



GREENWAYS PRODUCT – The portuguese context

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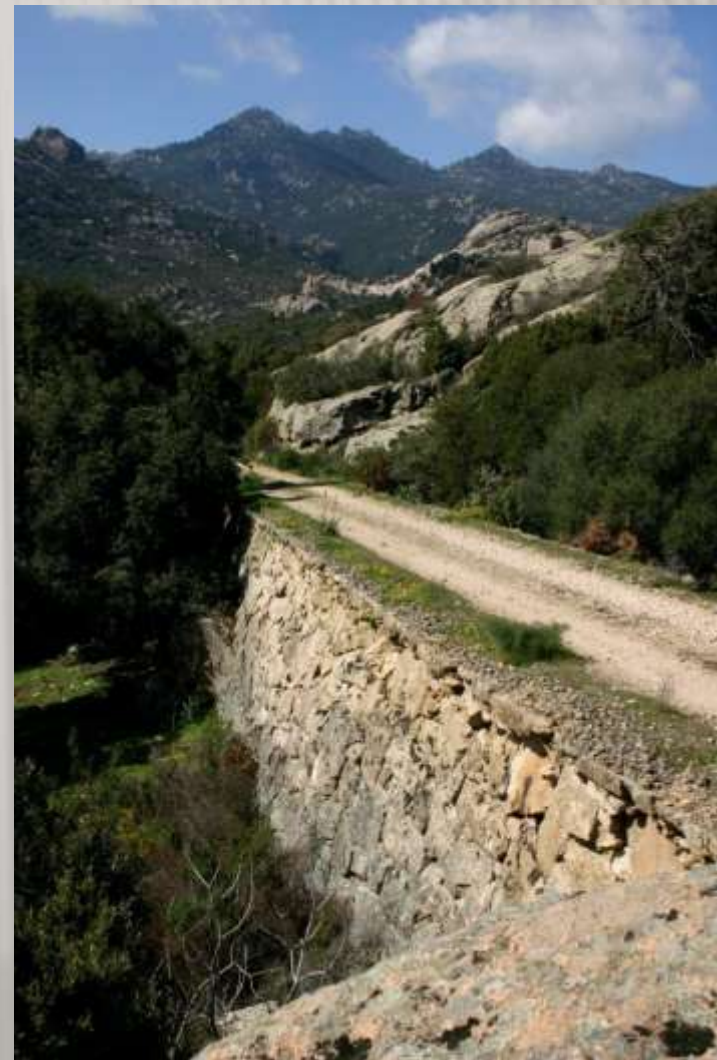


Greenways– Ecological Functions

Although the definitions are still not very clear, the concept of linearity and connectivity is common to all, as well as the following functions:

Ecological Functions

- Protects natural areas, supporting plant and bird communities and promoting biodiversity
- The corridor vegetation works as a filter, providing better air and water quality, and water and energy transport regulation
- Allows the contact between different habitats and genetic interchanges
- At a large scale, it can help communities to adapt to climate changes



Greenways– Social Functions

Greenways area also important structures regarding social and generational integration ;

Social Functions

- Promotes a strong sense of communitary multicultura space, connecting different territories , with different natural, historic and cultural heritages
- Allows the protection of patrimonial cultural, scenic and landscape resources
- Increases the connection of people to the surroundig landscape, also creating oportunities for recreation and urban mobility in cities and its peripheries
- Increases the social and physical well being preventing cardiac deseases



Greenways– Economical Functions

From the economical point of view, there are studies and indicators in Europe that demonstrate the importance of greenways to the regional economies, mostly in depressed areas.

Economical Functions

- Diversifies the touristic offer of the territory, creating options to the so called Sun and Beach tourism turning the offer to the Cultural and landscape touring and to nature tourism.
- It allows the creation and development of micro-companies within the cycle tourism industry in depressed regions of the country.
- It allows to reduce the forest fires costs once the help to control fires in remote areas of the country.
- It helps saving money to the national health systems since they prevent cardiac arrests and other diseases.



Greenways – The Portuguese National Network

Today there is a set of greenways that are starting to settle in the territory due to the effort of the REFER, municipalities, CIM's and other regional governments, that have invested in the construction, maintenance and promotion of these infrastructures.

• EcoTrails

- **REFER created a National EcoTrail Plan in 2001**, with a view to redeveloping and reusing the railway lines and corridors that were not in use in some parts of Northern and Central Portugal and in the Alentejo region.
- The plan was implemented on the basis of contractual agreements with the municipalities through which these deactivated lines and trails pass. REFER conducted preliminary studies for landscaping projects, which subsequently served as the basis for the projects that developed each of the ecotrails.
- This entire experiment included the creation and registration of a National and European Brand (ECOPISTAS). Moreover, REFER also became a member of the **European Greenways Association (EGWA)**



• Ecotrails in use -December 2009

- Rio Minho EcoTrail
- Famalicão Branch Line EcoTrail
- Guimarães -Fafe EcoTrail
- Corgo EcoTrail
- Sabor EcoTrail
- Vouga EcoTrail
- Dão EcoTrail
- Mora EcoTrail
- Montado – Montemor-o-Novo EcoTrail
 - Since last November 2009, INVESFER had the management responsibility for the ECOTRAILS NATIONAL PLAN





