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# **Purpose of this guide**

EuroVelo is a registered trade mark of the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF), and only routes approved by ECF can be called FuroVelo.

In order to establish a recognisable identity, engage and build credibility with target audiences, the EuroVelo brand should be communicated in a **uniform** and **coordinated** manner as widely as possible.

To achieve this goal, ECF has developed this guide to describe **the brand**, **design guidelines** and **templates** which can be used by partners (National

EuroVelo Coordination Centres, touristic organisations, editors, service providers, etc.) to better communicate about EuroVelo or EuroVelo routes.

This guide details the recommended use of the main EuroVelo design elements. It has been designed so that these elements can be used in the frame of your own corporate design requirements. This guide covers route signing, printed and digital material only. For information about the use of EuroVelo design elements in other contexts, please contact ECF at eurovelo@ecf.com.

Using the EuroVelo Brand Guide and Kit allows partners to enjoy the benefits of the growing awareness of EuroVelo across the continent and, in turn, help to increase it further.



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# About EuroVelo, the European cycle route network

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# Discover Europe by bicycle!

KEY FIGURES (AS OF 2023)

17 routes38 countries90,000+ km

# **Short description**

EuroVelo is a network of long-distance cycle routes that cross and connect Europe. The routes can be used by cycle tourists, as well as by local people making daily journeys. EuroVelo is an initiative of the European Cyclists' Federation developed by national and regional partners. Discover Europe by bicycle at EuroVelo.com!

The word "EuroVelo" should be consistent across all media. It should not be altered to reflect national or regional languages or alphabets.

# Long description

EuroVelo is the European cycle route network – 17 long-distance cycle routes that cross and connect the continent. It is the largest cycle route network in the world, spanning over 90,000 km when completed. The development of EuroVelo leads to safe and continuous cycle routes, serving as the backbone for national and regional cycle networks. It can be used by long-distance cycle tourists, as well as by local people making daily journeys. EuroVelo is developed and coordinated on the transnational level by the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) in cooperation with a network of National EuroVelo Coordination Centres (NECCs). It is an initiative that fosters sustainable transport and tourism policies. Discover Europe by bicycle at EuroVelo.com!

# Writing "EuroVelo, the European cycle route network" in different languages:

French: EuroVelo, le réseau des véloroutes européennes

German: EuroVelo, das europäische

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<u>Dutch</u>: EuroVelo, het Europese fietsroutenetwerk

<u>Italian</u>: EuroVelo, la rete delle ciclovie

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<u>Spanish</u>: EuroVelo, la red europea de

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# Voice and tone

To better promote the EuroVelo brand, ECF is working on new marketing strategies and concepts. This work is still developing, however, you can find more about the brand's voice and tone dimensions in this section.

**Brand voice** is the consistent manner in which a brand communicates its message.

EuroVelo's voice helps to shape a unified brand experience across various media. It reflects the brand's personality in written and spoken content, and enables end users and cycling professionals to have a meaningful EuroVelo experience.

With a clear brand voice, EuroVelo demonstrates expertise and a commitment to providing valuable information and resources for its audiences.

FUROVELO BRAND PERSONALITY

# **Authentic**

We are a passionate humansized collective and we are confident in who we are.

# Caring

We listen to our stakeholders and make sure to consider all viewpoints.

# **Informative**

We share knowledge using simple and direct communication.

# **Inspirational**

We make adventure accessible to all and encourage alternative ways of travel.

# **Professional**

We want to be authoritative in our sector while operating with integrity.



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# **Voice and tone**

**Brand tone** is closely tied to brand voice. It narrows down the nuances of how the brand communicates beyond the overall personality.

EuroVelo understands its audience's interests, preferences, and motivations and carefully adapts the tone to craft content that speaks directly to them. This adaptability to different contexts ensures EuroVelo can connect with individuals looking to learn about the network, plan a cycling holiday, share their experiences, engage with events, or even advocate for alternative ways of travel.

# **GENERAL EUROVELO TONE DIMENSIONS SERIOUS** -**FUNNY FORMAL CASUAL RESPECTFUL** -MATTER-OF-FACT | -For national partners: please consult the upcoming (internal) EuroVelo Style Guide to learn more about the standard communication requirements and marketing concepts.



