

Dunkirk's Free Buses — Fare-Free Network Launched Together with Frequency Upgrades

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since 1 Sept 2018 Dunkirk's urban community has made its bus network free, paired with five 10-minute express lines. Weekday ridership rose roughly 60% in the first year; 48% of surveyed new users said they replace car trips.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	3/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-05

[Communauté urbaine de Dunkerque \(DK'BUS\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-05

[France24 — Dunkirk tests out free transport](#) — accessed 2026-10-05

[National Academies — Fare-Free Transit Evaluation Framework](#) — accessed 2026-10-05

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