

# EuroVelo routes in Germany

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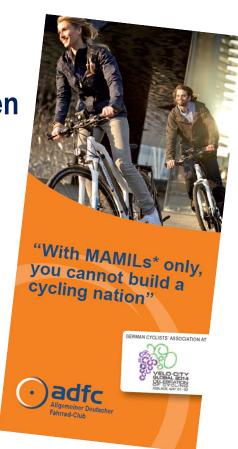
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# Allgemeiner Deutscher Fahrrad-Club (ADFC)

- = German Cyclists' Association
- > 150.000 members
- Mission: to make more people cycle more often
- To achieve this, we provide:
  - Advocacy for cycling
  - Partnership and network
  - Service for members and all cyclists
  - Consumer protection
  - Cycling tourism





#### **German situation - overview**

- Established, very successful market
- Market grows: ~ 220 long distance cycle routes
- Every long distance cycle route is a brand and a product
- Every long distance cycle route is developed and driven by an "operator"
- Operator is responsible for infrastructure, quality, maintenance, marketing ... – and economic success
- "political will" means not economic success
- Real live: products/brands without success leave the market



















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## **EuroVelo routes in Germany**

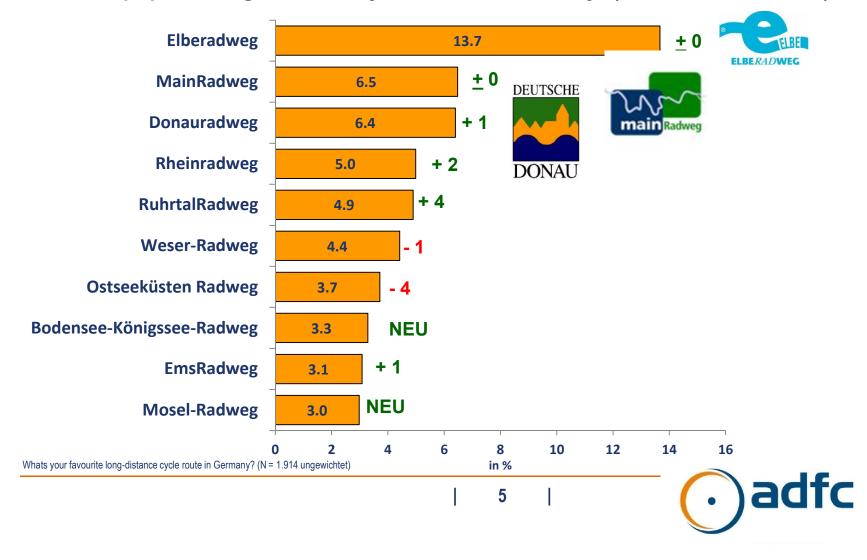


- 9 long-distance cycle routes pass through Germany
- Selected connections between EuroVelo and German long-distance cycle routes (products):
  - 2 Capitals Route: <u>D-Route 3: "Europaradweg R1"</u>
  - 3 Pilgrims' Route: Radfernweg Hamburg-Bremen
  - 4 Central Europe Route: Rheinradweg, Main-Radweg
  - 6 Altlantic Black Sea: <u>Hohenzollern-Radweg, Donauradweg</u>
  - 7 Sun Route: Elberadweg, D-Route 3, Radweg Berlin-Kopenhagen
  - 10 Baltic Sea Cycle Route: Ostseeküstenradweg
  - 12 North Sea Cycle Route: Nordseeküstenradweg
  - 13 Iron Curtain Trail: Ostseeküstenroute, Elberadweg
  - 15 Rhine Route: Rheinradweg
- Rhine Cycle Route (EV 15) and Danube Cycle Route (EV 6) recognised as international routes.



#### Market research: ADFC-cycle tourism analyses 2015

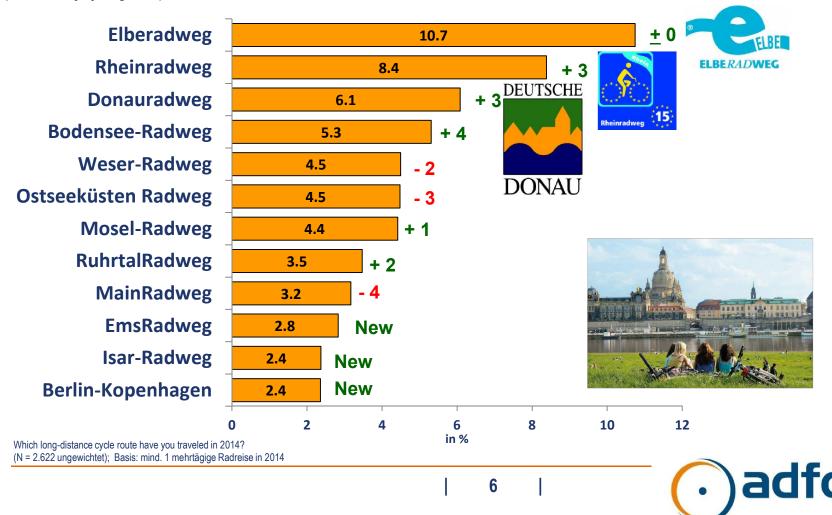
The most popular long-distance cycle route in Germany: (TOP TEN out of 147)



### Market research: ADFC-cycle tourism analyses 2015

The most used long-distance cycle routes in Germany in 2014 (out of 249)

(for multi-day cycling tours)



## **ADFC** positions on EuroVelo routes

EuroVelo routes **support the development** of cycle tourism. They can serve as the "backbone" for the further development of cycle tourism.

**Germany** already has many **well-functioning route products**, driven by operators who take care of the marketing and safeguard the quality of the product.

The "Radnetz Deutschland" (D-Netz) cycle network has priority in the international marketing, after which attention can be turned to the European level.

Yes to EuroVelo as a European project. Marketing EuroVelo via ADFC channels. We do not require route operators to provide signposting, but rather recommend that information is provided on noticeboards and using other methods.

We **increase awareness for EuroVelo** routes among tourists and link these to existing long-distance cycle routes.

ADFC requirement: each functioning route product requires an operator and sustainable quality management.



# Thank you!

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# German cycle network

12 routes link all federal states

Goal: national routes of a uniform standard:

- Consistent signposting
- Sufficient infrastructure
- Central information point

**Incentive for other route operators** 

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