

Leefstraat (Living Streets) Ghent — A Citizen-Led Public-Space Living Lab

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Quality score: 76/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since 2012, Ghent has let residents vote each year to temporarily close their street to cars and redesign it together. The format grew from 2 streets to over 25 a year and was later exported via an EU-funded network, though evidence is mostly qualitative.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

[City of Ghent \(Public Transition Lab\) / Lab van Troje \(Trojan Lab\) / Ghent University research partners](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

[Living Streets Ghent — Urban Arena Wiki](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

[EUKI Living Streets — Energy Cities](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

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