Plano Nacional de Ecopistas



Região Norte

- Valença - Marvão**
aproximadamente 100 km
- Pinheiro do Marão - Fátima**
aproximadamente 100 km
- Castro Verde - Fátima**
aproximadamente 100 km
- Alentejo - Beja**
aproximadamente 100 km
- Alentejo - Évora**
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Região Centro

- Santarém - Santa Comba Dão**
aproximadamente 100 km

Região Sul

- Alentejo - Beja**
aproximadamente 100 km
- Alentejo - Évora**
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MONTEMOR-DA-RAIA

Greeways – The Portuguese National Network

➤ **The number of residents in 49 Municipalities (large majority Rural) reach more than a Milion and half people;**

<input type="checkbox"/> Total kms elegibles for the Plan	- 748 kms
<input type="checkbox"/> Number of kms with contracts	- 449 kms (60%)
<input type="checkbox"/> Number of kms with preliminary studies for landscaping projects :	- 580 kms (78%)
<input type="checkbox"/> kms in use as Ecotrail (9 Municipalities in 49 – 18 %)	- 129 kms (17%)

Until the end of the year 2013 212 km

Greenways – Touristic Internet Portals

With the recent expansion of cycle-tourism in Portugal and the increasing demand for the use of greenways led to the construction of private websites providing information regarding greenways, and selling services

What started as home made web-site just with basic information about the greenways is now becoming a business selling touristic guides, renting bikes and supporting other recreational activities.



ECOVIAS DE PORTUGAL

Greenways – Touristic Internet Portals

" ... se andar depressa demais vai perder tudo aquilo que o fez viajar ", Bantam

fim-de-semana - Alenquer

Alenquer - zona saloia

sugerimos umas pedaladas por um concelho de tradições vincadamente ligadas à produção agrícola e que ainda hoje alimenta o corpo e a alma das gentes da capital.



roteiros turísticos

longa distância

Lisboa - Badajoz

Lisboa - Porto

Lisboa - Sagres

Aveiro - Guarda

fim-de-semana

Guarda

Alijó

b.t.t.

Alenquer

Palmela

Zona Saloia

Agualar da Beira

outras redes

rede suiça de Ecovias

rede alemã de Ecovias

Greenways – Touristic Internet Portals



The screenshot shows the website www.ciclovias.pt in a browser window. The page features a green header with a bicycle icon and the text "CICLOVIA". To the right, a large green box displays the number "1.633,172" and text indicating the total kilometers of greenways. Below this is a navigation menu with buttons for "Início", "Downloads", "Fotogalerias", "Contactos", and "Sobre". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "CICLOVIAS, ECOVIAS e ECOPISTAS", contains a tree view of greenways categorized by region (NORTE) and then by specific locations (Viana do Castelo). The right column contains sections for "Patrocínio" with a "Doar" button, "Próximas Ciclovias online:" listing "Ciclovias de Chaves", "Últimas Ciclovias adicionadas:" listing several greenways with their dates, and "Actualizações/Notícias:".

www.ciclovias.pt

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1.633,172
o número total de quilómetros em (240) Ciclovias, Ecovias, Ecovistas e Percursos Cicloturísticos neste sítio, hoje:
Quarta-feira, 08 de Maio de 2013
Dia Mundial da Cruz Vermelha e do Crescente Vermelho

Início Downloads Fotogalerias Contactos Sobre

CICLOVIAS, ECOVIAS e ECOPISTAS

Abrir todos | Fechar todos

CICLOVIAS de PORTUGAL

- NORTE
 - Viana do Castelo
 - Ciclovias de Caminha
 - Ciclovias de Monção
 - Ciclovias de Ponte da Barca
 - Ciclovias de Ponte de Lima
 - Ecovia do Rio Lima
 - Ecopista do Rio Minho
 - Ciclovias de Viana do Castelo

Patrocínio

Doar

Próximas Ciclovias online:

