

IMPACT RESULTS IN 2025 OF EUROVELO EUROPEAN NETWORK OF 17 LONG DISTANCE CYCLE ROUTES

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EuroVelo is the European cycle route network of 17 long distance cycle routes that cross and connect the whole of Europe. The total length will be over

90,000 km when complete. The development of EuroVelo will lead to safe, direct, coherent and connected cycling infrastructure and cycle route networks in 42 countries that will benefit all categories of cyclists. The routes can be used by long-distance cycle tourists, as well as by local people making daily journeys.

The website underlines that “Cycling tourism has a value of more than €44 billion per year. An amount that is higher than the European cruise ship industry. A study commissioned by the European Parliament estimates that the EuroVelo network itself, once it is finished, will generate €7 billion of direct revenue each year. It will provide in excess of 60 million cycling trips leading through some of the most appealing routes of the continent such as the Loire à vélo in France and the Danube Cycle Path”.

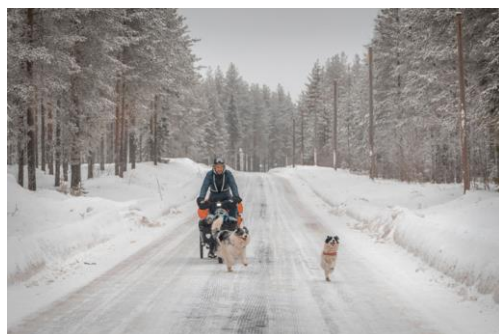
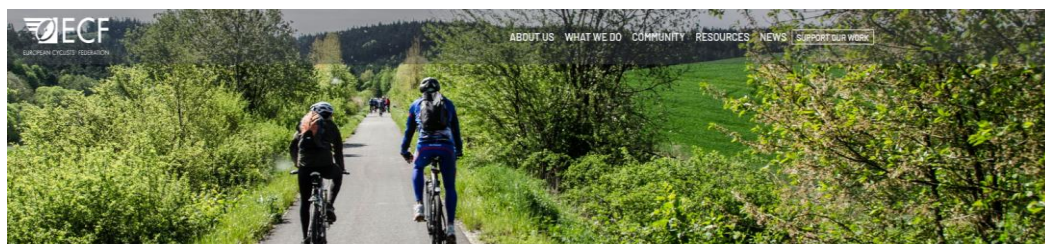
With over 5.3 million visitors and an average 20 percent increase every year, EuroVelo.com is one of the main cycling tourism web platforms for planning holidays by bike in Europe.

Detailed information on all the 17 routes already in operation can be found on the cycling tourism portal EuroVelo.com, from [the general map of the network](#). [The Sun route EuroVelo7 offers an example of the information provided by the EuroVelo website](#). Through the links to the participating countries where EuroVelo is active, it is also possible to find specific information on the cycling routes that pass through them.

The European cycle route network is managed by the [European Cyclist Federation \(ECF\)](#) in cooperation with its partners. The development and operation of the EuroVelo routes are carried out by national, regional and local governments, commercial service providers and NGOs. ECF was founded in 1983 by 12 bicycle user associations. It now has more than 70 member organizations representing over half a million individual European citizens in over 40 countries.

Only routes approved by the ECF can be called EuroVelo. This is an important badge of quality for both the cyclist and the route promoter. The European Cyclists' Federation is a Brussels-based independent non-profit association dedicated to achieving more and better cycling for all in Europe. The idea of creating a network of international cycle routes connecting Europe started back in 1995 and the EuroVelo project was officially launched by ECF in Logrono, Spain, in November 1997.

The objectives of the EuroVelo initiative are:



- To ensure the implementation of very high quality European-grade cycle routes in all countries of Europe, carrying the best European practice across borders and harmonizing standards;
- To communicate the existence of these routes to decision makers and potential users, promote and market their use, and provide an important port of call for information about cycling in Europe;
- In this way, to encourage large numbers of European citizens to give cycling a try, and so to promote a shift to healthy and sustainable travel for daily trips and as cycling tourism.

The development, organization and operation of the EuroVelo routes at a national level are undertaken by National EuroVelo Coordination Centres (NECCs). The composition of these organizations varies, including government bodies, tourism organizations, relevant NGOs, public transport companies and service providers.

ECF is working to establish a National EuroVelo Coordination Centre in every country where EuroVelo routes pass. In particular, the national partners of the initiative ensure that local transport services allow cyclists to reach the starting points of the EuroVelo routes with their bicycles. Even the strategies adopted in some countries to use the old disused railway lines to transform them into bicycle lanes make it possible to extend this fantastic network, reducing construction costs and revitalizing the old associated infrastructures (bridges, tunnels, stations, shops and squares, etc.).

The vision of the European Cyclists Federation for EuroVelo is a fully developed and high-quality European cycle route network, which is well-connected to national, regional and local cycle route networks and other sustainable modes of transport, driving further increases in everyday cycling and cycling tourism, in line with ECF's vision to improve and increase cycling across the whole of Europe.

The Federation is pledged to ensure that bicycle use achieves its fullest potential so as to bring about sustainable mobility and public well-being. To achieve these aims, ECF seeks to change attitudes, policies and budget allocations at the European level. ECF stimulates and organizes the exchange of information and expertise on bicycle-related transport policies and strategies as well as the work of the cyclists' movement.

[In 2024, 67% of the EuroVelo network was ready to cycle, with 39% featuring EuroVelo signs.](#) The latest Route Development Status Report highlights the progress made in the last 3 years, both in terms of route development (+10,000 km since 2021) and accuracy of data available in the EuroVelo GIS database. ECF continues to boost route development in the next years to complete the EuroVelo network by 2030.

The ECF owns the trademark for EuroVelo and coordinates its development at the European level. Through this initiative and its wonderful long-distance cycle routes, ECF helps to strengthen and bring together rural areas by highlighting their great natural and cultural resources. Investing in cycle infrastructure in these areas would bring benefits both to local communities and cycling tourists.

ECF invites tour operators, tourist boards, cycle-friendly service providers or any other relevant business, to find out how they can collaborate in a variety of ways with the cycle route network EuroVelo.

To know more



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