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Free public transport

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Free public transport is not a new idea, but it has gained traction recently with the announcement that two major transport networks were becoming free: those of the metropolitan area of Niort (100,000 inhabitants) and of the urban community of Dunkirk (200,000 inhabitants). The success of the Dunkirk experiment, which incorporates a larger urban development project and a renewal of transport services, has now led to heated debates even in France's largest cities. Can free transport encourage a modal shift and limit the use of individual cars? Is it a measure of social justice or an economic utopia?

Research participants

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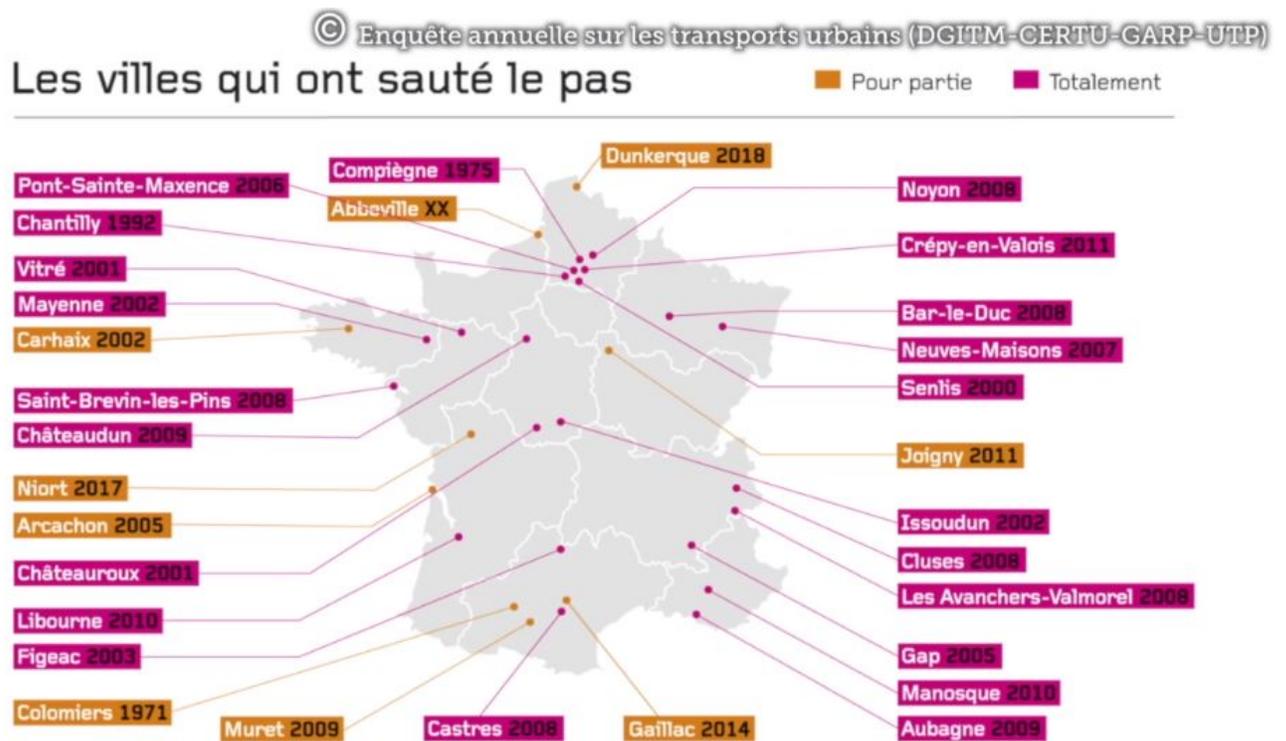
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MOBILE LIVES FORUM ARTICLES ABOUT FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

VIDEO – Why are free public transport initiatives gaining ground?

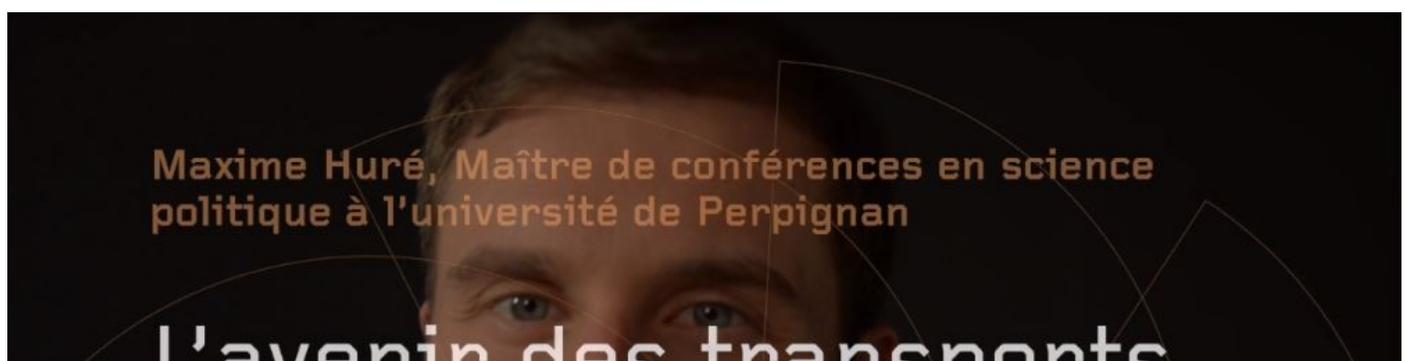
By Maxime Huré (Political scientist)



