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• ConBici is a federation of over 55 Spanish cycling organisations

• ConBici represents the interests of cycling users to the Spanish institutions: roads organisation, Parliament, Government...

• ConBici is part of the ´mesa de la bicicleta´ in which together with the Spanish cycling industry, Royal Cyclists Federation, Professional cyclists and others, represent the unitary voice of cyclists

• ConBici is a full member of the ECF and has the support of ECF leadership program
EuroVelo in Spain

• EuroVelo history is closely linked to Spain (Launch Conference 1997, Logroño, Spain)

• 3 EuroVelo routes: EuroVelo 1, EuroVelo 3 and EuroVelo 8

• Cycling tourism employs over 25,000 people in Spain and generates over €1.6 billions. The potential of Spain is one of the biggest in Europe: Spain has all what cycling tourism needs and that is what we explain to the Spanish stakeholders

• Challenges: set up a formal National EuroVelo Coordination Centre (NECC) for Spain in 2015
A necessary coordination for EuroVelo in Spain

- In 18 months EuroVelo has gone from being a little known project to a priority for some Spanish regions.

- EuroVelo has been included in legal regulations: Andalusian Cycling Plan.

- The Spanish National Government is leading the coordination of EuroVelo and the Spanish regions and ConBici are taking part of it.
2015 achievements:

• Transregional agreement and definition of significant sections of the EuroVelo routes in Spain: Extremadura – Andalusia (EuroVelo 1)

• Set up of route committees: involving the Ministry of the Environment, regions and in a following step involving the users as well

• Involvement of 8 regions: Catalunya, Andalusia, Valencia, Vasque Country, Castilla y Leon, Extremadura, Murcia and Navarra in the coordination meetings and route committees.
Next steps:

• Route committee for EuroVelo 3

• Application to set up the NECC for Spain

• Include cycling tourism and EuroVelo in the political agenda for this electoral year

• Involve other stakeholders in the process: users and private sector
Next steps:

Thank you for your attention!

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