Travelling on cycling routes that **connect the whole continent**

EuroVelo is the **European cycle route network** – a network of 17 long distance cycle routes that cross and connect the whole continent. The network is developed and coordinated by the European Cyclists’ Federation (ECF).

The routes can be used by long-distance cycle tourists, as well as by local people making daily journeys.

*Read the full history:* [pro.eurovelo.com/organisation/history](http://pro.eurovelo.com/organisation/history)
The total length of the network is almost **90,000 kilometres**.

The 17 EuroVelo routes are each arranged according to a theme and given an even or odd route number depending on their direction.

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**EuroVelo Schematic Diagram (2020)**
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Cycling in numbers

Cycling in Europe

The 2013 Eurobarometer study on ‘Attitudes of Europeans toward Urban Mobility’ found that 49% of European Union citizens use a bicycle on a regular basis. These statistics vary hugely from country to country, as shown by the modal share of cycling in EU-28.

A key advantage of the European cycle route network is the introduction of consistent, high-quality cycle infrastructure across all European countries, supporting these citizens by making their journeys safer and more enjoyable.

Source: Eurobarometer (2013, 2014), European Parliament

Cycling tourism

There are an estimated 2.3 billion cycle tourism trips in Europe every year with a value in excess of €44 billion, according to a 2012 study commissioned by the European Parliament. 20.4 million cycle tourists stay one or more nights en route, and these ‘overnight’ tourists spend around €9 billion annually.

In addition, cycling tourism is linked to over 500,000 jobs in the EU, which is more than the steel and cruise industries.

Sources: The European Cycle Route Network EuroVelo (2012), European Parliament / The EU Cycling Economy (2016), ECF

Economic benefits of cycling

In 2016, ECF estimated that cycling produces global benefits of €150 billion per year. Amongst which the EU cycling industry is valued at €63 billion, with cycling tourism as the major contributor.

Source: The EU Cycling Economy (2016), ECF
EuroVelo

The EuroVelo initiative is the biggest cycle route network of its kind in the world. If fully developed, as a European transport and tourism network, it would see **60 million trips** made every year generating a total of **€7 billion** in direct annual revenue.

Source: The European Cycle Route Network EuroVelo (2012), European Parliament

**Status of the network (2020)**

- **28%** Dedicated bicycle path or lane
- **40%** Asphalated low traffic roads
- **13%** Non-asphalated roads
- **19%** Asphalated high traffic roads
- **43,000** km of developed EuroVelo routes

Sources: estimates based on internal data from ECS and AtlanticOnBike surveys

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Network coordination

23 National EuroVelo Coordination Centres and Coordinators (NECC/Cs) - found across the continent - ensure the communication, implementation, operation and quality assurance of EuroVelo at a national level.

National signs

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe has produced, with ECF, signing recommendations for EuroVelo routes. As such, EuroVelo signage can be incorporated within existing national signage systems.

Source: Consolidated resolution on road signs and signals R.E.2 (2010), UNECE

Further reading: pro.eurovelo.com/organisation/national-coordinators
Promotion and Communication

**EuroVelo for Tourists**
www.eurovelo.com

- Launched in 2013, this site provides the most up-to-date information available to cyclists planning their trip.
- Users can browse by the country they are interested in cycling or by the route that they would like to take.
- Central hub which links users to more specific information on routes, maps and guidebooks, services and bookable offers, as available on national or route-specific websites.

**EuroVelo for Professionals**
www.pro.eurovelo.com

- This site aims to connect and inform the many professionals working across Europe on EuroVelo projects.
- It includes a news section providing updates on current construction projects and recent developments in the coordination of routes.
- Examples of best practices, official EuroVelo manuals and guidance are also available to download.

**Publications and manuals**

Official EuroVelo manuals and guidance are available to download from pro.eurovelo.com/resources

**Newsletter, social media, and photos**

In addition to distributing a monthly newsletter, EuroVelo is active on these channels:

- [facebook.com/eurovelo](https://facebook.com/eurovelo)
- [instagram.com/ecfeurovelo](https://instagram.com/ecfeurovelo)
- [twitter.com/ECFEuroVelo](https://twitter.com/ECFEuroVelo)

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