

Case Study – COWI Lyngby

# BETTER SECURITY – AN ADVANTAGE FOR BOTH CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES



*Our customers really appreciate increased security – and we have complete control over who enters our building*

Sidsel Hansen

Head of Facility Management, Cowi

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## Background

COWI A/S is an international consulting group, specialising in engineering, environmental science and economics, based in Denmark. It has been involved in more than 50,000 projects in 175 countries and has approximately 6,400 employees. COWI's headquarters are located in Lyngby in the north of Copenhagen. The 25,000m<sup>2</sup> building has to cater for 1,500 employees as well as business partners, customers and other visitors.

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## Challenge

COWI already had effective perimeter security at its headquarters but wanted to have full control over who was allowed to enter its offices. This was not only to make its employees feel safer but also to address the increased focus its customers were placing on security. More than ever before, customers are expecting there to be greater control over who has access to confidential information and data – completely in line with EU regulations on personal data protection. COWI therefore wanted to accurately control who was present on its premises by regulating the passage of individuals on entry and exit to its offices.



## Solution

With the Gunnebo SpeedStile FP speed gate, COWI always knows who is present in the building. The speed gates facilitate smooth, quick single-person entry with no hold-ups or queues for the individuals who are coming and going.

In total, eight lanes of speed gates have been installed in the building, four of which are in the reception area. The barrier flaps are 120cm long offering adequate protection and are made of glass so they do not appear obtrusive.



There is an extra wide lane for wheelchair access and the necessary emergency exits and evacuation routes have been taken into account.

At the other entrances, the glass barrier flaps are 180cm long for extra security.

As well as its glass barriers, the SpeedStile FP has stainless steel housing units for a contemporary look.

To enter or exit, employees and visitors simply pass their ID card over a card reader. On receipt of an authorisation signal, the barriers slide open and close behind the individual once they have safely passed through.

## Customer Comments

Through the installation of Gunnebo SpeedStile FP, COWI has met a significant part of its security strategy for its headquarters.



*Our employees have really taken to the solution and the overriding feedback is that it has been easy to use*



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Management, Cowi

Sidsel Hansen, Head of Facility Management at COWI, has been at the forefront of the project.

“The solution from Gunnebo is a great fit for us, even though our building is over 35 years old,” she explains. “From the start of the project, Gunnebo has given us clear and comprehensive guidance on which product best suits our needs, both from an operational and aesthetic perspective.”

Entrance control solutions from Gunnebo are compatible with a range of platforms so the speed gates are future-proof if COWI was ever to implement changes to its IT systems.

“There is a forward-looking flexibility when a system is not tied to one particular type of software. This applies to Gunnebo’s solution, and therefore it protects our long-term security investment,” concludes Sidsel Hansen. “Now we have started to plan which of our other offices in Scandinavia will also be equipped with Gunnebo SpeedStile FP.”

## Customer Benefits

- Full entrance control
- Overview of who is present in the building
- Extra-wide passage for wheelchairs
- Contemporary and sophisticated design
- Extra-long glass barriers for increased security
- Future-proof due to compatibility with multiple IT platforms



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*The solution is very elegant and we are extremely pleased with both the product and the cooperation with Gunnebo*

**Sidsel Hansen**

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