In France, as is the case around the world, a growing number of cities have opted to launch free public transport initiatives. Why did they decide to offer free public transport? How do they finance it? Maxime Huré, lecturer in political science at the University of Perpignan, shares his views on the topic.

VIDEO – The future of free public transport: Dunkirk today, Paris tomorrow?

By Maxime Huré (Political scientist)



L'avenir des transports collectifs gratuits : aujourd'hui Dunkerque, demain Paris ?

New users, development of activities, modal shift, etc. trialling of free public transport in Dunkirk could provide inspiration for urban areas such as Paris. Maxime Huré, lecturer in political science at the University of Perpignan, tells us why.

CROSSED PERSPECTIVES – Traveling without ticket?

By Jean-Louis Sagot-Duvaouroux (Essayist - playwright) et Allan Alaküla (Head of the Tallinn European Union Office in Brussels)



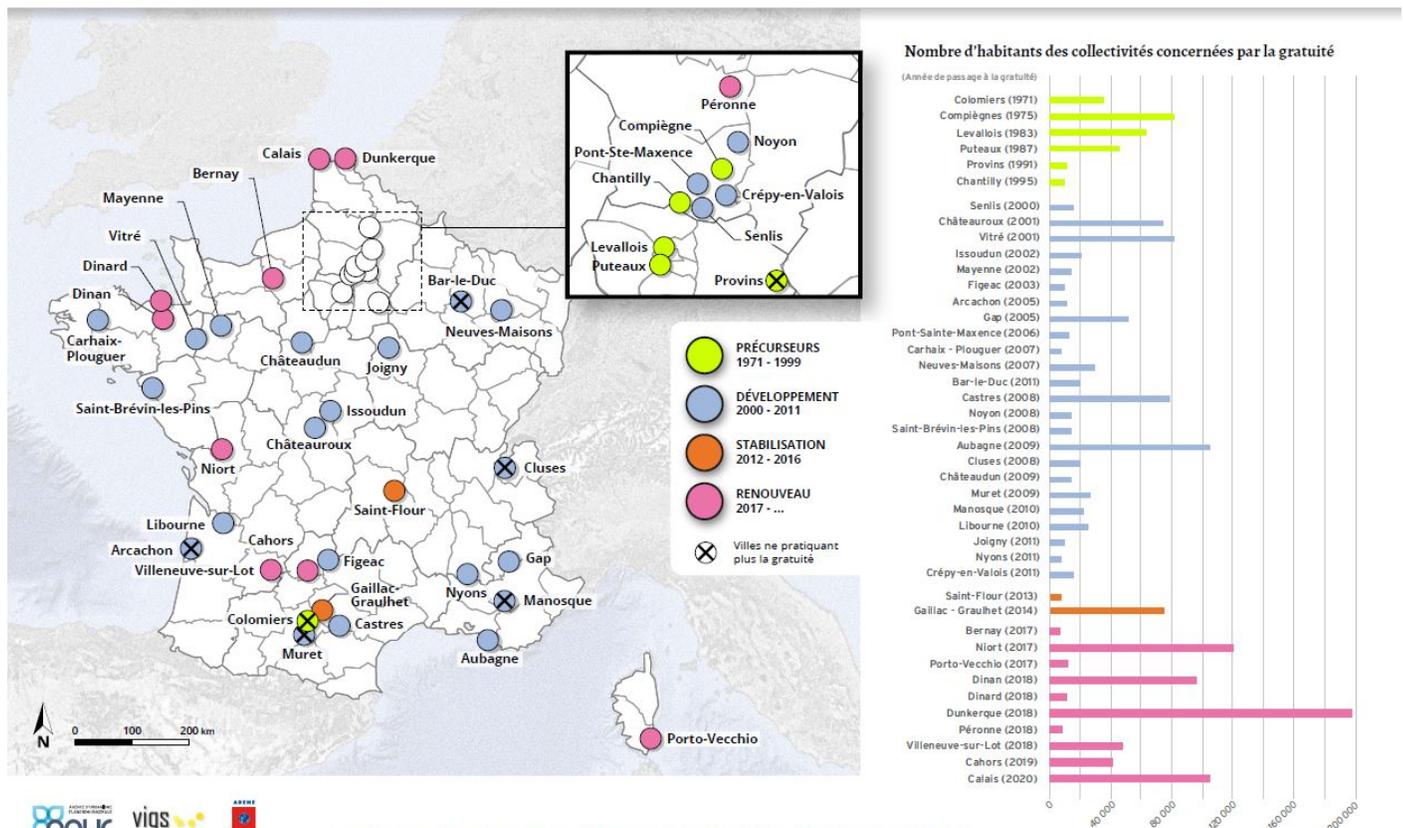
The philosopher Jean-Louis Sagot-Duvaouroux is among those who, like Paul Ariès, champion a political project calling for all basic services and needs to be free. Allan Alaküla, who represents Tallin, the largest European city to have introduced free transport for its residents, advocates a pragmatic position on social and environmental issues related to **mobility**.

