

## Jacob, 5000th car sharer

**Jacob became a Dégage member at the end of 2022 and thus became our fifty thousandth member. That makes us more than proud! But what does Jacob himself think about that?**

*“5000 active members ? That's not too bad, I guess! But I think it should be 11 million... Seriously: it's a shame that it's only 5000.”*

Jacob is a musician and director and lives with his eight year old son in Borgerhout (Antwerp). He's abroad quite often for his work, but when he's at home, he enjoys the peace and quiet with his son or likes to experiment with cooking. Music really is his thing: from creating it himself to just listening to the radio: his life flows over with it.

### **Going abroad with a shared car**

As an international musician and director, mobility is really important: a lot of logistics is involved with travelling back and forth to other countries. That does not always go as easy as expected with the current public transport system. Don't get me wrong: I actually do love travelling by train, where I can work, I can read, I can sleep. These are all things that I can't do driving a car, but sometimes the railway companies make it really hard for their customers to keep faithful to them...

To me it's important to have the option to go abroad by (shared) car. I already did a trip with a Dégage shared car to France and Germany. Carsharing gives me a little more freedom as well to make little trips with my son or transport my equipment inside the city.

### **Why would you choose carsharing instead of buying a car?**

I only really need a car every once in a while. It would be ridiculous to buy a car just for these few occasions. The monthly costs and all the hassle with parking spots and service is not worth it. You can also really save money with carsharing. And of course, for the obvious reasons: we need to have less cars on the streets!

### **Car sharing with Dégage**

I combine Dégage and Poppy as carsharing systems. The Poppy cars I take for more spontaneous rides. It's a perfect addition to the Dégage system. I became a Dégage member because it's a very good and user friendly system. And because it's not commercial, it's also much cheaper compared to other carsharing or rental services. I keep on telling my friends to start carsharing as well...some of them at least started thinking about it...)