

National EuroVelo Coordination Centres and Coordinators (NECC/CCs)

At a national level, the organisation, development and operation of the route is undertaken by National EuroVelo Coordination Centres and Coordinators (NECC/CC). The composition of these organisations varies but often includes government bodies, tourism organisations, relevant NGOs, public transport companies and service providers. The ECF is working to ensure that there is a Coordination Centre or Coordinator established in every country in Europe.

Their main tasks are:

- Route coordination - planning and lobbying for improvements as well as monitoring of route status
- Signing coordination - integrate EuroVelo route information panels in national standards
- Communication of EuroVelo at national level - nationwide integration of EuroVelo routes into information and promotion tools
- Reporting - annual documentation of the route progress, signing etc.

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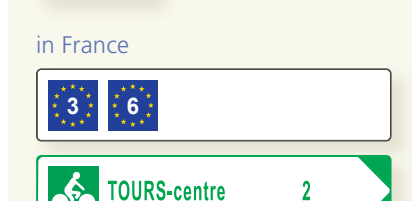
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Follow the EuroVelo signs



In more and more locations around the European cycle route network, official EuroVelo signage is being installed to make your journey even easier. Just look out for the distinctive EuroVelo signs (see examples above), which can be incorporated within national signage schemes in several different ways (see examples below). You can now follow the EuroVelo signs in parts of Austria, France, Hungary, Slovakia, Switzerland and the UK to name just some of the countries that have introduced them.

National signage Examples



EuroVelo

EuroVelo is the European cycle route network – a network of 15 long distance cycle routes that connect the whole continent. The network is developed and coordinated by the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) and when complete the network will total over 70,000 km (40,000 miles). The routes can be used by long-distance cycle tourists, as well as for local daily journeys.

Definitions
We are constantly working on developing the network but not all sections are ready just yet. We have therefore tried to show on the map the conditions that you are likely to experience when out and about. Five different categories have been used:

- **Certified EuroVelo route** – EuroVelo routes tested and certified according to the common methodology. The route conditions (infrastructure, signing, services, information etc.) fulfill the needs of European cyclists. The EuroVelo brand is integrated and visible (in signalisation and promotion materials).
 - **Developed route (with EuroVelo signs)** – sections over 50km where users can follow a developed route (see below) that is additionally signposted with EuroVelo signs.
 - **Developed route** – sections over 50 km where users can follow (at least) national signing and information is available on national or regional cycling / tourism websites, linked to EuroVelo.com.
 - **Route under development but usable** – sections over 50 km where it is possible to follow the route either by signing or detailed information, available on the internet on national or regional cycling / tourism websites (linked to EuroVelo.com). The route may contain some sections that need further development (e.g. stretches on highways with high levels of traffic).
 - **Route at the planning stage** – The route is not fully signed and detailed information is not fully available on the internet (linked to EuroVelo.com). The proposed itinerary is a proposal for the best possible option currently available and the route may contain dangerous sections.
- Of course, our network of National EuroVelo Coordination Centres and Coordinators are working on improvements all the time, so you may now find that signage has been installed along certain sections. Information is available online – keep checking www.EuroVelo.com for the latest situation along each route.



Sustainable Tourism

Bike and Train

One of the many benefits of cycle tourism is that it typically has very little impact on the environment. What impact it does have can be reduced even further if you travel to and from your cycle trip by public transport.
Taking your bike to your destination by train is the ideal combination for environmentally friendly mobility in both short- and long-distance traffic. Most locations in Europe are accessible by train and by booking in advance you may be able to find some cheaper fares. Many trains are now equipped with special bicycle areas but not all, so it is best to check with the rail operator in each country before your journey. See also if you need to make reservation.
The ECF and its members continue to work on increasing the opportunities for bicycle carriage on Europe's trains.

Route	1 EuroVelo 1 Atlantic Coast Route
Length	9,110 km 5,661 miles
Start/End point	North Cape, Norway
End/Start point	Caminha, Portugal
Countries passed through	Norway, UK, Republic of Ireland, France, Spain and Portugal
Website	www.eurovelo.com

Following Europe's western border, the Atlantic Coast Route combines such contrasting landscapes as the majestic fjords of Norway, the wild Irish coastline and the sun-kissed beaches of Portugal. Cycling this route will not only be impressed by dramatic landscapes but you will be seduced by bustling port cities and cosy

WILD ATLANTIC

fishing villages and also enjoy the best seafood each country has to offer. EuroVelo 1 does not just stick to the coastline either – there are equally exciting sections through the Scottish Highlands, across the Breton Peninsula and along the ancient Via de La Plata route in Spain.