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# **Logo and trademark**

The current iteration of the EuroVelo logo was developed in 2006. The design is composed of the **EuroVelo icon** and text layered upon a blue (gradient) background.

It is recommended to use the relevant route logo whenever communicating about a specific route. Please refer to the ROUTE LOGOS AND SIGNING section of this guide for more information.

ECF must be informed about the use of the logo in notable publications and other related works, and the following phrase must appear in the impressum/imprint or legal statement of the document:

EuroVelo® is a registered trademark of the European Cyclists' Federation

# **BRAND KIT PATH**



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**Recommended version** of the logo to use (with flat blue background)



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Registered visual trademark





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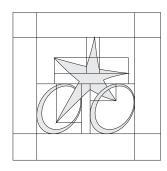
Derived from the main logo, the **EuroVelo icon** is composed of a square with the EuroVelo symbol.

The composition of the icon can not be altered, however, it can be presented in different colour combinations. These colours are limited to the ones found in the **COLOUR SYSTEM** section of this guide.

The icon should not be used as a subsitute for the trademarked EuroVelo logo. It only serves as an additional graphic element to help identify the brand.



EuroVelo icon



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Example of colour variations





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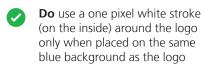
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# Examples, do's and don'ts:

Correct use of the logo

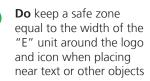
To strengthen the brand and its trademark, ECF and associated partners should **ensure consistent use** of the EuroVelo logo and icon across all media and touchpoints.

















**Do** keep a minimum height of 10 mm (38 pixels) to ensure visibility of the logo and icon for print and digital use





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# Examples, do's and don'ts:

Incorrect use of the logo

As the EuroVelo logo is a registered trademark, its general composition **cannot be altered** other than as described in this guide.

**ECF owns all the registered copyrights to EuroVelo.** Please contact
ECF if you spot any clear infringement
upon the existing trademark.







**Do not** alter the composition of the logo by detaching elements or using a different font























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# **Co-branding**

For cases where ECF has agreed to cobrand with external partners, it is important to uphold the integrity of the EuroVelo trademark when **jointly communicating and promoting** about the network with their own brands

The following defines the **appropriate co-brand use** across different media and applications:

- Alignments A and B show how to position, size and space the logos
- Preferable to use coloured versions of logos together (and not black/white)
- No visible separator lines appearing between the logos



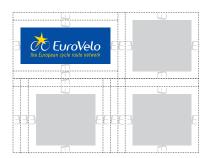
**Alignment A:** when pairing with typographic and/ or horizontal logos and ensure adequate spacing using the "E" unit from the EuroVelo logo





**B3** 





The European cycle radio nationals

**B2** 

**Alignment B:** when pairing with emblems and/or vertical logos and ensure adequate spacing using the "E" unit from the EuroVelo logo





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# **Co-branding**:

Selected examples

This page illustrates, through selected examples and good practices, how to cobrand with EuroVelo, the European cycle route network.



















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# **National logos and use**

National EuroVelo Coordination Centres, or NECCs for short, play a vital role in the development of the network. The national logos are an extension of the EuroVelo brand.

ECE recommends that all NECCs make use of the national logos when representing EuroVelo in their territories. These logos can be adopted as the **sole identity** or be used alongside any existing logo and branding.

Logo **variations** are provided for different use cases, such as websites, social media platforms, printed material, and email signatures amongst others.

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Logo variation with flag



Logo variation for compact use



Logo variation with country mention



Example on blue background



National EuroVelo Coordination Centre

Logo variation with NECC status mention





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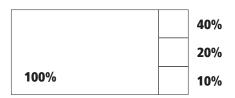
# **Colour system**

As an attractive cycling tourism product, EuroVelo has an expansive colour palette comprised of a set of **primary colours** (including black and white) and a set of **secondary colours** derived from each route.

Each colour has **four additional tones** based on the tint percentages levels.

Swatches and tones per colour are shown in the next two pages of this section.

Colour swatch and tones



Primary set of colours



Secondary set of colours





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# **Primary colours**

There are **eight primary brand colours** complemented by black and white to complete the set.

