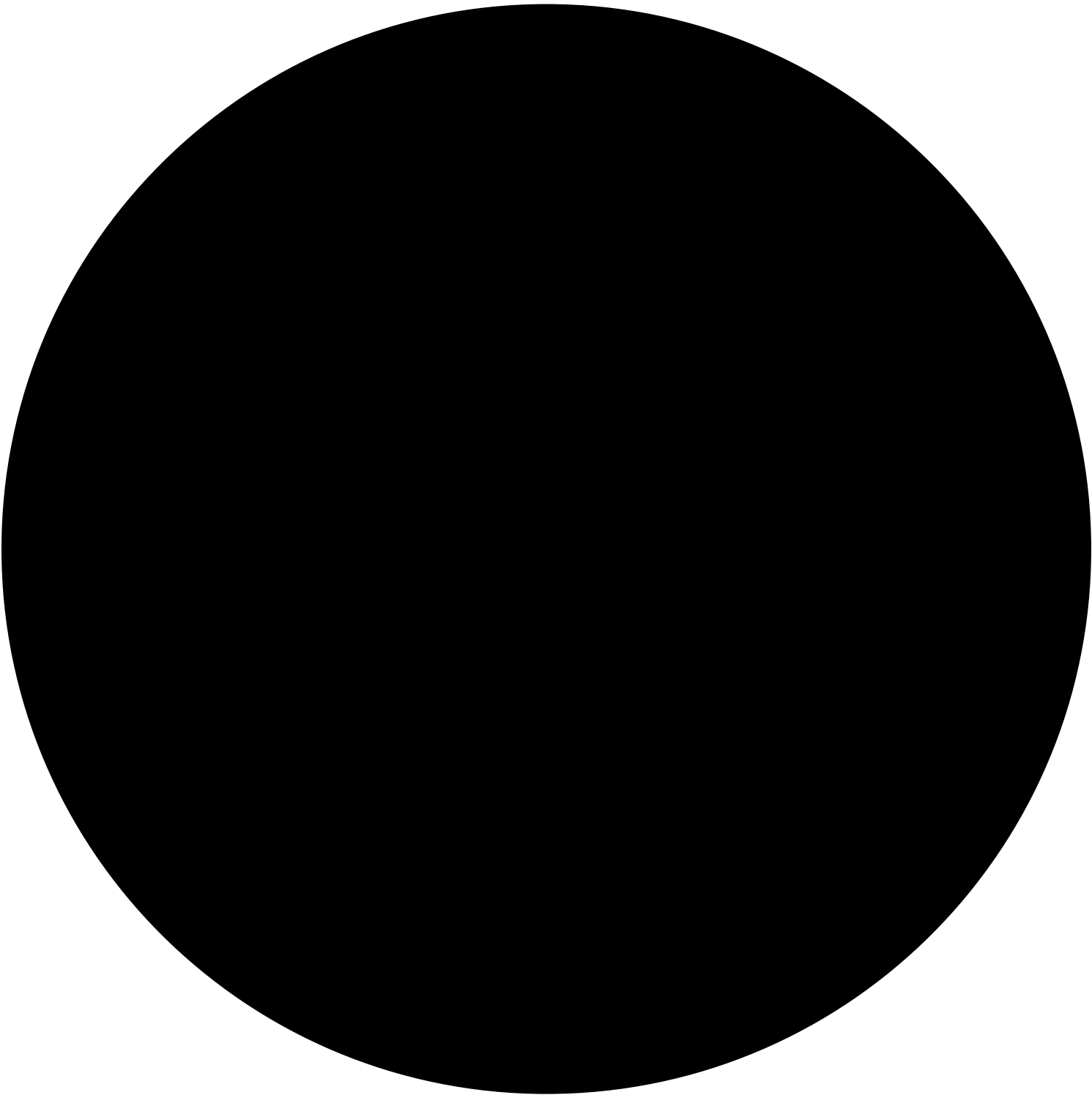


FRANCE WANTS TO LOOK LIKE THE NETHERLANDS

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The French government has set itself the goal of tripling the use of bicycles in daily transport to 9% before 2024, and to this end it will invest 350 million euros in a plan that includes the construction and improvement of cycle paths, the creation of bike racks and anti-theft measures, tax incentives for those who commute by bike, and cycling classes in all secondary schools.

Although France is associated with the Tour, the French country does not stand out for the use of bicycles beyond

mere sport. As reported by [Reuters](#), the bike currently represents only 3% of journeys, less than half the European average, and a far cry from role models such as the Netherlands, where 30% of journeys are made with pedals.

As part of the plan, the central government will provide funding to local authorities to improve infrastructure, completing the network with new connections connecting existing cycle paths. The current disconnection points, where you have to switch to conventional roads, create a feeling of insecurity among users, which discourages potential cyclists. At the same time, in some cases it is intended to open two-way bicycle traffic on one-way streets.

To promote cycling when commuting to work, civil servants will receive a 200-euro incentive per year for cycling to their place of employment, and private companies will have the option of paying up to 400 euros tax-free.

Potential theft can also deter cyclists. Along these lines, all newly built buildings will be required to have a bicycle parking area, and new bikes must have an identification number engraved. However, the government has not detailed plans for all train stations to have ad-hoc parking, one of the historical claims of cycling associations.

Regarding awareness and education policies, all high schools will need to include cycling classes in their programs by 2022 so they have the opportunity to learn to ride a bike.

There are no comments yet.