





"European Greenways an asset for sustainable tourism".



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- ✓ Greenways and asset for sustainable tour and cycle tourism
 - ✓ Developing tourism product around greenways Greenways tourism related (recent) projects
 - √ Greenways in Europe



Greenways: an asset for sustainable tourism

Gradients less than 3 %, rectilinear tracks, wide curves.

Exceptional and respectful access to nature, due to the use of preexisting infrastructures integrated into the landscape allowing movement around the countryside, offering enjoyment of the culture and

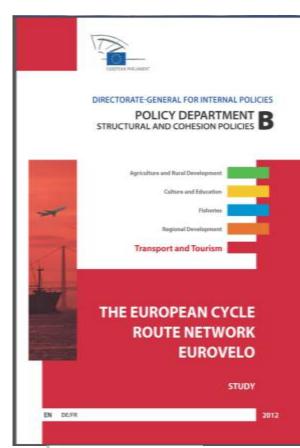


Greenways: great infrastructure for cycle tourism



Cycle tourism in Europe

- Cycle tourism not recorded in (European) statistics
- Market generally seen to be increasing
- Growth of cycle tourism uneven across Europe
- 2,300 million cycle day trips per year
- 20 million cycle holiday trips per year
- €44 billion of gross revenues per year





<u>Updated september 2012</u>

Available: www.europarl.europa.eu/studies

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"Greenways4tour"

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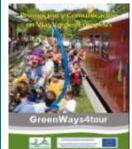
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- Video,
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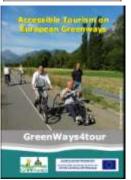






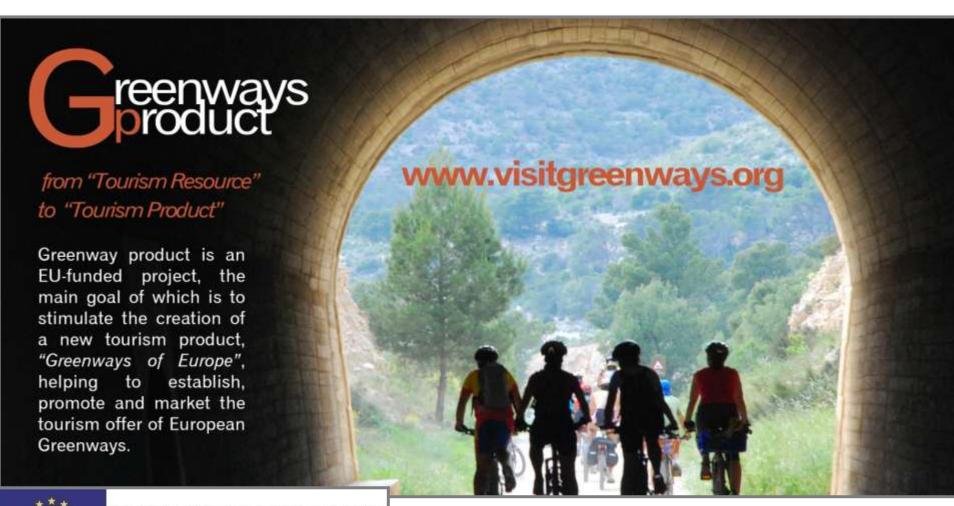






Greenways Product

From "Tourism Resource" to Tourism Product"



Greenways Product





SPECIFIC METHODOLOGY FOR CREATING A TOURISM
PRODUCT BASED ON GREENWAYS



Specific methodology to create a Greenways-based tourism product

Addressed to public managers of the Greenways, local tourism resources and private enterprises that provide services to the users of the greenways.

ENGLISH:

Download it and use it as much as possible!

http://www.viasverdes.com/greenwaysproduct/pdf/Methodology-for-Creating-Tourism-Product-based-on-Greenways.pdf



Greenways Outdoor

promoting greenways to create and market appealing tourism products



The objective of
"Greenways Outdoor"
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Co-funded by the COSME programme of the European Union

The project is about the creation and transnational promotion of an outdoor tourism product linked to European greenways, and on the **improvement** of the capacity building of SMEs located in their vicinity, so that they can tailor their services to the demands of customers and so become more competitive.

Greenways Outdoor - ACTIONS AND EVENTS:

Diversify Tourism Offer:

- ✓ European catalogues of tourism products based on Greenways, and professional services;
- ✓ Meetings with companies and public-private stakeholders;.
- √ Web tutorials;

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√ Fam/Press trips; ✓ WSporting events & marathons guide

Better Information & Marketing:

- ✓ Join participation in trade fairs;
- ✓ Workshop, technical visit and fam/press trip;
- ✓ **Top ten tips** for the marketing and communication;
- ✓ Reverse visit and workshops on greenways.

Communication:

Promotion &

- ✓ Workshops and conferences;
- √ Awards and campaigns ✓ best outdoor
 - tourist product; ✓ European photo competition;
- ✓ New website, traveloriented:
- ✓ Social media.

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GreenWays4ALL

The project "Greenways4ALL", aims to move forward towards the creation of accessible tourism products linked to greenways.