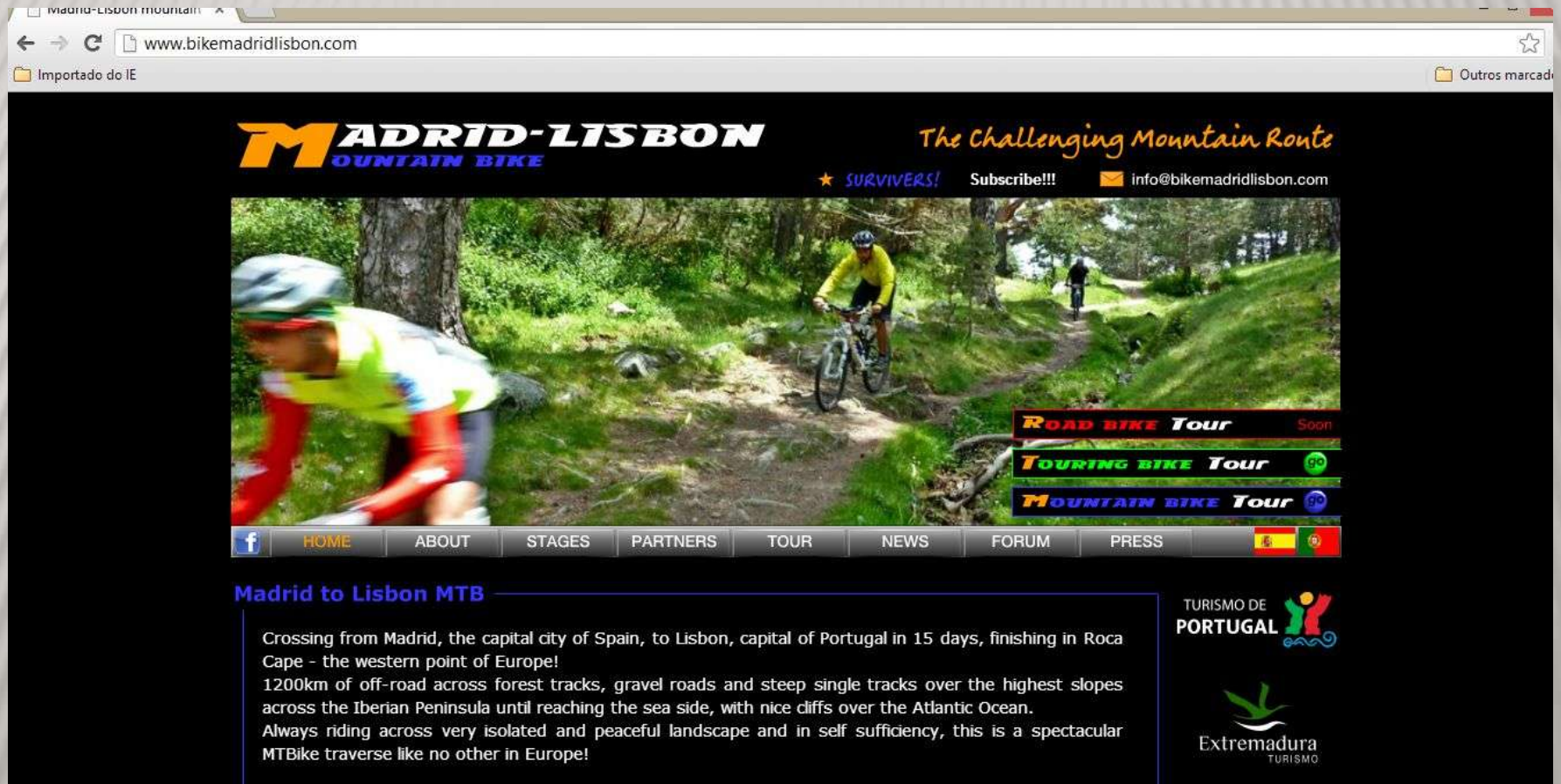
Ciclovias de Chaves

Últimas Ciclovias adicionadas:

- Ciclovias de Óbidos: 03/Mai-19h52
- Ciclovias de Lagoa: 01/Abr-20h06
- Ecovia da Vala de Alpiarça: 19/Mar-19h56

Actualizações/Notícias:

Greenways – Touristic Internet Portals



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website www.bikemadridlisbon.com. The page features a large banner image of mountain bikers on a forest trail. The main heading is "MADRID-LISBON MOUNTAIN BIKE" with the tagline "The Challenging Mountain Route". Navigation links include HOME, ABOUT, STAGES, PARTNERS, TOUR, NEWS, FORUM, and PRESS. A sidebar on the right lists "ROAD BIKE Tour", "TOURING BIKE Tour", and "MOUNTAIN BIKE Tour". A text box on the left provides details about the 15-day MTB route from Madrid to Lisbon.

MADRID-LISBON
MOUNTAIN BIKE

The Challenging Mountain Route

★ SURVIVERS! Subscribe!!! info@bikemadridlisbon.com

ROAD BIKE Tour Soon

TOURING BIKE Tour 90

MOUNTAIN BIKE Tour 90

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Madrid to Lisbon MTB

Crossing from Madrid, the capital city of Spain, to Lisbon, capital of Portugal in 15 days, finishing in Roca Cape - the western point of Europe!

1200km of off-road across forest tracks, gravel roads and steep single tracks over the highest slopes across the Iberian Peninsula until reaching the sea side, with nice cliffs over the Atlantic Ocean.

Always riding across very isolated and peaceful landscape and in self sufficiency, this is a spectacular MTBike traverse like no other in Europe!

TURISMO DE PORTUGAL

Extremadura TURISMO

Greenways – Nature tourism services



Greenways – Accommodation that uses de Ecopistas



Pousada de Arraiolos, Ecopista de Évora

Greenways - Accommodation



Estalagem Rainha D. Leonor, Cabeço de Vide

Greenways - Accommodation



Trainspot - Marvão

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