Route	2 EuroVelo 2 Capitals Route
Length	5,500 km 3,417 miles
Start/End point	Galway, Republic of Ireland
End/Start point	Moscow, Russia
Countries passed through	Republic of Ireland, UK, The Netherlands, Germany, Poland, Belarus and Russia
Website	www.eurovelo.com

Dublin, London, Berlin, Warsaw, Minsk and Moscow: six compelling but different cities that are united by the Capitals Route. Each offers first class dining, nightlife and cultural attractions and are best explored by bike. The route is bookended by Galway, with its atmospheric pubs, and the dramatic Red Square in Moscow. Away

CAPITAL CITIES

from the cities the route has much else to offer too, including the untouched Białowieża Forest between Poland and Belarus; the stunning Sanssouci Park in Potsdam, Germany; and the rugged Snowdonia National Park in the UK.



Route	3 EuroVelo 3 Pilgrims Route
Length	5,122 km 3,183 miles
Start/End point	Trondheim, Norway
End/Start point	Santiago de Compostela, Spain
Countries passed through	Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, France and Spain
Website	www.eurovelo.com

Looking for a bit of culture on your next cycle trip but still want to experience some of Europe's best nightlife? EuroVelo 3 might be the answer. The route will give you a taste of some of Europe's famous pilgrims routes such as St. Olav's Way in Norway; the Oxen Trail in Denmark; and, perhaps most famously, the St. James's Way in Spain. Along the way you will be able to discover some of its most impressive religious buildings, including the stunning cathedrals of Trondheim, Cologne and Santiago de Compostela. Linking these sites you will pass through many exciting cities like Gothenburg, Hamburg, Liège and Paris, which are famous for their lively restaurants, bars and clubs.

CULTURE AND PARTIES

And when you finish it, we'll send your bike back home to you from Santiago de Compostela.



Route	4 EuroVelo 4 Central Europe Route
Length	4,000 km 2,485 miles
Start/End point	Roscoff, France
End/Start point	Kiev, Ukraine
Countries passed through	France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Czechia, Poland and Ukraine
Website	www.eurovelo.com

Europe is the world's second most densely populated continent and cycling across it from west to east (or visa versa) will give you a fascinating insight into the people that make up this diverse continent. The route passes through cities that should be on everyone's bucket list: Cologne, Prague, Kraków and Lviv. Waiting for you are atmospheric old towns, outstanding architecture and history

EAST TO WEST

lessons a plenty. But you can still get away from the crowds on this route too, by cycling France's rugged northern coastline; visiting the forests, castles and vineyards of Franconia in Germany; or taking in the typically Dutch landscapes of towering dykes and open polders in Zeeland. EuroVelo 4 is so diverse that you won't know where to begin.

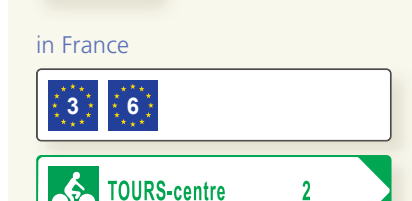


Route	5 EuroVelo 5 Via Romea Francigena
Length	3,900 km 2,432 miles
Start/End point	London, UK
End/Start point	Rome or Brindisi, Italy
Countries passed through	UK, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Italy
Website	www.eurovelo.com

Over a thousand years ago, Sigeric the Serious, Archbishop of Canterbury, travelled all the way to Rome to receive his symbols from the Pope. Now you can follow in his footsteps by taking our version of his route, EuroVelo 5. After starting in the vibrant city of London you can easily make the short trip to Sigeric's original starting

BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

point at the glorious Canterbury Cathedral in Kent. On the other side of the Channel you pass through the political nerve centres of the EU and the breath-taking St. Gotthard Pass (alt. 2,106 m) on the road to the Eternal City.



