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Greenways are communication **routes** reserved exclusively for **non-motorised journeys**, *developed in an integrated manner* which enhances both the environment and quality of life of the surrounding area.

These routes should meet **satisfactory standards** of width, gradient, and surface condition to ensure that they are both **user-friendly and low -risk for users of all abilities**.

In this respect, **canal towpaths** and **disused railway lines** are a highly suitable resource for the development of greenways.

Lille Declaration, 12 September 2000

Old infrastructures recovered for a new use:

- abandoned railways
- canal towpaths
- disused military roads
- other non-motorized paths



Daily mobility ...

... Active tourism, healthy leisure,
sport and exercise for everyone ...

... Both in urban and
rural areas



Old infrastructures New uses

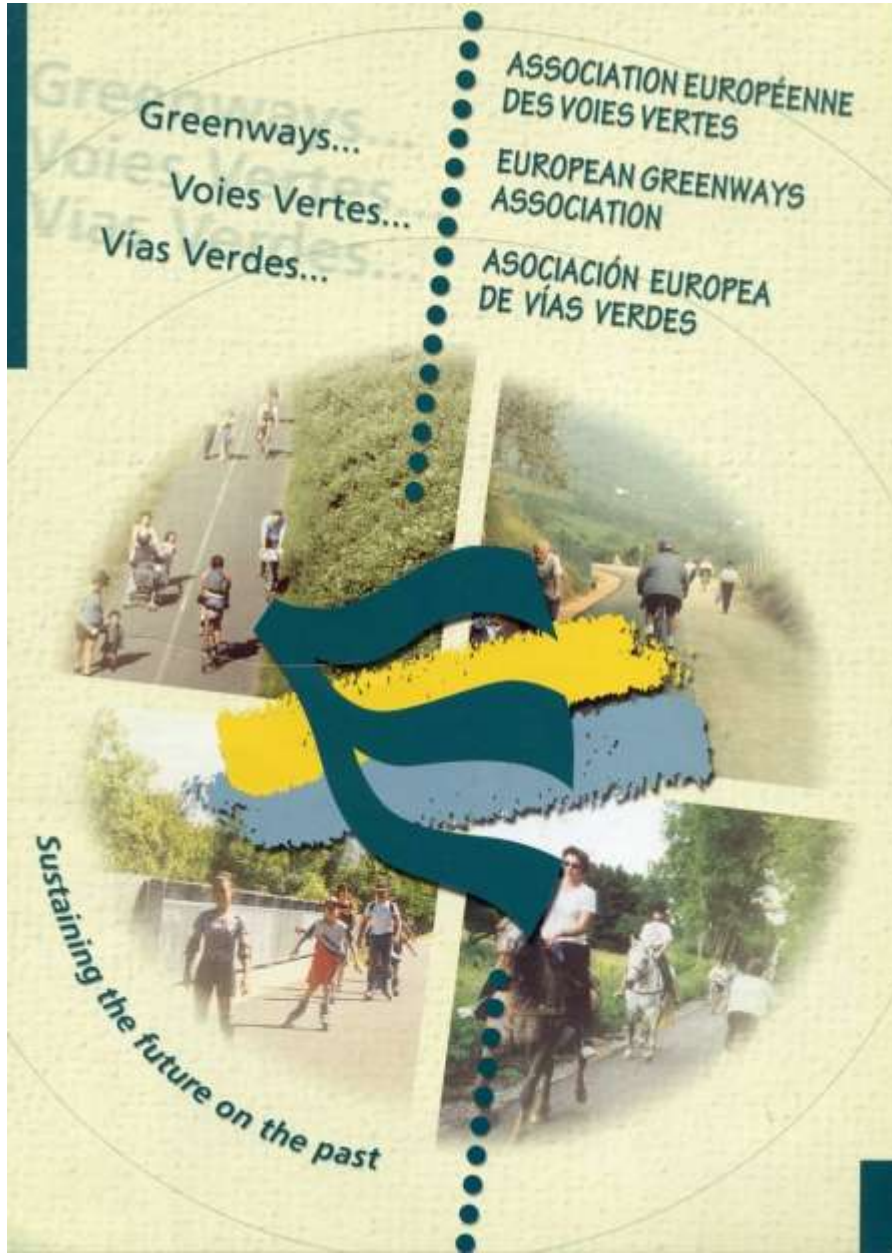
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Full members

AUSTRIA (1): Future Base Weinviertel (FBW).

