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## Channel your inner Annie Kopchovsky on International Women's Day

We root for all women pushing boundaries. Whether they achieve an incredible sports performance, expand their work horizons, rock motherhood, or juggle all these things at once: we see you and we salute you. This International Women's Day we want to put a very special female in the limelight.



The woman we want to kick this tour de force off with goes way back in time. 1894, to be precise. The name Annie Cohen Kopchovsky might not ring a bell, but we're sure you'll remember her from now on. Annie was the first woman to cross the globe by bike. As many stories do, this whole adventure started in a pub after a few drinks. A guy from Boston bet another guy that no woman could ever travel around the world by bike. Annie stepped forward to prove these fellas wrong.

She was a married woman with three children under the age of six at the time and therefore not the most likely candidate in that day and age. But she went. She cycled from Boston to Chicago, sailed from New York to France, and later on from France to South-East Asia. After a bike tour through China, she reached Japan and set sail again to the United States. When she arrived in the bay of San Francisco she jumped on her bike again to return to Boston to return fifteen months later after the journey of her life started.

This Annie not only had impressive leg muscles but also quite the brains. She figured she could attach an advertisement to her bike to make some money along the way and gave lectures about her adventures while cycling through France. What a legend. So the next time you're fighting the headwind (or the patriarchy) - channel your inner Annie.

*Interested in more? Read our second blog for International womensday about a remarkable woman: [Marianne Vos](#)*

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#### ABOUT SWAPFIETS

Swapfiets is het eerste fietsabonnement ter wereld.

Opggericht in Nederland in 2014, werd de scale-up al snel één van de leiders in micromobiliteit in Europa, met intussen meer dan 220.000 gebruikers in België, Nederland, Denemarken, Duitsland, Italië, Frankrijk en het Verenigd Koninkrijk. In de lente van 2021 zal Swapfiets uitbreiden naar Barcelona (Spanje), Wenen (Oostenrijk), Lyon, Nantes, Straatsburg en Toulouse (Frankrijk).

Het concept is eenvoudig: voor een vast bedrag per maand krijg je een altijd werkende fiets of een andere e-mobility oplossing, helemaal voor jezelf. Je kan altijd op Swapfiets rekenen. Gaat er iets kapot? Je belt, mailt, gaat langs in de winkel of plant een afspraak in via de Swapfiets-app. Swapfiets belooft je fiets of andere tweewieler kosteloos te repareren of swappen tegen een werkend exemplaar, binnen de 48 uur.

Swapfiets startte in 2018 in België en heeft vandaag bijna 13.000 abonnees in ons land, verspreid over Antwerpen, Gent, Mechelen, Leuven en Brussel.

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