These colours are used for any general EuroVelo related materials.

CMYK **100 80 0 0** RGB **0 51 153** WEB **#003399** 

CMYK **100 80 0 40** RGB **0 34 101** WEB **#002265** 

CMYK **100 0 0 0** RGB **0 174 239** WEB **#00aeef** 

CMYK **0 45 100 0** RGB **249 157 28** WEB **#f99d1c**  CMYK **0 20 100 0** RGB **255 203 5** WEB **#ffcb05** 

CMYK **0 0 0 60** RGB **128 130 133** WEB **#808285** 

CMYK **0 60 100 0** RGB **114 191 68** WEB **#6fbe44** 

CMYK **0 85 85 0** RGB **240 78 55** WEB **#f04e37** 





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# **Secondary colours**

There are **17 secondary colours** for the brand which correspond to the colours of each route in the EuroVelo network.

These colours should be used for specific route and partnership materials. They are part of the individual route identity at the European level.

When creating national route identities, these colours can form part of the sub-brands. They should also be used in any co-branding or route projects.







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# **EuroVelo ribbon**

The ribbon is a design element composed of EuroVelo route colours (secondary brand colours) in sequence. It serves as a recognisable, often repeated, brand element that visually represents the network and each of its individual routes

It is easy to adapt and expand, and it should be used as an accent and/or additional graphic element for any EuroVelo digital and print materials.

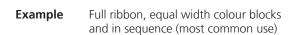
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Easily adaptable in composition and size of each colour block as long as it features all routes



EuroVelo 2 colour is expanded while the rest have the same width Example



Can be composed of two or more sequences next to each other as long as all the colour blocks are featured



Starts with EuroVelo 5 and loops back to EuroVelo 1 in sequence Example



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# EuroVelo ribbon:

Examples of use

You can find some examples of how the EuroVelo ribbon has been used in different types of materials promoting the network.



On the cover of the EuroVelo Overview Map (colours in sequence)



On the cover of the EuroVelo 19 flyer (two sequences and expanded colour block)



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# **Typography**

Official EuroVelo documents and communication materials use the **Frutiger** typeface family as primary fonts.

For certain digital (Office) documents and presentations, the widely available system typeface **Arial** is used.

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# **Typefaces**

The primary EuroVelo font family is **Frutiger**.

'45 Light' and '87 Extra Black Condensed' styles are most commonly used for both print and digital material.

See **FONT STYLES** for more information.

# Frutiger

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# **Typefaces**

The secondary EuroVelo font family is **Arial**.

This system font should be used:

- When the Frutiger font is not available
- When working in MS Office apps



Regular

ABCDEFGHI abcdefghi 0123456789

**Bold** 

ABCDEFGHI abcdefghi 0123456789





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# **Font styles**

The following styles should be used for headlines and **main titles**:

- Frutiger 87 Extra Black Condensed
- Arial Bold

The following styles should be used for **subtitles** or to bring emphasis to key words:

- Frutiger 67 Bold Condensed
- Frutiger 65 Bold
- Arial Bold

The following styles should be used for the majority of **body text** and footnotes:

- Frutiger 45 Light
- Arial Regular

# **Headline or** main title

# Subtitle SUBTITLE Section title

Hi, this is just a **sample body text** to show how different font styles should be used **to format and layout** EuroVelo print or digital materials

Footnotes are used to provide comments from the author or for citations and references to support the body text

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# **Imagery**

Images associated with the EuroVelo brand should mainly depict **cyclists**, but they can also focus on long-distance **cycling tourists** depending on the context.

The most common form of images are **maps**, **photos**, **illustrations** and **infographics**. All these images are also used to create social media visuals and cards.









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# Maps:

# Schematic diagrams

The **EuroVelo schematic diagram** is a vector map with a simplified overview of the route itineraries in Europe. It can not be altered unless authorised.

ECF must be informed about the use of the schematic diagram **in major publications** and press related works, and the following information must appear alongside its use:

- Title: EuroVelo, the European cycle route network\*
- A hyperlink to www.eurovelo.com
- A reference to the year of publication
- \* Please note that the word "EuroVelo" should not be altered to reflect national/regional languages or alphabets. The wording for "the European cycle route network" can be in the local language if desired.

