The recognition and financing of EuroVelo

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Purpose of this presentation:

1. Introduce EU Funding
2. Explain the current situation
3. Provide advice and suggestions for finding opportunities to fund EuroVelo and other cycling-related measures in your country.
How does EU funding work?

The annual EU budget is:

€142,640 billion

(2014 figure)
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EU Spending on Transport

- Cycling

- Other Transport Modes

The ECF is targeting 6 billion Euro for cycling between 2014-2020!
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Management modes in 2013

- EU Institutions
- Member States
- International partners and public bodies
Funds managed by the EU institutions
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Adopted TEN-T Wording:

“When implementing projects of common interest on the TEN-T, due consideration should be given to the particular circumstances of the individual project. Where possible, synergies with other policies should be exploited, for instance with tourism aspects by including on civil engineering structures such as bridges or tunnels bicycle infrastructure for long-distance cycling paths like the EuroVelo routes.”
Interested in applying for funding from the EU Institutions?
Funds managed at a national / regional level

EU funding in the Netherlands (2012)

- Administration
- Growth and jobs
- Regional policy
- Agriculture and rural development
- Citizenship, freedom, security and justice
Cohesion Policy
Funds managed at a national / regional level

Bilateral agreements between the EU and each member state. Defines how much money and from which funds, what it can be spent (generally) and the institutional structure (operational programs, authorities…)

Separate programmes for different regions/topics. The programmes set out the priorities for the coming period.

Usually bi annual. Define the actions which can be financed over the next two years (e.g., construction of a cycle path along regional roads.

- Partnership agreements
- Operational programme
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- Action Plans
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Partnership Agreements: State of play

Submitted:
Finland, Slovenia, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Luxembourg, Belgium, Croatia, United Kingdom, Croatia, Austria and Malta

Adopted:
Denmark, Romania, Germany, Poland, Greece, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Portugal, Czech Republic, Hungary, Netherlands, France, Bulgaria and Estonia
What are the funding priorities identified in your country?
What can be EU funded?

EU thematic objectives

1. Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises
2. Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management
3. Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency
4. Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures

Your priorities:
- Cycle infrastructure
- Signposting
- Campaigns
- Promotion and marketing
- Etc.

Potential funding
What do you want to spend the money on?

1. Be clear about what you want to achieve.
2. Identify partners.
3. Convince the relevant Managing Authority that it will fit with the priorities set out in their Operational Programmes.
How do you apply to get the money?

Call for proposals
• Will define:
  – the eligible activities,
  – beneficiaries,
  – co-financing rate,
  – administrative requirements etc.
• Specifications for the activities (reference to standards, guidelines etc.)
Health warnings!

• Other funding sources available
• You’ll need to contribute your own resources
• Be prepared for paper work
• Sustainability
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