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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.

EuroVelo is a registered trademark of ECF and only routes approved by ECF can be called EuroVelo.

*Read the full history:* pro.eurovelo.com/organisation/history

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**Total length of the network is 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.
EuroVelo and cycling in numbers

The growth of EuroVelo

The EuroVelo Data Hub contains useful resources to monitor the growth of the network.

The EuroVelo Barometer, developed in partnership with Eco-Counter, monitors the usage of EuroVelo routes based on a sample of 170 automatic counters installed along 10 of the 17 routes.

The growth of cycling on EuroVelo routes is steady for all routes between 2019 and 2022, both during weekdays and weekends. More and more Europeans are choosing the bike both for their commute and for leisure.

EuroVelo usage evolution (2019-2022)  

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2022 EuroVelo Barometer

1. Average from January to October 2022 compared to the same period in 2019
2. Full week evolution from January to December 2022 compared to the same period in 2019

Economic benefits of cycling

In 2018, ECF estimated that cycling produces total benefits of €150 billion in Europe. Cycling tourism is a major contributor, with a value of €44 billion according to the latest available figures. Sales and production of bicycles, parts and accessories reached a total value of more than €23 billion in 2021.

Sources: The EU Cycling Economy (2018), ECF, and European Bicycle Industry and Market Profile (2021), CONEBI

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. Since then, the impact of cycling tourism has most probably grown significantly.

Sources: The European Cycle Route Network EuroVelo (2012), European Parliament, and The EU Cycling Economy (2018), ECF

Download these, and additional, resources at pro.eurovelo.com/press-contact
Network coordination

23 National EuroVelo Coordination Centres (NECCs) - 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.5.2 (2010), UNECE

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

Promotion and Communication

EuroVelo for Tourists

www.eurovelo.com

- The site provides information to cyclists planning their trip and aims to inspire users to travel.
- Users can browse by the country they are interested in cycling or by the route that they would like to take.
- The central hub 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 with updates on current projects and recent developments.
- Examples of best practices, official EuroVelo manuals and guidance documents, as well as the EuroVelo Data Hub are available to consult and 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:

- @EuroVelo
- @ecfeurovelo
- @ECFEuroVelo
- @EuroVeloECF

Newsletter sign-up:
ecf.com/form/eurovelo-newsletter

Pictures from the EuroVelo network are available on Instagram and on our Flickr page: flickr.com/photos/eurovelo/

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