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# "CYCLE-TOURISM IN PROTECTED AREAS OF ANDALUSIA (SPAIN)"

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#### ANDALUSIAN NATURAL PROTECTED AREAS NETWORK

- 2,8 million ha.
- Around 30% of Andalusian extension.
- Highest peaks, driest and wettest points in Iberian Peninsula.
- 800 km coastline. 2 seas. Strait of Gibraltar.
- Marshlands, forests, shrublands, steppes, deserts, cliffs, wild beaches, open oak woodlands, volcanoes, endemic species...



### International designations:

Double purpose: conservation + development

Tool for attracting tourists (marketing). Differentiation. Prestige award.













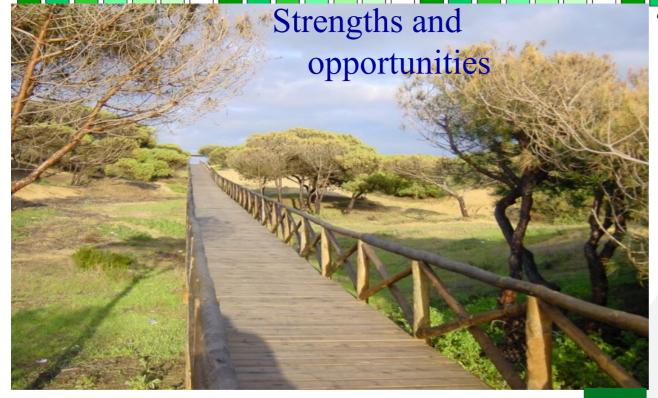












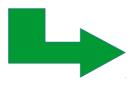
Major touristic destination

- Exceptional natural and cultural heritage.
- Vast territory showing a great diversity of beautiful landscapes offering countless opportunities for outdoor activities, like cycletourism.
- Fine weather most of the year.
- Outstanding gastronomy.
- Good touristic infrastructure (transport, accomodation, services).
- Recordbreaking tourists arrivals. Positive trend.

#### **BENEFITS OF CYCLE-TOURISM.....**

- ✓ Deseasonalisation of tourist offer.
- ✓ Enhancement of sustainable tourism: especially interior and transborder tourism.
- ✓ Mitigation of climate change as non-pollutant transport.
- ✓ Reuse of abandoned railways: Greenways programme.
- ✓ Promotion of health and welfare through active tourism.
- ✓ Improvement of rural development in underprivileged areas.
- Cheap transport. Low investment infrastructure demanding.
- ✔ Promotion of 'slow tourism', increasing awareness about local heritage and communities involved.





Cycling just makes us happier!







## ANDALUSIAN CYCLING PLAN

8 main routes, along 3.000 km, secondary roads, greenways, drover's roads...











# **MedCycleTour**

**Med**iterranean **Cycle** route for sustainable coastal **Tour**ism





Actions implemented on the territories, enhancing local cultural and natural assets

Positive impacts on local economy (visits, local traditional economy, new activities, new jobs)

Well-being of local communities (active leisure, services and employment and less car traffic)

Territorial cooperation and action plans in all countries.

#### EuroVelo 1, key figures:

7 countries (Norway, United-Kingdom, Ireland, France, Spain, Portugal, Belgium) involved in the project.

Leader of the project: Conseil départemental des Pyrénées-Atlantiques.

18 partners and 3 associated

6 work packages

18 activities

3 years (2017-2020)

4,6 M €







Total budget – 1.35 M€ (1.12 M€ ERDF)
Starting date – June 2018
Ending phase 1 – May 2020
Ending phase 2 – May 2022



## **ECO-CICLE**

**Interreg** Europe



European Union European Regional Development Fund

## Partnership:









Regijska razvojna agencija d.o.o. Nova Gorica









## Main goals

## Exchange of experiences for the promotion of cycle tourism in natural areas

- 'Involving regional stakeholders (Focus Groups)
- ·Exchange of Good practices
- ·Setting-up policy learning events











# Thank you!



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