BELGIUM (8): Chemins du Rail (CDR); Institut Bruxellois Gestion Environnement (IBGE); Regierung der Deutschsprachigen Gemeinschaft; Région Wallonne - D.G. Opér. Routes Et Bâtiments; - D.G. Opér. Mobilité et Voies Hydrauliques; - D.G. Opér. Aménagement du Territoire, du Logement, du Patrimoine et de L'énergie; Province Antwerpen; Ville de Charleroi.

CZECH REPUBLIC (1): Environmental Partnership for Sustainable Development (EPSD).

DENMARK (1): Danish Cycling Tourism.

FRANCE (6): Association des Départements et Régions Cyclables (DRC) ; Association Française de Développement des Véloroutes et Voies Vertes (AF3V); Association Française pour le Développement et la Promotion de l'Avenue Verte London-Paris; Club des Villes Cyclables ; Ministère de L'écologie, du Développement Durable, des Transports et du Logement (MEDDTL); Eco-compteur.

GERMANY (1): Romantischer Rhein Tourismus GmbH.

HUNGARY (1): Greenways Methodology Association (GMA)

IRELAND (3): Great Western Greenway; Great Southern Trail; Heritage Council of Ireland.

ITALY (2): Associazione Italiana Greenways (AIG); GAL Polesine Delta Po.

LATVIA (1): Vidzeme Tourism Association.

LUXEMBOURG (1): Ministère du Tourisme.

NORWAY (1): Rogaland County Council.

POLAND (1): Greenways Poland Association.

PORTUGAL (7): Associação Portuguesa de Corredores Verdes; Câmara Municipal de Montemor-o-Novo; Comunidade Intermunicipal da Região Dão Lafões; Comunidade Intermunicipal Do Minho-lima (CIM-alto Minho); Municipio de Monção; Rede Ferroviaria Nacional (REFER); Câmara municipal de Valença.

ROMANIA (1): Association for the Development of Social & Wellness Tourism.

SPAIN (11): Basquetour - Agencia Vasca de Turismo; Consell Comarcal de La Terra Alta; Consorci Vies Verdes de Girona; Consorcio Turistico Plazaola; Consorcio Turístico Vía Verde del Noroeste; Consorcio Via Verde del Tarazonica; Diputación Foral de Alava; Diputacion Provincial de Jaen; Fundacion Ferrocarriles Españoles (FFE); Fundacion Via Verde de la Sierra; Mancomunidad Vía Verde de la Jara.

SERBIA (1): Yugo Cycling Campaign.

UNITED KINGDOM (1): SUSTRANS.

Honorary members

BELGIUM (1): SNCB-Holding.