The work of the Observatory of Cities with Free Transport

The **Observatory of Cities with Free Transport** was created following the Dunkirk study and in response to the lack of knowledge about free transport cases. The Mobile Lives Forum is represented in the Observatory by Sylvie Landriève, co-director of the Forum, as a member of its scientific committee. As part of the 2020 municipal election campaign, the Observatory is publishing a series of thematic maps, the first of which deals with the history of free transport policies in France.



Historique de la gratuité des transports en commun

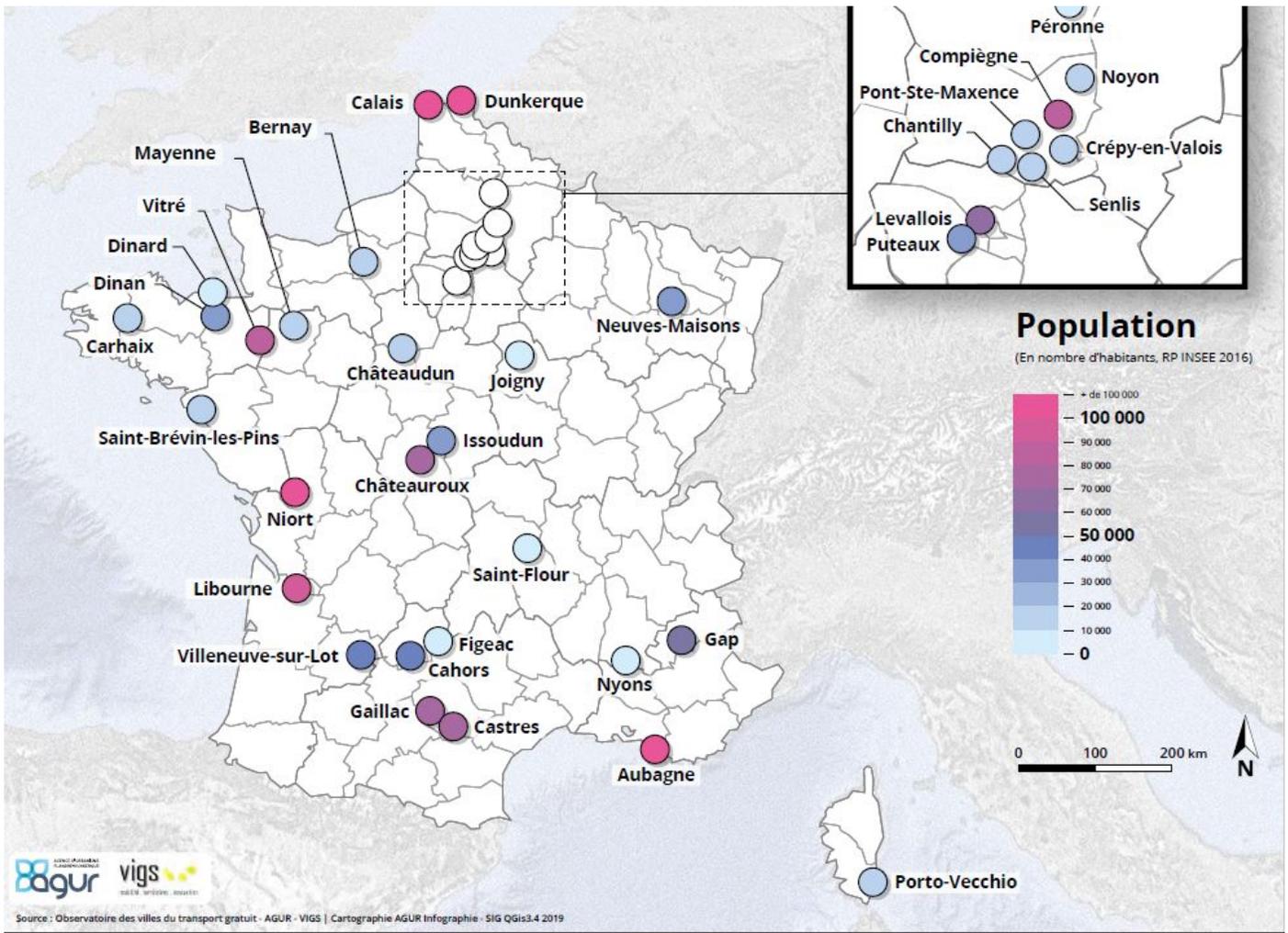


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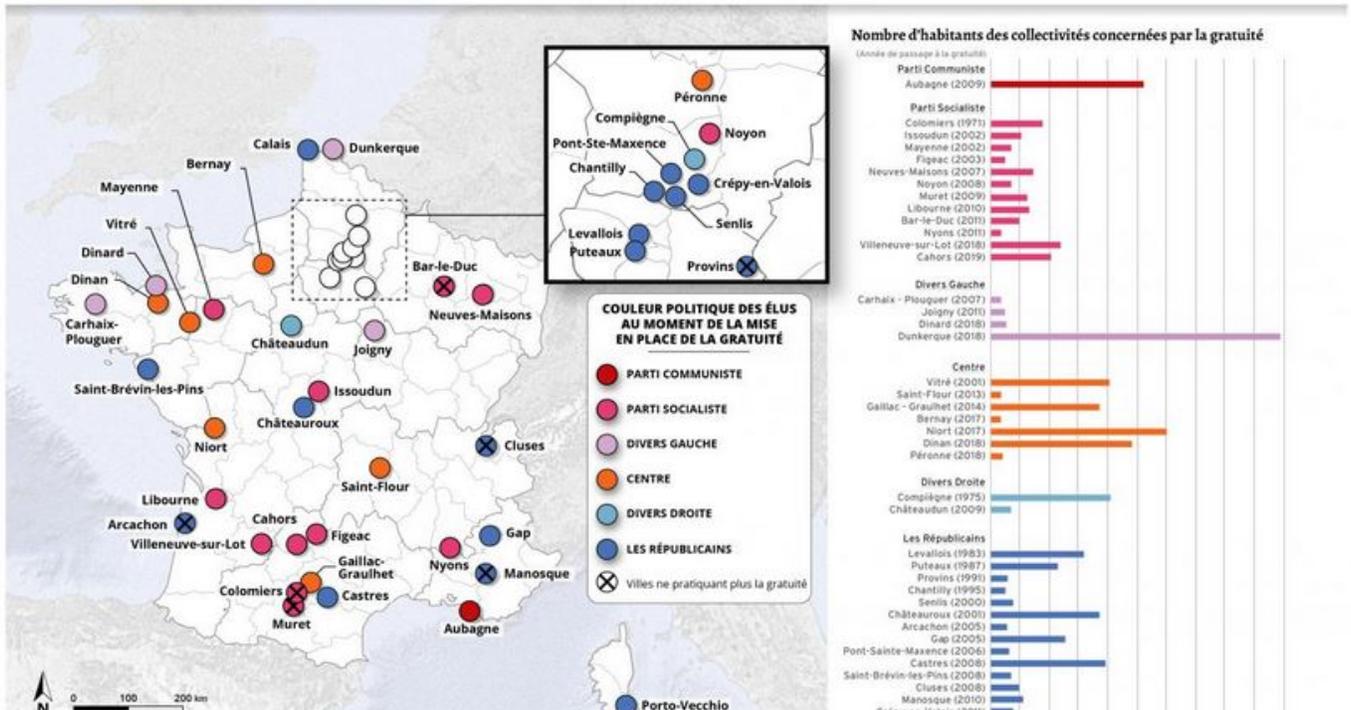


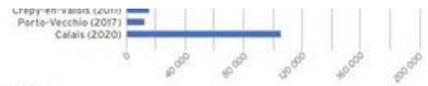
Les 35 villes françaises du transport totalement gratuit





Couleur politique des villes ayant mis en place la gratuité totale





Source and production Observatory for Cities with Free Transport - AGUR – VIGS

Mobility

For the Mobile Lives Forum, mobility is understood as the process of how individuals travel across distances in order to deploy through time and space the activities that make up their lifestyles. These travel practices are embedded in socio-technical systems, produced by transport and communication industries and techniques, and by normative discourses on these practices, with considerable social, environmental and spatial impacts.

More

Disciplines : **Social sciences, Urban studies, Economy, law and management**

Transport mode(s) : **All modes of transport**

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