#Greenways4ALL

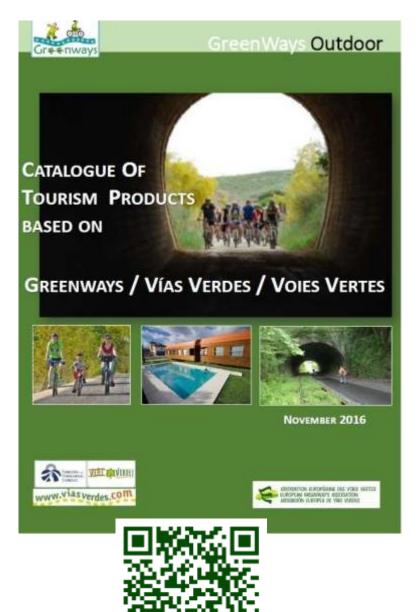
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www.greenways4ALL.org

With this project, whose full name is "Accessible Tourism on European Greenways:
Greenways For All", we aim to move forward towards a product which leverages the accessibility value chain, moving from an accessible route to an accessible trip or experience.

Accessibility will therefore be the element common to all the resources making up the tourism product: travel the greenway, eat at local restaurants, stay in the immediate vicinity of the greenway, visit museums, or do some shopping, among other options.







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- 13700 cycle routes

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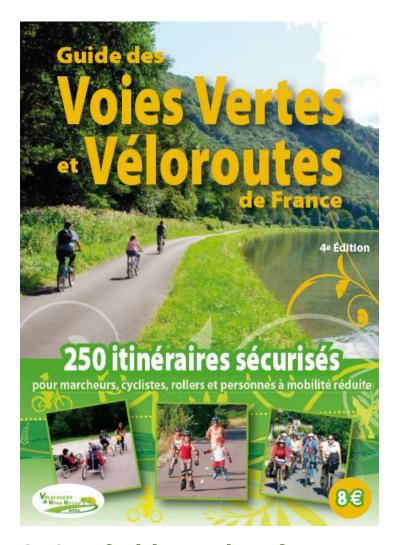
- 3300 Km en 2010
- 6600 km en 2016

Source : Départaments & Régions cyclables de France





France



250 safe itineraries for pedestrian, cyclists, skaters and for people with reduced mobility



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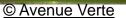
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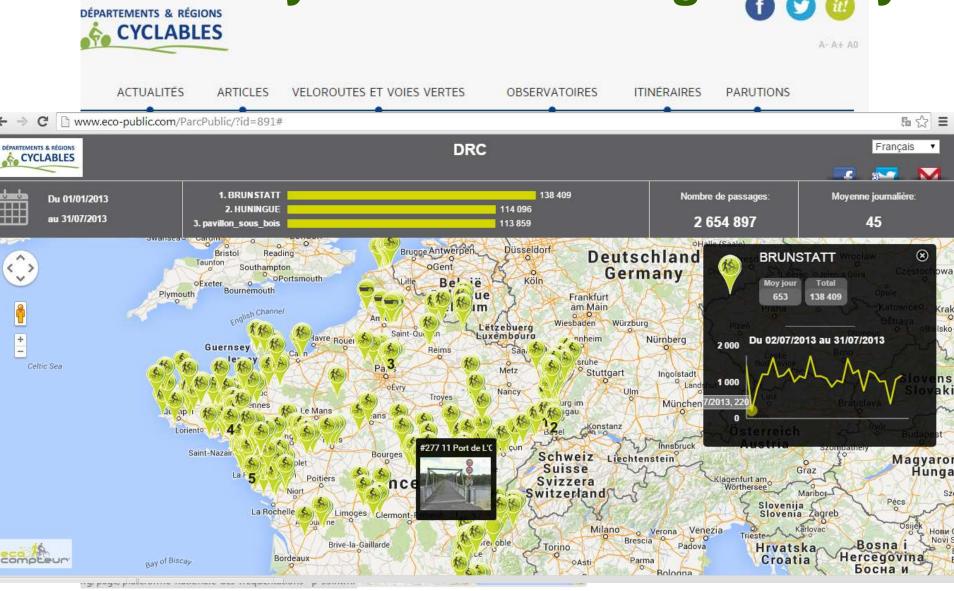