Route	11 EuroVelo 11 East Europe Route
Length	5,984 km 3,718 miles
Start/End point	North Cape, Norway
End/Start point	Athens, Greece
Countries passed through	Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, FYRO Macedonia, Greece
Website	www.eurovelo.com

This route of contrasts stretches from the north-east tip of Norway all the way down to sunny Greece. Along the way EuroVelo 11 will lead you through six extremely different capital cities; hip Helsinki, charming Vilnius, the 'Phoenix City' of Warsaw, the 'White City' of Belgrade, exciting Skopje and last but not least enchanting Athens.

BEST OF THE EAST

One of the appealing aspects of this route is that it also gives you an opportunity to discover fascinating parts of Europe that are not so well known (yet!), such as the Tokai wine-growing region of Hungary, the Finnish Lakeland or Poland's Tatra Mountains. Give it a go and discover a favourite new destination!



Route	12 EuroVelo 12 North Sea Cycle Route
Length	5,932 km 3,686 miles
Also called	North Circuit
End/Start point	Wherever you like!
Countries passed through	Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and UK
Website	www.eurovelo.com

The North Sea Cycle Route will surprise you with its diversity: from land located below sea level (the Netherlands) to cliffs over 1,000m in height (Norway). Sample wave dunes in Scotland, pedal past millennial port cities such as Gothenburg or Hamburg and tuck into some moules frites overlooking the inviting beaches of

CYCLE, FERRY, CYCLE

the Flanders Coast in Belgium. Expect to be pleasantly surprised along this popular cycle tourist track. And don't forget to check the ferry timetables!



Route	13 EuroVelo 13 Iron Curtain Trail
Length	10,400 km 6,462 miles
Start/End point	Grønse-Jakobselv, Norway
End/Start point	Rezovo, Bulgaria
Countries passed through	Norway, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany, Czechia, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, FYRO Macedonia, Greece and Turkey
Website	www.eurovelo13.com

For almost half a century, Europe was forcibly divided into East and West. EuroVelo 13 retraces this 'Iron Curtain', a border stretching from the Barents Sea to the Black Sea. Following this route is a living history lesson and also provides a welcome reminder of the peace and reconciliation that have followed the fall of the

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

'Curtain'. As the longest EuroVelo route, the Iron Curtain Trail has something to offer every type of cycle tourist, from the vineyards in southern Czechia and northern Austria to the mountainous border of Bulgaria, Greece and the northwest region of Turkey; and from the bustling ports of the Baltic States to the beauty of Lapland.



Route	15 EuroVelo 15 Rhine Route
Length	1,233 km 766 miles
Start/End point	Andermatt, Switzerland
End/Start point	Hoek van Holland, Netherlands
Countries passed through	Switzerland, Germany, France and The Netherlands
Website	www.rhinecycleroute.eu

The Rhine Route follows one of the largest rivers in Europe. From the Swiss Alps to the North Sea, this route shows off the beauty of this river landscape and the picturesque towns and villages that line its banks, a number of which are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. As the first certified EuroVelo route, EuroVelo 15 is open to cyclists of all capabilities and there is plenty to see along the way including Lake Constance and the continent's largest waterfall (the Rhine Falls) and port (Rotterdam).

FIRST CERTIFIED!

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Route	17 EuroVelo 17 Rhône Route
Length	1,115 km 693 miles
Start/End point	Andermatt, Switzerland
End/Start point	Port-Saint-Louis du Rhône or Sète, France
Countries passed through	Switzerland and France
Website	www.eurovelo.com

The charming alpine village of Andermatt in Switzerland is not only the starting point of EuroVelo 15 but also marks the beginning of the latest edition to the network, EuroVelo 17 - Rhône Cycle Route. Following the course of the Rhône river, the route ends over a

EDELWEISS AND LAVENDER

thousand kilometres later on the beautiful Mediterranean coast of France. Connecting the Alps, Lake Geneva, the lavender fields of Provence and the wild white horses of the Camargue, the shortest EuroVelo route packs in a surprising amount of different cultures, landscapes and experiences.



Cycle routes to explore – 70 000 km and more!

Euro Velo is a project of the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) to develop a network of high-quality cycling routes connecting and uniting the whole European continent. The routes can be used by long-distance cycle tourists, as well as by local people making daily journeys. EuroVelo currently comprises of 15 routes and it is envisaged that the network will be substantially complete by 2020.



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