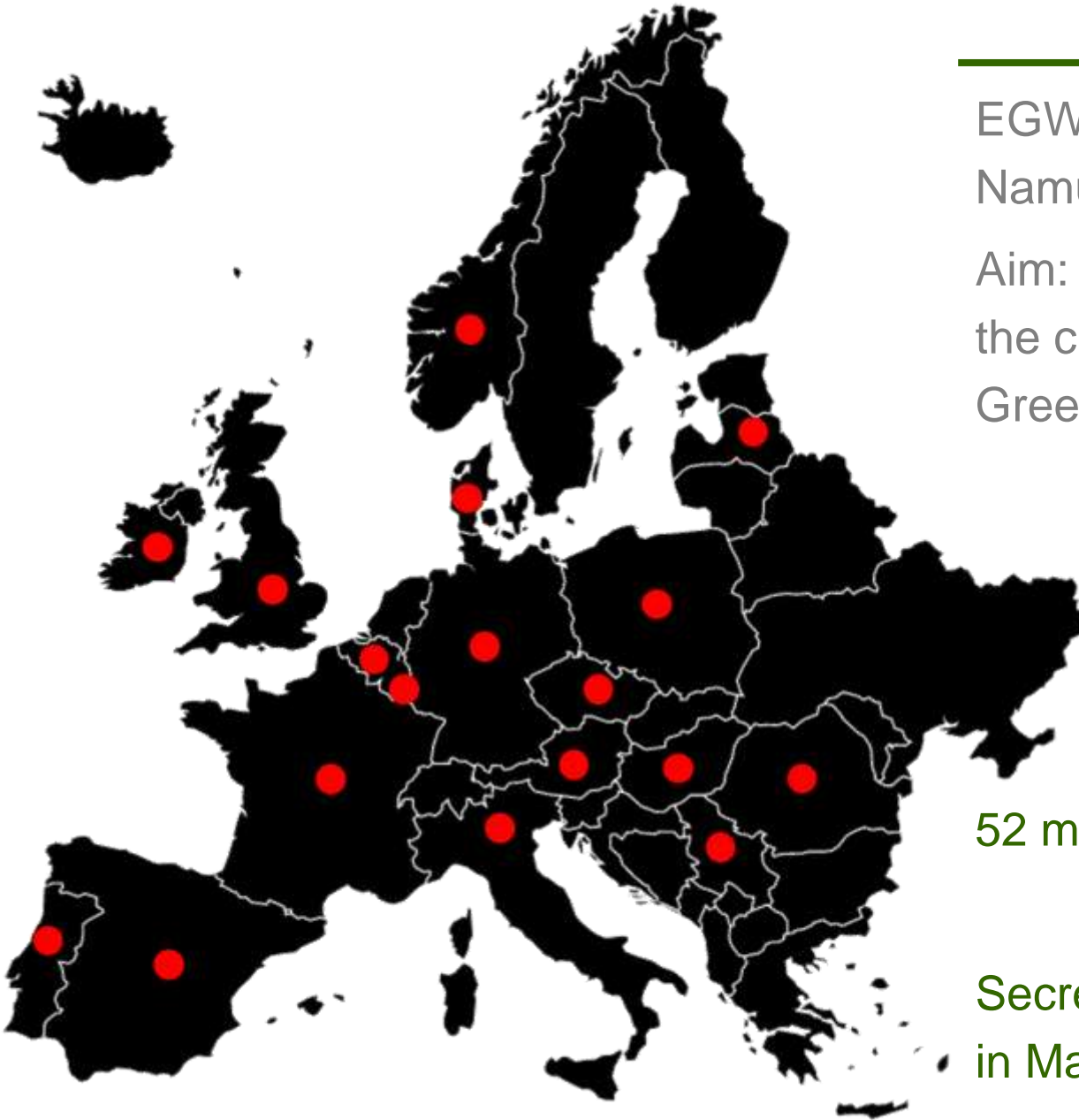
SPAIN (2): Administrador De Infraestructuras Ferroviarias (ADIF); Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Medio Rural y Marino.

USA (1): Rails to Trails Conservancy (RTC).

EGWA MEMBERS

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52 members from 18 countries

Secretariat and executive seat in Madrid (Spain).

Greenways Promotion

- European Greenways Award
- Conferences
- European Greenways Observatory
- European Greenways Day, within the European Mobility Week
- Best Practices Guide,
- European projects (REVER, Naviki, Greenways4Tour, Greenways Product, Greenways Outdoor, Greenways4ALL)
- Information exchange, initiatives diffusion, networking, cooperation, advise, lobbying, (...)

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Wicklow County Council and the National Transport Authority are joint promoters of a Recreational Amenity Trail along a former railway line (greenway) from Arklow to Woodenbridge to Shillelagh.

The project is at the feasibility stage and will go to full public consultation on the 29th October.



European Greenways Award

2003. 1st EGA was handed by Environmental Commissioner Margot Wallström in Brussels

2015. 7th EGA was handed by the Wallon Minister in Namur (Belgium)





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