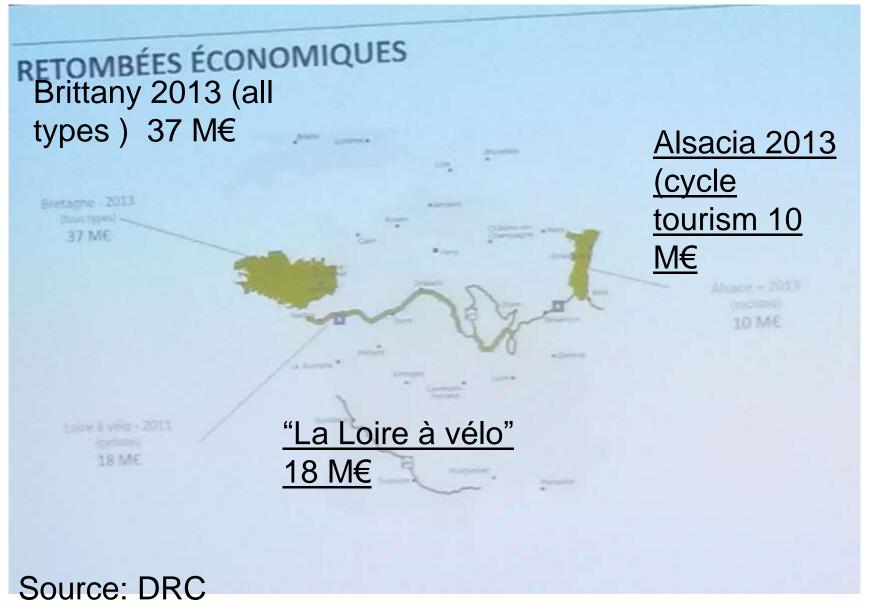


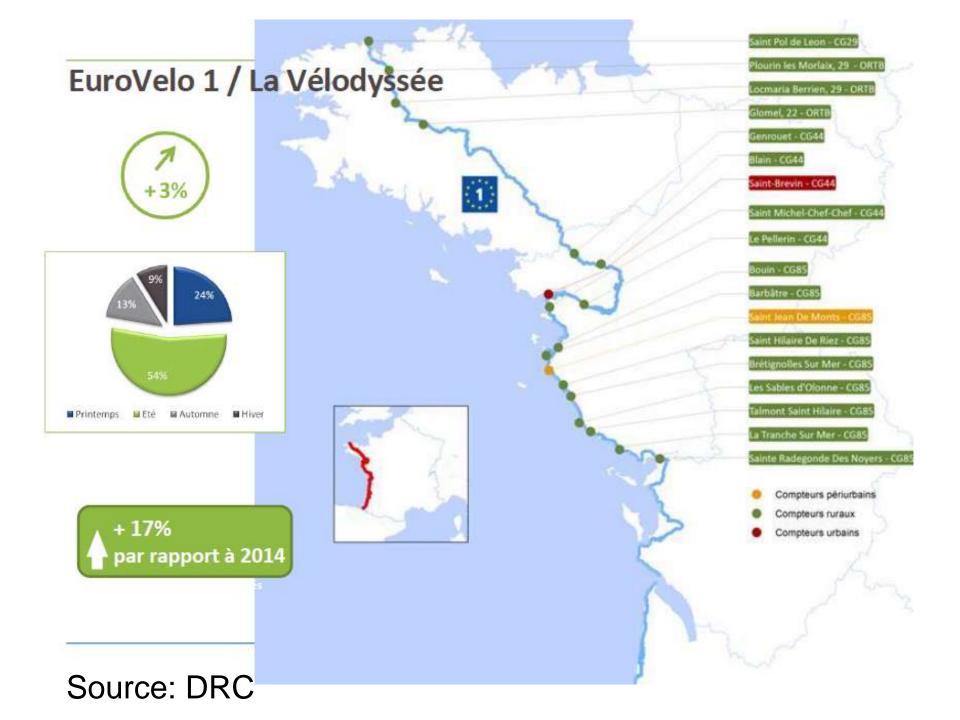
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The National platform for monitoring users' of cycle routes and greenways



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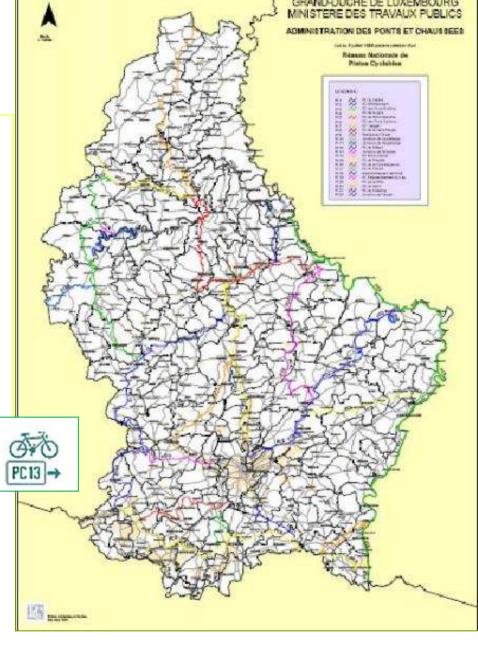




600 km of cycle routes

120 km using disused railways lines

90 % of disused railways lines have been reconverted in greenways



http://www.mdt.public.lu/fr/infrastructures/pistescyclables/index.html

Trouvez les pistes cyclables nationaux du Luxembourg





Piste cyclable Charly Gaul (PC 11)

Fentange

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Piste cyclable des Trois Rivières (PC 3)

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Piste cyclable Jangeli (PC 7)

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PC 7 Remich - Mondorf-les-Bains Départ: Remich



Piste cyclable Nicolas Franz (PC 13)

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PC 13 Kleinbettingen -Strassen Départ:



Piste cyclable Benny (PC 23)

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PC 23 Bleesbrück - Fouhren Départ: Bleesbrück ...



Piste cyclable de l'Attert (PC 12)

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PROGRAMA VIAS VERDES

DISUSED RAILWAYS AND GREENWAYS IN SPAIN





In 1993: 7.600 km of disused railways.