The EuroVelo schematic diagram evolves over time depending on EuroVelo network changes. **Contact ECF to get the most recent version.** 



EuroVelo, the European cycle route network (2023)





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# Maps:

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Derived from the EuroVelo schematic diagram are two other vector maps:

- EuroVelo route schematic diagram
- EuroVelo country schematic diagram

Like the main diagram, these can not be altered unless authorised and ECF should be informed of their use in major publications and press related works.

The EuroVelo route/country schematic diagram evolves over time depending on EuroVelo network changes. **Contact ECF to get the most recent version.** 



EuroVelo 3 - Pilgrims Route (2023)

The following information **must appear** alongside its use:

- Title: [EuroVelo # Full name]\*
- A hyperlink to the route website
- A reference to the year of publication
- \* Please note that the word "EuroVelo" should not be altered. The route name can optionally be in the local language.



EuroVelo routes in Italy (2023)

The following information **must appear** alongside its use:

- Title: EuroVelo routes in [country]\*
- A hyperlink to the country page
- A reference to the year of publication
- \* Please note that the word "EuroVelo" should not be altered. The rest of the title can optionally be in the local language.



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# Maps:

# EuroVelo Overview Map

The printed **EuroVelo Overview Map** is a high-quality map (scale 1: 5,000,000) covering the entire European network and providing inspiration for people deciding where to explore next.

It is distributed across Europe:

- as a donation reward
- by NECCs for free and/or as a shop item
- at major conferences and other events (e.g. ITB, Eurobike, Velo-city, EuroVelo & Cycling Tourism Conference, etc.)

The map is updated every three years. To find out about advertising opportunities on the next edition of the map, please consult **EuroVelo Business Opportunities**.







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# **Photos**

Photos depicting **cycling** are the common form of EuroVelo imagery and can focus on **cycling tourism**, especially long-distance cycling tourists with panniers and bags. These photos are sourced from route development projects and, in rare cases, users and stock photo agencies.

# Their main characteristics are:

- Authentic, taken on EuroVelo routes with signs often visible
- Highlighing route theme, points of interest and landmarks
- Showing an active, adventurous and happy lifestyle



EuroVelo 1 - Atlantic Coast Route (Ireland)



EuroVelo 8 - Mediterranean Route (Croatia)



EuroVelo 19 - Meuse Cycle Route (France)



EuroVelo 15 - Rhine Cycle Route (The Netherlands)



EuroVelo 3 - Pilgrims Route (Belgium)



EuroVelo 14 - Waters of Central Europe (Austria)





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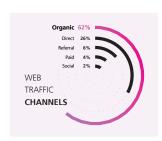
# Illustrations and infographics

Illustrations are used mostly in audio-visual materials, printed brochures, and for events and exhibitions. These assets are mainly created in-house and on occasion with a third-party agency or studio as part of a route project or partnership.

# Their main characteristics are:

- Original, to depict or break down certain concepts
- Summary of network and route statistics (stylised maps and/or graphs)
- Featuring EuroVelo colour system
- Mixed media, mostly flat design with subtle gradients









Route Development Status (2021)

3% Certified with ECS methodology

40%
Developed with EuroVelo signs

21% 25% Under

25% 11% Under At the planning stage 64% of the network is ready to cycle



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# **Social media**

The EuroVelo brand is actively promoted on prominent social media channels by ECF and its partners.

To enhance communications and strengthen the brand presence, visuals for posts, story cards and banners are created following the LAYOUT PRINCIPLES set out in this guide.









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# **Iconography**

In general, free icons from **FontAwesome** can be used to convey a meaning or represent a concept, idea, or action.

For specific cases, ECF creates **distinctive icons** in-house that are recognisable and serve as a visual shorthand across different EuroVelo print and digital media.





































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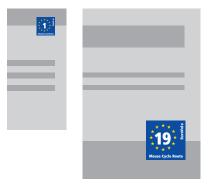
# **Route logos and signing**

Each EuroVelo route has a **unique number** and name associated with it.

