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EUROPEAN GREENWAYS ASSOCIATION 20 years later...



Greenways of Spain, a

European example

"Vías Verdes" in Spain: a very well

appreciated brand

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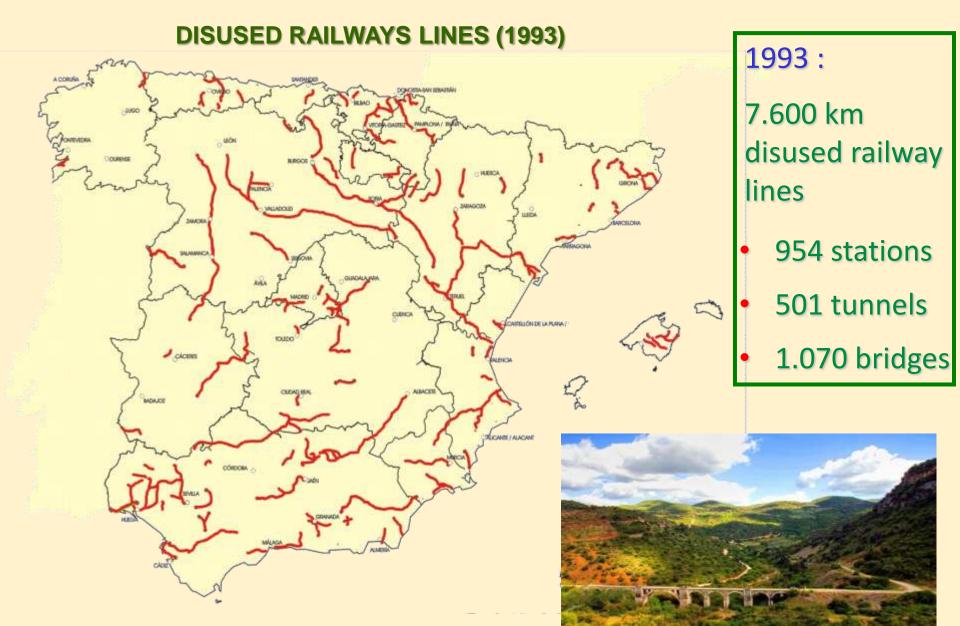


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- Spanish Railways Foundation, a public entity since 1985
 - Patronage: its President is RENFE's President (Public Railway Company), and its Vice-President is
 ADIF's President (Railways Infrastructures Manager).
 Other members: Regional railway companies, subways,
 - Objectives: research, maintenance of railways' cultural heritage, and the coordination and promotion of the Spanish Vías Verdes / Greenways Programme since 1993

Vías Verdes in Spain are the result of converting <u>disused railways lines</u> into car free routes suitable for non-motorised transport



Vías Verdes in Spain are <u>accessible</u>, <u>safe and easy-to-use</u> for walkers and cyclists. SPANISH GREENWAYS (2018)



123 Greenways = + 2.700 km More than 110 old-stations recovered as touristic use : hotels, restaurants, bikerent points, museums...

2018 June:



SPANISH VIAS VERDES PROGRAMME

Close collaboration between bodies of Public Administration:

- Ministry of Environment : has a specific budget each year for building nonmotorised infrastructures.
- **Public Railways Companies** : ADIF and (FEVE) offer their abandoned lines, by sale or rent.



- Spanish Railways

Foundation. Greenways Department: make the promotion, coordination and marketing at national level



SPANISH VIAS VERDES PROGRAMME

Close collaboration between bodies of Public Administration:

- Regional Governments (16 out of 17)
- 22 county councils
- More than 500 Local Authorities
- 20 Communities or "consortium" of local authorities

They are responsible for:

- Preparation of studies and engineering projects
- Obtaining patrimonial disposal over buildings and infrastructure.
- Managing, maintainance and promotion



VIAS VERDES : INTEGRAL PROJECTS OF DEVELOPMENT

Different working areas, complementaries and simultaneous:

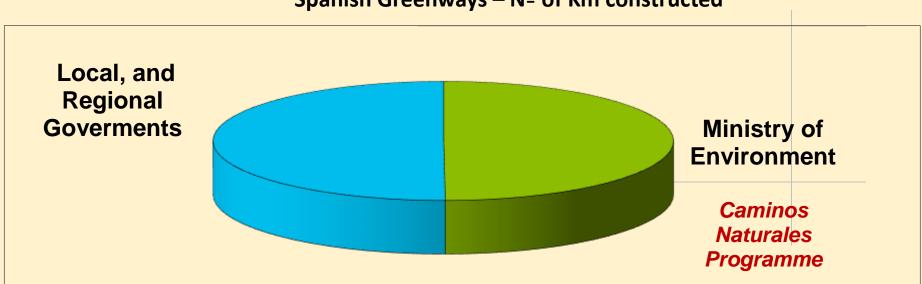
- 1. Infrastructure
- 2. Facilities
- 3. Information and promotion
- 4. Management





Infrastructure

1994 - 2018: more than **161 million** € have been invested only, for the recovery of the infrastructures



