



Cracking the nut of city congestion  
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# The Context

Fiscal project aiming to improve mobility in the Brussels Region

Brussels, the capital of Belgium and Europe, is a dynamic city, and its citizens, visitors and businesses must be able to flourish here, in a peaceful environment.

However, Brussels also got the notorious title of traffic jam capital of Belgium. This is not surprising since it is the largest city in Belgium, an economic center, and nearly a fifth of the country's population resides in or around the city.

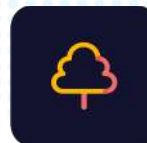
Every working day, countless car drivers lose precious time in Brussels traffic. Despite the various alternatives available, driving a car often remains the top choice.

## Our goals

SmartMove was introduced to achieve the following goals by **2030**



**30%**  
less time wasted in traffic



**10%**  
reduction in CO2 emissions from traffic



**10%**  
more kilometers by foot and by bike



**18%**  
fewer kilometers driven by cars during rush hour

# Why SmartMove

SmartMove cuts across 4 key domains:



## Less time wasted

By leaving the car at home just a few times a week or avoiding peak hours, we make a big impact.



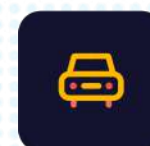
## Good for our planet

Less congestion means less harmful exhaust fumes and environmental pollution.



## Better health

Whether you live, work or just visit Brussels, we all breathe the same air. And less air pollution means fewer lung and respiratory or cardiovascular diseases.



## Greater prosperity

Fewer traffic jams make Brussels more attractive to businesses. That means more jobs, often close to home.

## The pillars of SmartMove:



SmartMove is **an intelligent kilometer charge** for all passenger and delivery vehicles in the Brussels-Capital Region, based on the number of kilometres travelled and the vehicle tax power.

The objective of the SmartMove policy and omni-channel ecosystem is to create a **modal shift from vehicle ownership to vehicle usage**, decreasing the current ecological, economical and health impact.



### An intelligent kilometer charge based on use

A fair charge base one vehicle use

## The pillars of SmartMove:

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The objective is **moving towards a livable city** where residents can breathe again, commuters can reach their destination with ease and quality of life is a priority.

From the Park & Ride to the metro, by bicycle or scooter to the tram ... Using the '**mobility as a service**' principle, users gain more insight into their mobility options and the social cost of their journey.



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### A 360 view on mobility

A mobility app that guides you through all transport options

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Find out what **impact** your mobility choices have on the environment, health, economy and time.

With SmartMove, we all have much something to win. Through smoother traffic, fresh air, better quality of life and higher level of productivity.



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### **Awareness on the impact of mobility choices**

Discover the impact of your mobility choices



The future of  
Brussels depends  
on all of us making  
smarter moves



# The smart kilometer charge

How are we tackling congestion problems in Brussels? With rush-hour technology.



## Primary system - variable congestion charge

### Base cost per day

Dependent on:

- **The time of day** (peak versus non-peak)
- The **vehicle fuel type** (100% electric vehicles don't pay the base cost)
- The **vehicle tax power** (based on the total cylinder capacity)



### Cost per km:

Complements the base cost and is dependent on:

- **The time of day** (peak versus non-peak)
- **The amount of km's driven** in the zone



## Secondary system - day pass

### Fixed price per day:

Dependent on:

- The vehicle tax power (based on the total cylinder capacity)
- The vehicle fuel type

**The price of the day pass is equal to a 25-km trip** (15km peak hour rate + 10km off-peak hour rate). An above-average number of kilometres driven is taken as the basis for the incentive to use the primary system

\* Driving in the weekend and during the night (19:00 – 06:59) remains free.



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SmartMove, a project with multiple connected solutions



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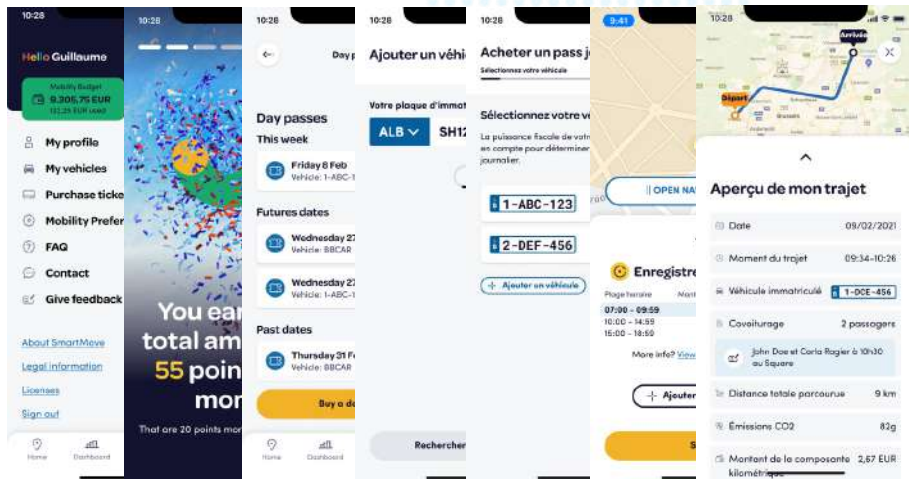
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Presenting the

