## FACILITATE FRAMEWORK CONDITIONS

Teaching student teachers and ensuring road safety education is taught in Flanders

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### **FLANDERS KEY FACTS**



- Administrative region of Belgium
- Capital: Brussels (capital region)
- 13,521 km<sup>2</sup>
- 6.4 mio inhabitants
- 470 inhabitants/km<sup>2</sup>
- Very dense road network + dense traffic
- Mobility, road safety and education
  = regional competences





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#### **KEY PRINCIPLE #15**

Educate student teachers about traffic safety and mobility education during their training

- All student teachers should gain knowledge about TSaME during teacher training
- Addressing TSaME structurally during teacher training will help strengthen competences
- LEARN! Status Report: TSaME not structurally addressed / only in limited manner in a number of countries





### **KEY PRINCIPLE #15: FLANDERS**

VSV organises workshops on TSaME for student teachers

- Student kindergarten teachers (bachelor level)
- Student primary school teachers (bachelor level)
- Student secondary school teachers (bachelor level physical education)
- Target = 2nd and 3rd year students
- Form: practice-oriented workshops, on-site, 3 hrs per workshop, measuremade
  - E.g. Knowing and using VSV TSaME teaching materials and programmes (practical pedestrian and cycling trainings, pedestrian and cycling exams,...)
- Currently offered in 18 out of 20 student teacher programmes, throughout Flanders
- VSV strives to introduce TSaME in official curriculum for student teachers
  → TSaMe as mandatory part of teacher training (not yet realised)







#### **KEY PRINCIPLE #16**

Follow-up to ensure that traffic safety and mobility education is taught

- National and local authorities should follow-up with schools to ensure that
  - 1/TSaME is taught and
  - 2/ it achieves the goals set out for it
    - Ensure appropriate framework for follow-up is in place, e.g. by including TSaME in accreditation audits for schools
    - Consider supporting measures if schools are found not teaching TSaME or when quality does not allow for objectives to be achieved. E.g. reward system for role model schools
    - ! long-term aim, not easily implemented/achieved, nevertheless: should be pursued by all actors





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- TSaME is part of final attainment levels / official learning goals in primary schools (since 1997) and first grade of secondary schools (since 2019)
  - E.g. end of primary school (age 11-12): "pupils are able to walk and cycle known route (e.g. home to school) safely and independently"
  - E.g. 1st grade secondary schools: "pupils walk and cycle safely in traffic during school activities" (> cognitive, affective and psychomotor dimensions)
  - 2nd and 3rd grade of secondary schools: final attainment levels in preparation timing: September 2021
- Flanders' Department of Education organises compulsory regular school inspections on official learning goals
  - $\rightarrow$  Department of Education can inspect schools on TSaME learning goals
    - If school fails to meet minimum requirements
      → negative report including proposals for improvement
    - If repeated failures  $\rightarrow$  Dept of Education can impose sanctions



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