954 stations

> 501 tunnels

1.070 bridges

<u>In 2017</u>

2600 km

107 greenways











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Girona greenways

5th EUROPEAN GREENWAYS AWARDS - 2011

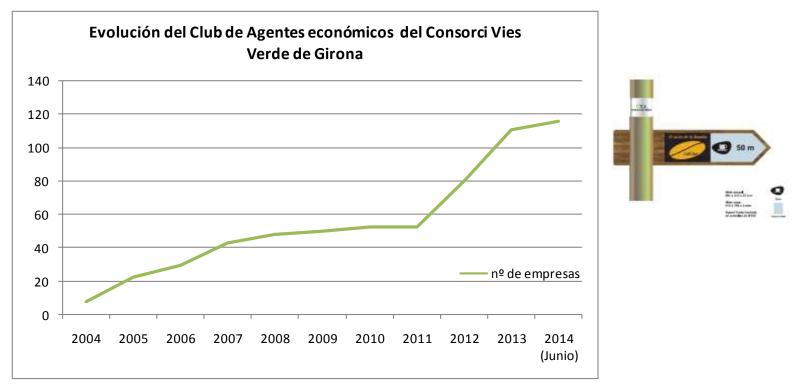


Lenght: 125 km

Girona greenways

A reference on the involvement of the private sector: the **growing number of business partners** in the "Consorci Víes Verdes de Girona", 2004-2014

In 10 years some 120 companies have become partners



Source: Consorci Vies vierdes de Girona – Fundación de Ferrocarriles Españoles

1st Prize 4th EGA, 2009 -Sustainable, Development & Tourism Via Verde de la Sierra (Spain)

Example of Sustainable Development and tourism & local generation of employment in an isolated and depressed rural area.



Vía Verde de la Sierra (Spain)

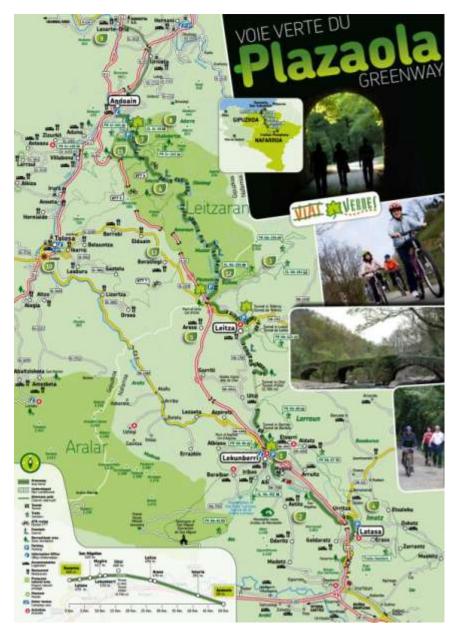
For its determination on keeping on improving the excellence levels already reached, generating new and attractive equipments and accommodations to attract tourists and creating new jobs in a very rural area, despite the current crisis.





Plazaola Greenway









Plazaola Greenway



Portugal – "Ecopistas" Nacional Plan"

Promoted by REFER (Railways Infrastructure Manager)





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748 Km elegibles

449 Km with contracts

580 Km with preliminary studies for projects

212 Km in use as "ecopistas" (2013)







Ecopista do Dão (Portugal)