The routes can be identified by their logos in **digital and print communications**. They are also used for **road signage**.

The route logos come in a standard version that is recommended by ECF. However, some variations are shown further in this section to fit other use cases and exceptions.







Example

Standard version of the route logo on print and digital materials

**Example**Standard version of the route logo on signs

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# **Standard route logo**

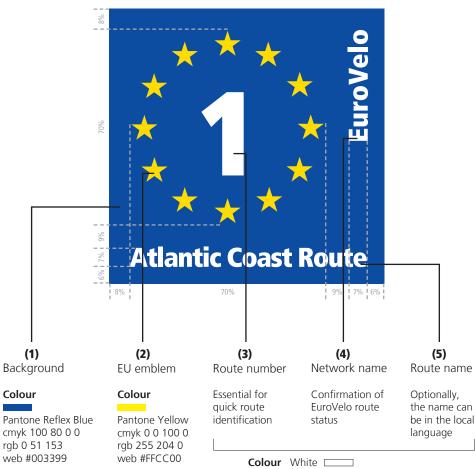
The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in cooperation with ECF has produced a recommendation for the signing of EuroVelo routes which is included in the Consolidated resolution on road signs and signals (R.E.2), accessible on www.unece. org. The mandatory elements comprise the blue background, EU emblem stars and route number.

ECF has created a **standard version of the route logo** by adding the network and route names to this recommendation.

The standard version of the logo, also referred to as the route information panel, should be used in a consistent manner to allow users to easily identify EuroVelo routes across different media. They are also a recognisable signing element widely used in a number of European countries.

Please consult the detailed EuroVelo Transnational Signing Manual for more information on how to use the route logo on road signs.

# **First priority:** Standard version



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# Other variations, signing and priority

Only the variations for the route logos included in this guide can be used for communications and signing.

In terms of priority, the following applies:

- Digital and print media: the priority should be based on ensuring the maximum visiblity for the route name.
- Signs: The standard version should be prioritised, however, other variations exist to meet any specific needs and legal requirements.

Please consult the detailed **EuroVelo Transnational Signing Manual** to find general principles for signing long-distance cycle routes and for incorporating EuroVelo logos on route signs in the same manner as other logo panels and according to national or regional standards.

Designs for new route signs that incorporate EuroVelo logos should be submitted to ECF and the corresponding National EuroVelo Coordination Centre for approval before they are installed on the ground. Existing templates can be provided on request.



**Second priority:**Without network name



Third priority: Without route and network name



**Second priority:** Without route name



Frame versions (for signing only): for combined usage. The three priorities are also applicable for the frame versions





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Slovenia



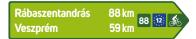
Netherlands



France



Hungary



Serbia



Poland



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Italy (Friuli-Venezia Giulia)



Greece



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# Route logos and co-branding

Partners can integrate the route logos to **jointly communicate and promote EuroVelo routes** with their own brands.

**Appropriate co-brand use** across different media and applications is defined by:

- Alignments A and B showing how to position, size and space the logos
- Use of coloured versions of the logos together and not black/white
- No visible dividers lines appearing between logos
- No vertical stacking of logos





**Alignment A:** when pairing with typographic and/or horizontal logos. ensure adequate spacing using two star units from the route logo





**Alignment B:** when pairing with emblems and/ or vertical logos and ensure adequate spacing using two star units from the route logo





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# Route logos and co-branding:

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This page illustrates, through selected examples and good practices, how to cobrand with EuroVelo routes.









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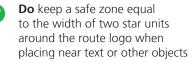
ECF and associated partners should ensure correct use of the EuroVelo route logos across all media and relevant touchpoints as outlined in this guide.















**Do** keep a minimum height of 15 mm (57 pixels) to ensure visibility of the route logo for print and digital use





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Incorrect use of the route logo

The composition of the EuroVelo route logos should not be altered other than as described in this guide.

For traffic signs, consult the **EuroVelo Transnational Signing Manual** for practical details on the infrastructure and signing aspects including the minimum requirements to place the route logos.











**Do not** alter the composition of the route logo by adding or detaching elements or by using a different font style

















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Logo variation without the network and route name (third priority)

#### How to ensure correct use?

Ensure the route name is visible next to it or discernible by looking at the supporting elements that compose the design or layout.