**Smartmove**  
**App**

# The digital studio approach of BF

The combination of service design & agile delivery.



400+ screens  
500+ testers

## Interviews with end users

→ understand the real needs

## Persona's & Customer Journeys

→ define opportunities for improvement

## Conceptual wireframes

→ sketch potential solutions

## 10+ Clickable prototypes

→ test tangible solutions

## Minimum Viable Products

→ Develop, test and iterate

# SmartMove Ecosystem

Supported by a future-proof solution architecture

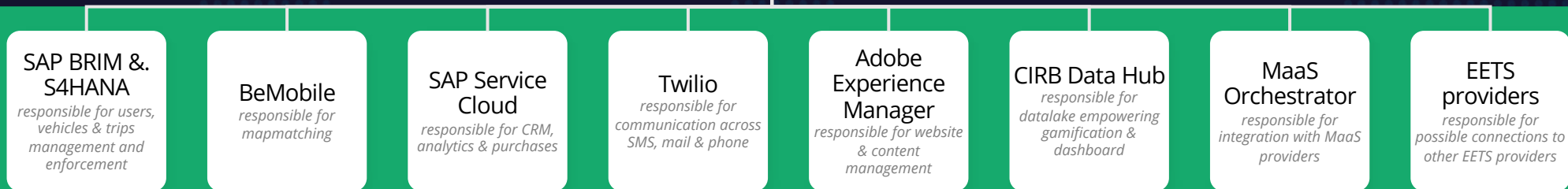
## SmartMove Products



## Integrations Orchestration



## Unified Ecosystem Back-end





# How does SmartMove ensure the privacy of its users?

Handling data GDPR compliant



The privacy of SmartMove's users is our **priority**.

- The Ordinance strictly defines the purposes for which user personal data can be processed
- "Privacy by design" approach
- Maximum data segregation



# Testing strategy

Large scale user testing to test the SmartMove app

The SmartMove app needs to be ready, both from a technical and functional point of view, while empowering users to make informed mobility choices.

**Testing the app prior to its release to the broader public** promotes the delivery of a robust app through a data-driven understanding of user experiences and behaviours. We therefore aim to onboard 5000 testers by the end of 2022.

## 3 main objectives of the testing strategy

1

**Does the SmartMove app work as intended, from a technical point of view?**

The feedback from the testers allows the application to be updated and ensures an inclusive mobile application