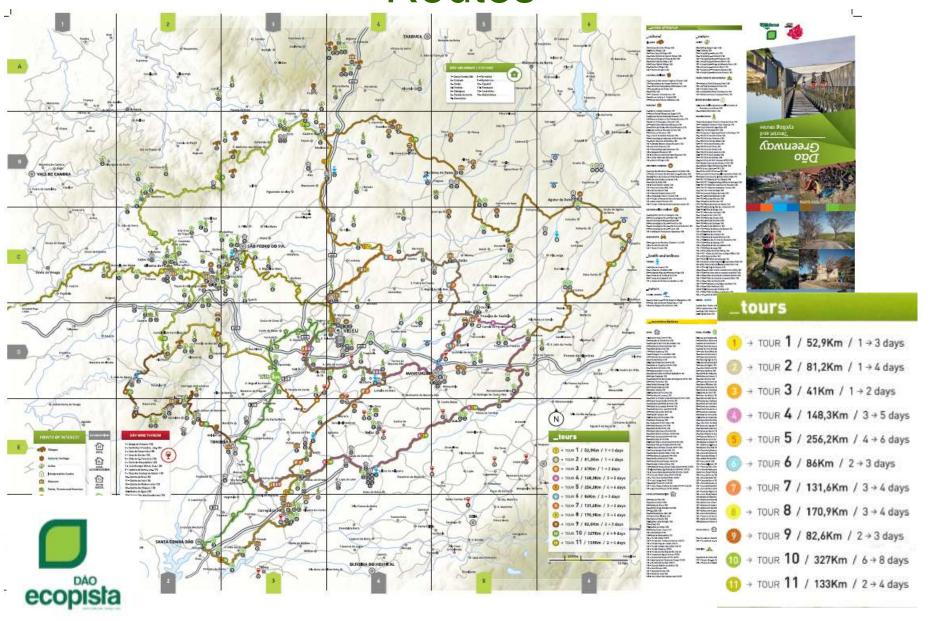






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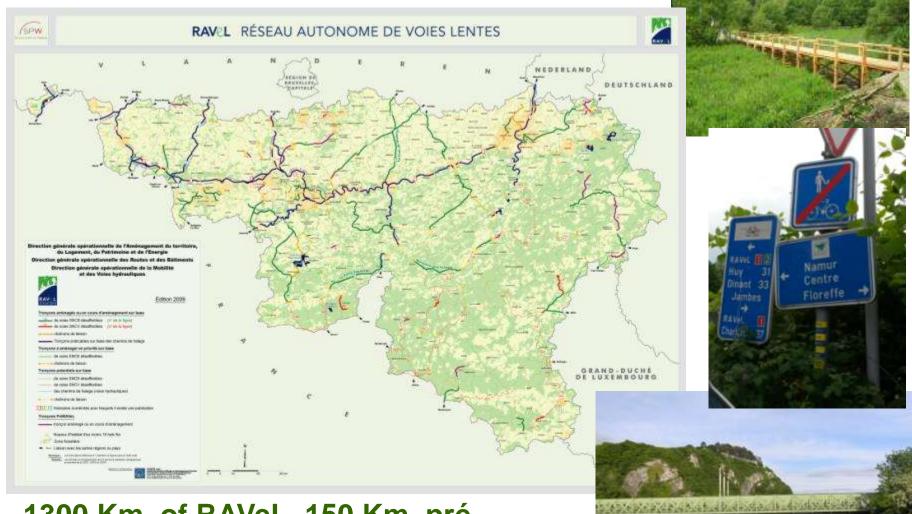


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"Ecopista" do Rio Minho



Belgium: Walloon Region



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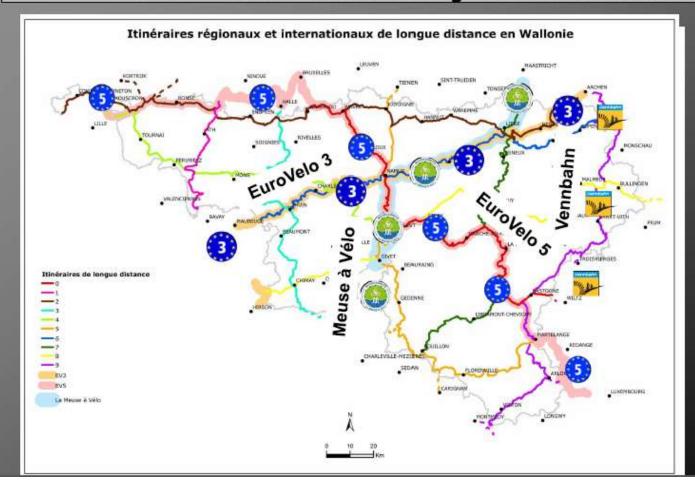
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Greenways Integrated in a network of cycle routes

Meuse à Vélo / Maasfietsroute

Part of the Walloon cycle network

Long
distance
Itineraries
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name



First long distance itinerary in Wallonie



Meuse à Vélo – Maasfietsroute

The Meuse cycle route : some figures

Country or region	Total length	Existing	%	Greenway (off road)	%
France	409	88	22	141	34
Belgium Limburg	54	54	100	40	74
Belgium Wallonia	154	154	100	106	69
Netherlands	389	389	100	121	31
Total	1006	685	68	408	41

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125 KM, 3 different countries Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg



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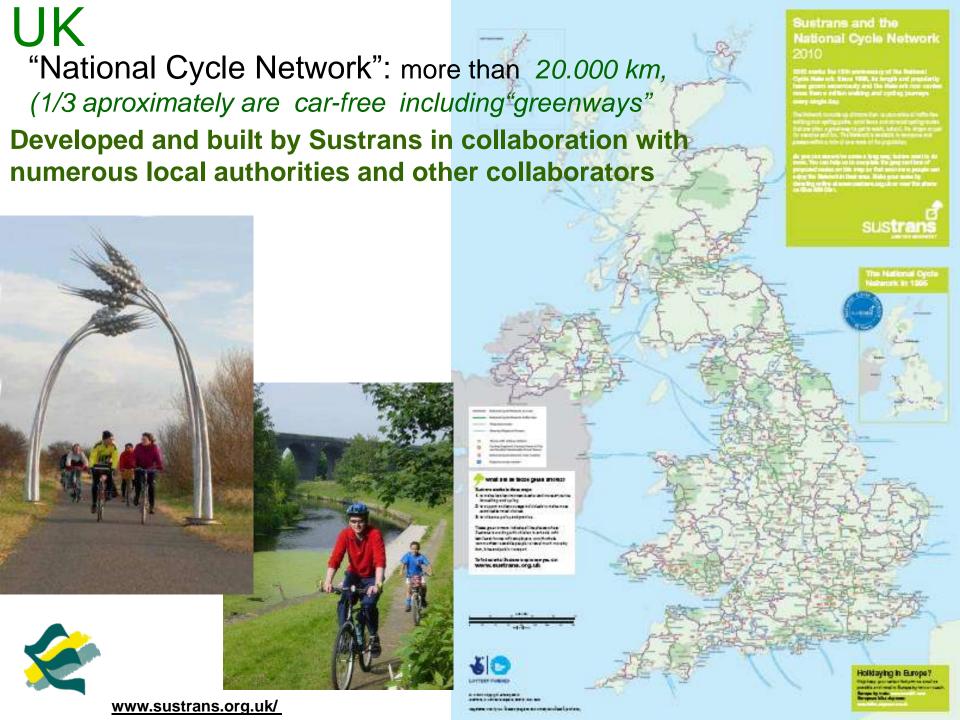
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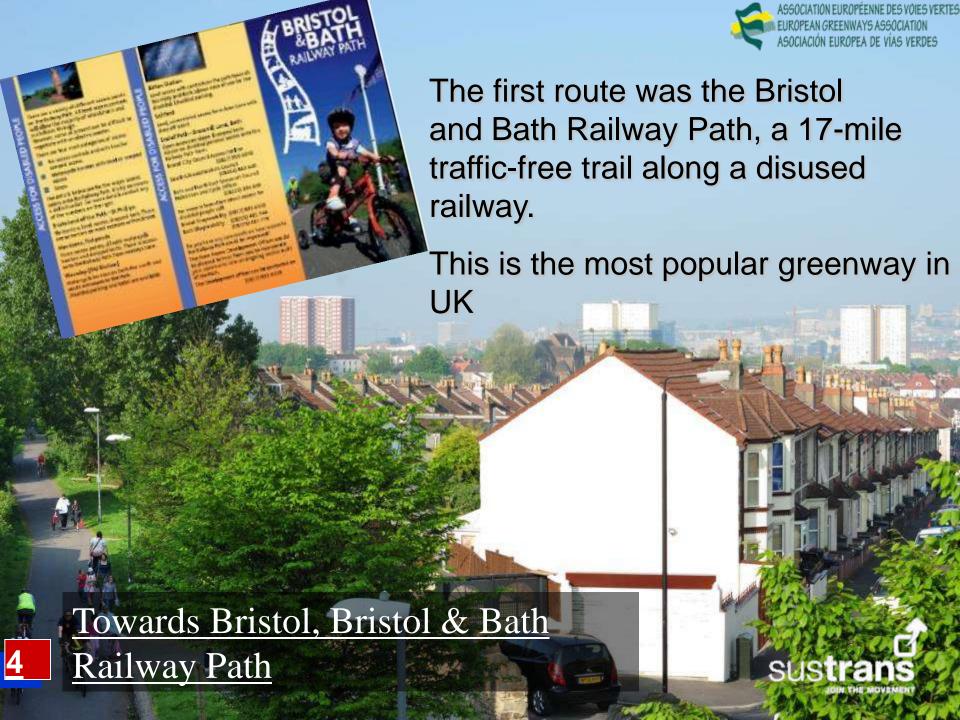


Vennbahn (Belgium / Bélgica)

For the creation and commercialization of a tourism product related to the excellent, cross-border Vennbahn greenway, which connects 3 different countries. It offers tourism services packages, including accommodation, e-bikes, baggage transport, and a la carte packages. http://www.vennbahn.eu/









Sustrans Connect2 Two Tunnels Greenway

(United Kingdom / Reino Unido)







<u>Sustrans Connect2 Two Tunnels Greenway</u> <u>(United Kingdom)</u>



UK "National Cycle Network":

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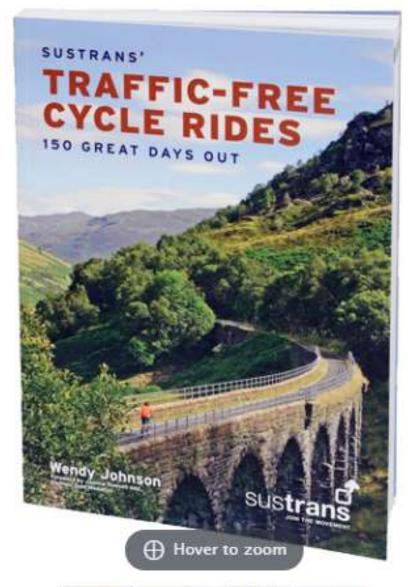
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Traffic free family rides



Cycling is a wonderful way to have fun as a family. These rides on our **National Cycle Network** make for a brilliant family day out.

Kids will love being able to ride their bikes on these largely traffic free paths and there are lots of things for them to see and do along the way. You can pack a picnic and have a great cheap day out for you and your kids.