If the route name has good visibility, this variation can be placed differently in the design than shown in this guide.

Using this variation by itself, without a clear reference to the route, is not advisable as it can be confusing for audiences not familiar with the EuroVelo network.



# **EuroVelo 1**Atlantic Coast Route



Example on how to use the third priority variation - without network and route name (EuroVelo 1)



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# **Document styles and grid system**

Documents associated with the EuroVelo brand differ based on their usage and the type of medium.

Where applicable, for digital and printed materials, EuroVelo documents and templates use design grids of intersecting vertical and horizontal lines to structure page content and other graphic design elements. See summary table for grid system according to different document styles.

Type of document	Manual Report Guide	Flyer Booklet	Short report (Word)	Presentation (PowerPoint)	Poster
Medium	Print Digital	Print	Print Digital	Digital	Print
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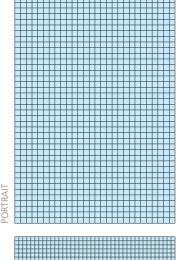
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The different types of EuroVelo documents start with a basic grid (see table on the previous page) and either a **full bleed** layout or a **75-25** layout defining the creative area (zone where to use design elements)

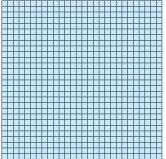
See next section on how to use EuroVelo brand elements together in such layouts.





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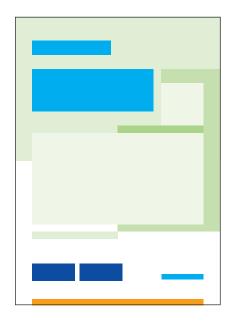
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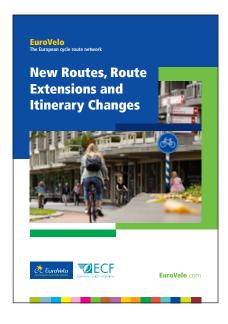
Official EuroVelo documents are published by ECF using the base layouts, guidelines and design elements.

ECF seeks to inspire the development of new publications in accordance with the use of EuroVelo brand elements shown in the guide.

#### A4 report (front cover)

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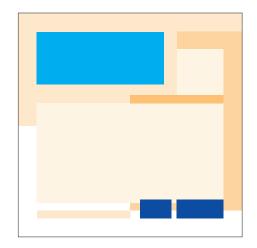
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For further design inspiration, examples and best practices, please consult the **Resources** page on our website for professionals at **www.pro.eurovelo.com** where you can download existing EuroVelo publications, guides and other materials.

#### Social media card (square)

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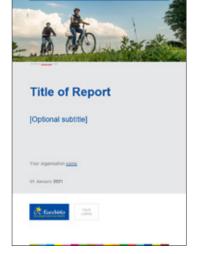
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## **Templates for use**

ECF has prepared a set of **ready-to-use templates** for different types of documents that can be used by project partners and NECCs, who can also consult with ECF for additional support.

Partners can also create their own designs by following the main brand guidelines and layout principles.









#### **BRAND KIT PATH**



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The EuroVelo Brand Kit is an online tool which includes design and marketing resources only made available to ECF partners.



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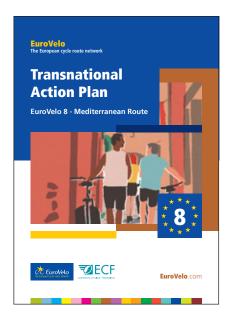
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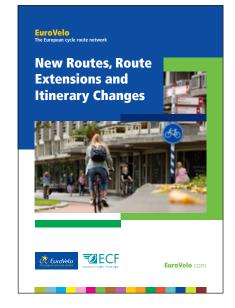
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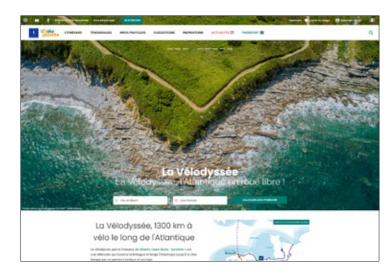
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National route logo (co-branding)



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