2

**Does the SmartMove app work as intended, from a functional point of view?**

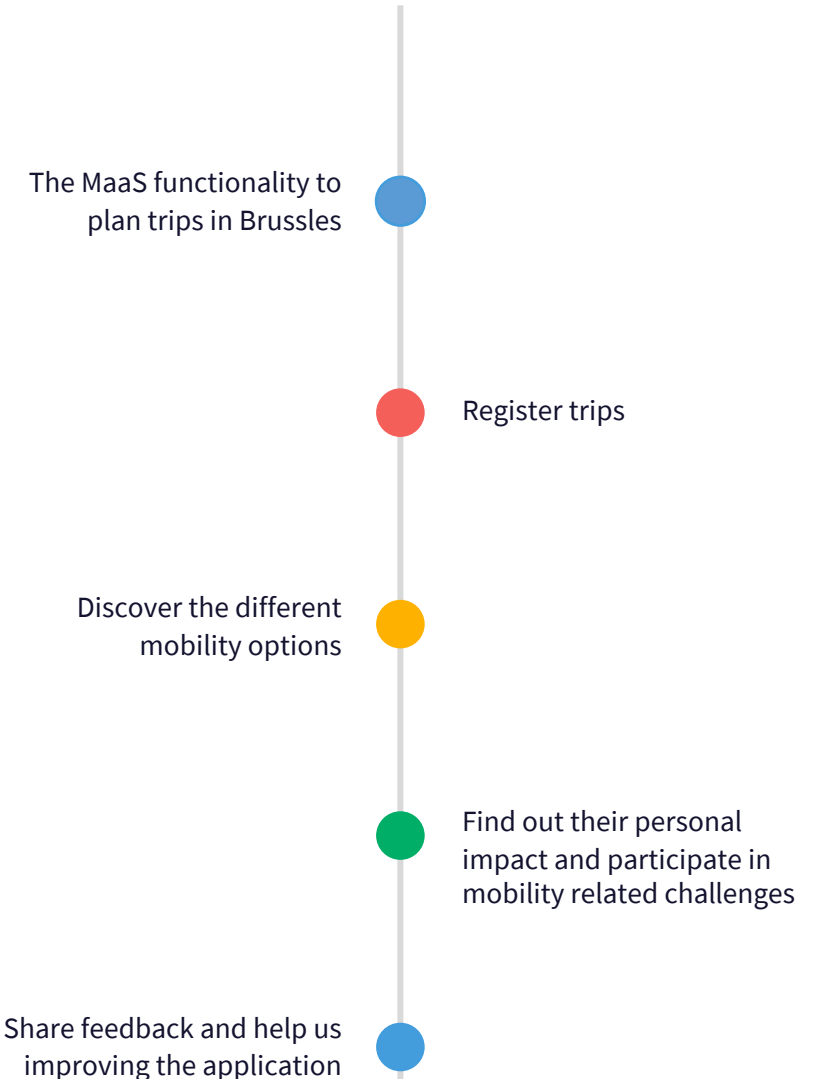
The user's feedback makes it possible to guarantee an optimal and updated user experience

3

**To what extent does the SmartMove app influence mobility perceptions and/or behaviors within tester segments?**

The given feedback contributes to the decision-making process about mobility in Brussels.

## An overview of the functionalities that are tested by the test users



# Testing approach

Progressive scaling



## Testing campaign in 3 steps

1

### Deliver a sufficiently stable application to an external audience

First testing phase was limited to +/- 50 testers who were implicated in the SmartMove project.

2

### Progressive extension of testers

Based on the testing results (quantitative data, surveys,...) Go/no-go decisions are made to increase the number of onboarded testers

3


### Guidance and support


Testing team and guides evolve in function of increasing number of testers to guarantee the necessary operational support.




# Tester panel

The aim is to build a community of testers that is representative for the population that will be touched by SmartMove (both inhabitants and commuters)

Age group	Segment	Target
	18-24	10-15%
	25-30	20-25%
	31-49	35-40%
	50-64	15-20%
	>65	5-10%

Family Size	Segment	Target
	Living alone or living with roommates	45-50%
	Living with partner	20-25%
	Living with children	10-15%
	• 3 persons • 4 persons • 5+ persons	10-15% 10-15% 5-10%

Preferred mode	Segment	Target
	Foot	10-15%
	Bike	10-15%
	Public transport	10-15%
	Car	60-65%
	Other	0-5%

Place of Residence	Segment	Target
	Brussels Capital Region	55-60%
	Outside Brussels Capital Region	25-30%
	• Flanders • Wallonia	15-20%

Schedule	Segment	Target
	Flexible	75-80%
	Non-flexible	20-25%

## Results of first testing period

Testing period started in may 2022 with 50 testers (Family and friends). From mid-August onwards the testing community grew to **650 testers**.

**Recruiting testers** using only social media campaigns is challenging as well keeping a high level of **motivation** among testers in the long term.

### **On a technical point of view**

159 bugs were reported (none of them blocking), the number of reported bugs decreased in proportion to the increased number of testers.

### **On a functional point of view**

55 user stories were reported (suggestions for improvement) and a above average Customer Satisfaction Score of 2,96/5 was reached.

### **Mobility perceptions and behaviours**

Positive trends but it is too early to draw conclusions on this testing element.



# Support the testing strategy with communication

Authentic, relevant, agile & positive communication



**SmartMove**  
zet Brussel op de  
goede weg!



# In a nutshell

SmartMove: cracking the nut of city congestion

Cracking the nut of city congestion by combining MaaS, gamification and an intelligent congestion charge, in order to positively impact congestion levels in Brussels.



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# Next steps

Build a solid tester-community

Stabilize and scale the solution(s)

Eco-System activation (EEITS)

Design and build the Dongle solution(s)



# Thank you!