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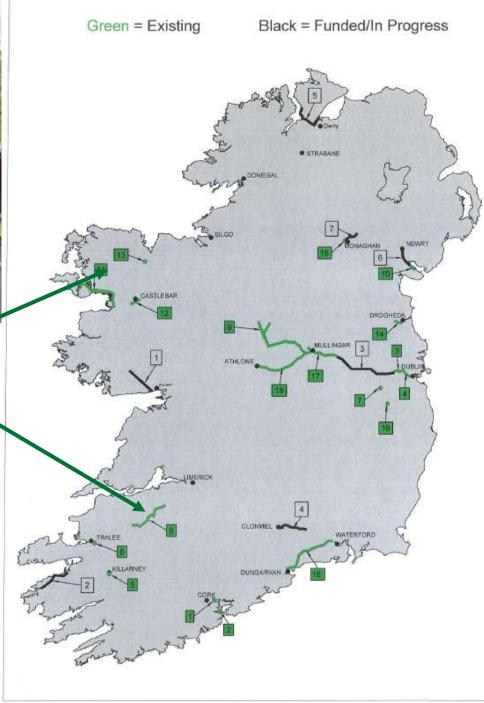


8. Great Western Trail (42 Km) 11. Great Southern Trail (39 km)

Existing Greenways

- 1. Cork to Passagewest
- 2. Carragaline to Crookhaven
- 3. Royal Canal Ashtown to Castleknock
- 4. Grand Canal Inchicore to Lucan Bridge
- 5. Killarney to Fossa
- 6. Tralee to Fenit
- 7. Grand Canal Hazelhatch
- 8. Great Southern Trail
- 9. Longford Clondra
- 10. Carlingford ~ Omeath
- 11. Great Western Greenway
- 12. Castlebar Turlough
- 13. Belleek Wood
- 14. Drogheda Oldbridge
- 15. Monaghan Town
- 16. Waterford Greenway
- 17. Royal Canal Hill of Down to Mullingar
- 18. Old Rail Trail
- 19. Blessington Greenway

Funded/In Progress Galway to Moycullen





Great Western Greenway (Ireland)

For the transformation of an old railway line in excellent greenways, successfully achieved thanks to a partnership approach that is being an inspiring model for other current developments on Ireland. It allows both local residents and tourists to discover the most beautiful landscapes of the west of the country. www.greenway.ie





Example of success: Clew Bay Bike Hire and Outdoor Adventures Ltd, Ireland).



- -opened in March 2010 with 1 shop front in Westport Co Mayo employing 3 staff, with 65 bikes available for hire.
- 5 years later they have 5 shop fronts spread over 4 towns along the trail with a fleet of bikes available for hire in access of 500, 5 shuttle vans, and 26 full time staff.



Great Southern Trail, GST (Ireland)



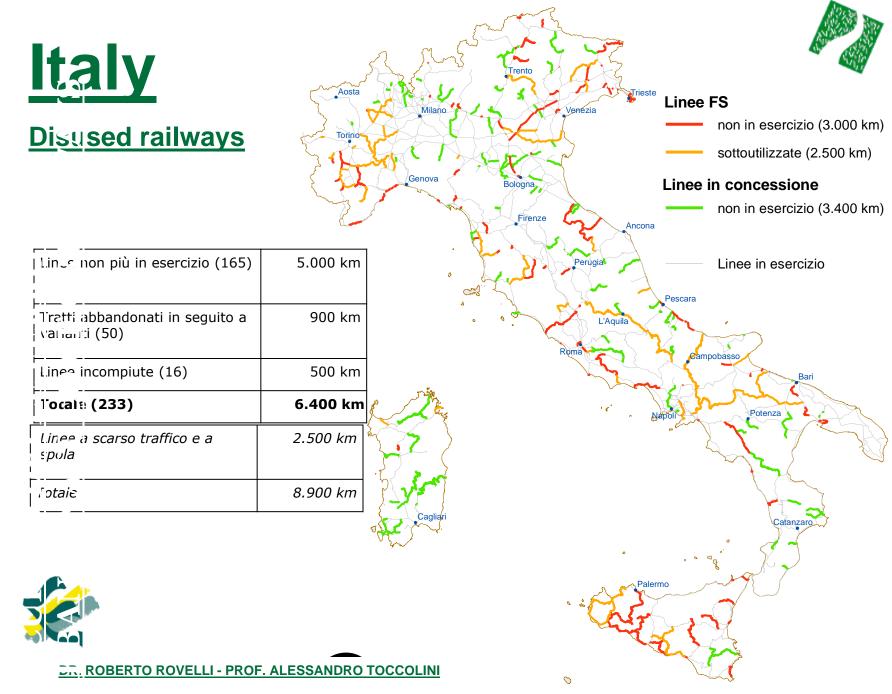












Italy From railway to greenway











DR. ROBERTO ROVELLI



PARCO COSTIERO DEL PONENTE LIGURE (Italy)







Greenways in Central Europe





Nordbahntrasse Wuppertal (Germany)







