining engineer from Limburg. He wanted to breathe new life into his region by promoting cycling. In the mines, he saw how the miners worked their way through a system of nodes and in 1995 he brought the system "above ground". The province introduced itself as "Cycling Paradise Limburg", other provinces followed suit and today Flanders is one of the most popular cycling regions in Europe: more than 10 million trips are made each year via the junction network

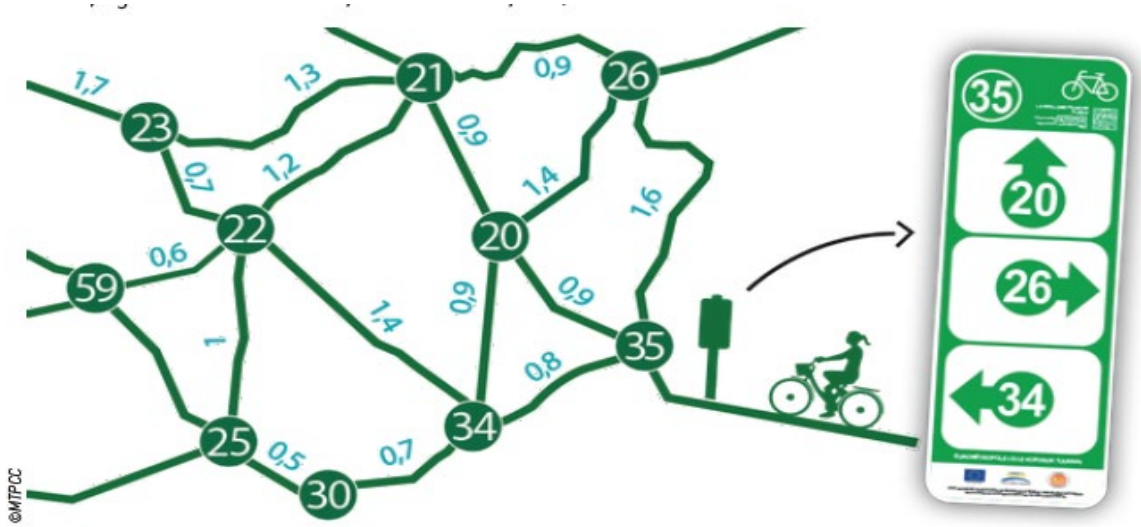
The most beautiful and safest routes have been mapped out and the places where two cycle paths cross form a junction. Each junction has a number and along the routes there are signs that refer to the next junction.

You pedal to the junction where you want to start. It's easy to find because the cycle path network is marked with green/white signs. The sign shows the number of the junction. If you want to find your way back to this starting point, you have to remember this number. Tip: take a picture of it with your smartphone, so you don't have to think about it later.



There are arrows on the signs for cycle junctions that indicate the direction. These signs are at eye level and at fixed distances from each intersection. They are repeated after each crossing.

At each cycle junction you decide which direction you want to go and how long you want to cycle. The signs at each junction help with this. At a glance you can see how the routes in the area work. Such a road sign also indicates the distances between the junctions. The signs show the route to the junctions, for example turn left to number 43, right to 15 and straight on to 10. Along the way, you will also regularly come across signs pointing to the next junction.



Principe de fonctionnement d'un réseau points-nœuds. En bleu, les distances en kilomètres entre chaque nœud.

For more information on exchanges, see https://www.fietsknoop.nl/talen/english

3. Pointing to the logbook

Along the way, you will find checkpoints. These checkpoints are located in restaurants or cafes, they will also be the supply points.

The volunteers will put a stamp on the road book that you will have received when you collect your registration file (in your bags).

On Friday (July 15), the participant having validated, each day, the scores on the different courses, will receive, on the return of this last circuit to the permanence, a nice souvenir!

