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
Discover the network

1. Atlantic Coast Route
   North Cape to Sagres
   Length: 11,000 km

2. Capitals Route
   Ghent to Moscow
   Length: 5,000 km

3. Pilgrims Route
   Treviso to Santiago de Compostela
   Length: 5,300 km

4. Central Europe Route
   Roscoff to Kiev
   Length: 5,100 km

5. Via Romea Francigena
   London to Rome and Brindisi
   Length: 3,200 km

6. Atlantic-Black Sea
   Nantes to Constanta
   Length: 4,450 km

7. Sun Route
   North Cape to Malta
   Length: 7,700 km

8. Mediterranean Route
   Cádiz to Cyprus
   Length: 7,500 km

9. Baltic-Adriatic
   Gdansk to Pula
   Length: 2,050 km

10. Baltic Sea Cycle Route
    Hansa Circuit
    Length: 9,000 km

11. East Europe Route
    North Cape to Athens
    Length: 6,650 km

12. North Sea Cycle Route
    North Circuit
    Length: 7,050 km

13. Iron Curtain Trail
    Barents Sea to Black Sea
    Length: 9,950 km

14. Waters of Central Europe
    Zell Am See to Debrecen
    Length: 1,125 km

15. Rhine Cycle Route
    Andermatt to Hoek van Holland
    Length: 1,500 km

16. Rhine Cycle Route
    Andermatt to Mediterranean
    Length: 1,250 km

17. Meuse Cycle Route
    Langres to Hoek van Holland
    Length: 1,050 km

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.

EuroVelo Schematic Diagram (2021)
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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
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-asphalted 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

22 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

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
- instagram.com/ecfeurovelo
- twitter.com/ECFEuroVelo

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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