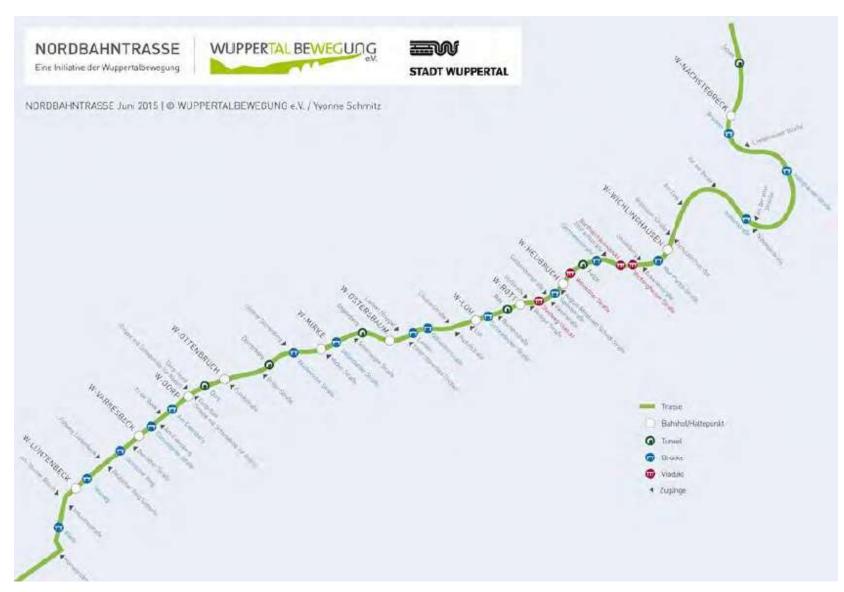


Lenght: 22 Km

Greenway has 2,5 km of tunnels and 1,5 km of bridges/viaducts.



Nordbahntrasse Wuppertal (Germany)





<u>3e Prix uropéen des Voies Vertes 2007</u>

DEUXIÈME PRIX DEVELOPMENT et TOURISME

Iron Horse and Bicycle Greenway (Autriche)



13 km





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PREMIER PRIX

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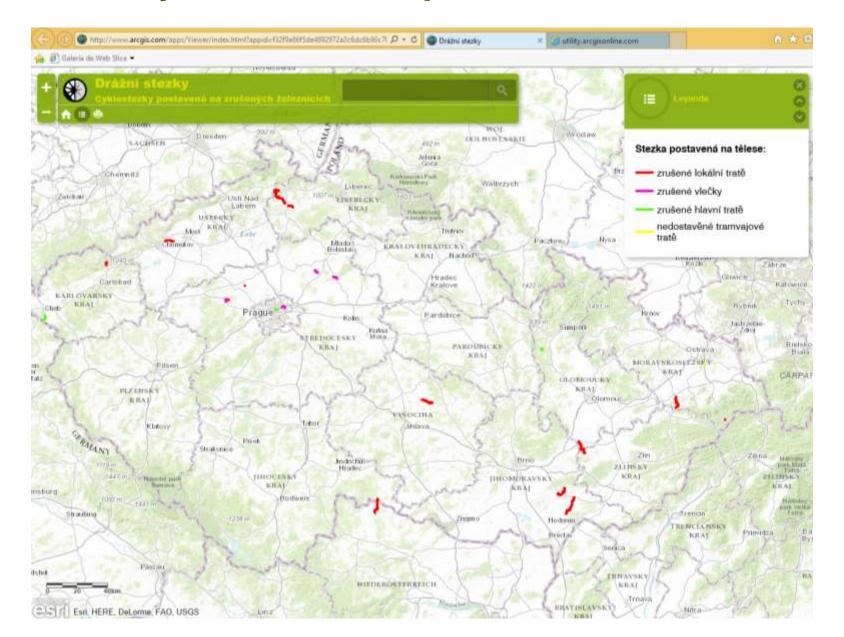


Czech Republic





Greenways in Czech Republic





Koleje (Train tracks), (Czech Republic)





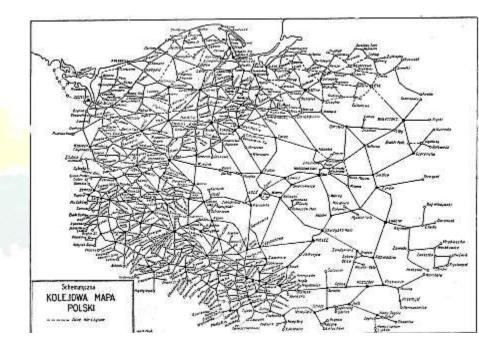


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Greenways in Poland...
Hight potential

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Some conclusions about greenways and tourism



- Greenways are greatly advancing in Europe
- They are an tourism initiative from the EU
- The creation and promotion of Greenways can greatly help to diversify the economy in rural areas attracting visitors, but also to be used for local people.
- The economic impact that tourism generates is a reality for a growing number of greenways.





Some conclusions about greenways and tourism

- The EU recent projects as Greenways Outdoor project help this to be true for other European greenways, many of which still have a long way to go before they can turn what is an attractive resource into an excellent greenway product.
- The success stories and the conditions that have made them possible will serve as an inspiration to embark on new initiatives in other European countries that do not yet have a greenways program but have a strong potential for setting one up.
- ✓ Greenways and cycle tourism have a real economic impact on the regions they pass through.

Next events & activities in cooperation with EGWA members.

- Spain, Vitoria-Gasteiz. Conference "Euskadi Greenways" 5-6 Octubre, 2017. In cooperation with FFE and Basquetour
- Portugal Monçao; Greenways4ALL final Conference. 14 November. In cooperation with Camara de Monçao, CIM Alto-Minho, Camara de Valença.
- Latvia Estonia: 21-22, November, 2017. In cooperation with Vidzeme Tourism Association.
- Italy Chieti, International conference 23-24-25, November. In cooperation with Italian Greenways Association.

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