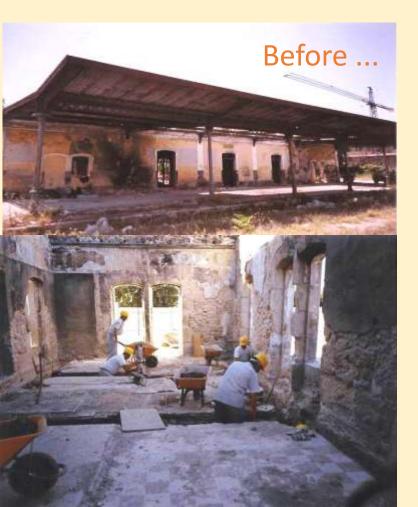
Spanish Greenways – Nº of Km constructed

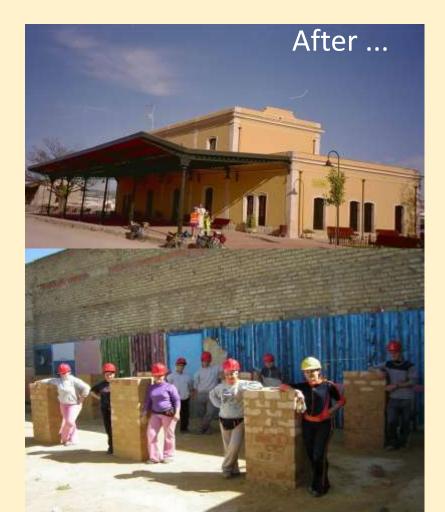
The construction of 1 km of Greenway costs 55.000 \in (average)

FACILITIES: RESTORATION OF DISUSED RAILWAYS STATIONS

In 1993 there were **954 railways stations** in desuse

In 2018 there are **110 railways stations restored** and with touristic uses



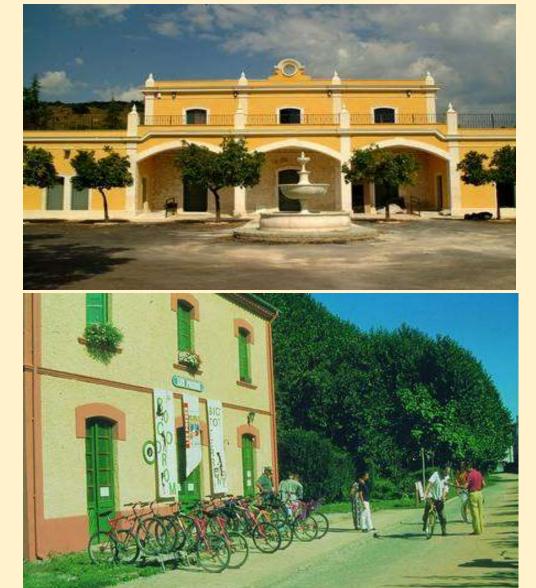


Facilities

They provide many services: **bike rentals, information offices, local museums...**







They are being reused as tourist housing facilities











Some others are small charming hotels, hostels, Caravan places, campings sites...

Facilities









Natural or Railway Museums ... even swiming pools



Facilities

Facilities

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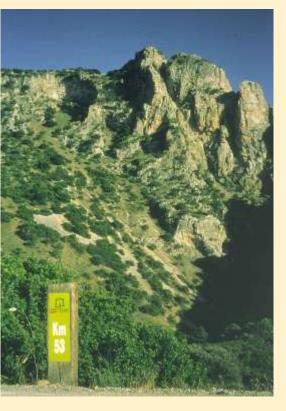
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The Spanish Railways Foundation is responsible for the **promotion** and communication of the Spanish Greenways Programme at a national level.

🙀 The Spanish Greenways Programme has a common logo and a unique

name used for converted disused railway lines. A great marketing









Actions by the FFE promoting Greenways



Itineraries & Maps Television Series About Greenways Contact

Visit our Travel Guides Vias Verdes (interally, "green-ways") are old disused railway lines that have been recovered and reconditioned for use by walkers and cyclists. Exploring them is a different, enjoyable and environmentally friendly way of getting to know Spain, its culture and its landscapes. This is an alternative ideal for all ages, that respects the environment and brings together sport and the great outdoors. Sounds good?.



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Greenways Agenda

June - 2018

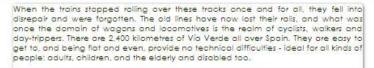
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& Greenway

Greenways Product ▶700,000 unique visitors in 2017

5 million pages seen in 2017

Spanish and English



Brochure Vias Verdes

It is well worth taking a trip on one of these trails where motor vehicles are forbidden. Not even mopeds are allowed on these routes, which are synonymous with safety and respect for the environment. From north to south and east to west, there are 117 itineraries and thousands of kilometres to be covered on fascinating routes that will 🙀 InfoVías Verdes

www.viasverdes.C

✓ Monthly newsbulletin. 11,000subscribers

✓ Over 1,000 from the media

✓ Agenda ofActivities





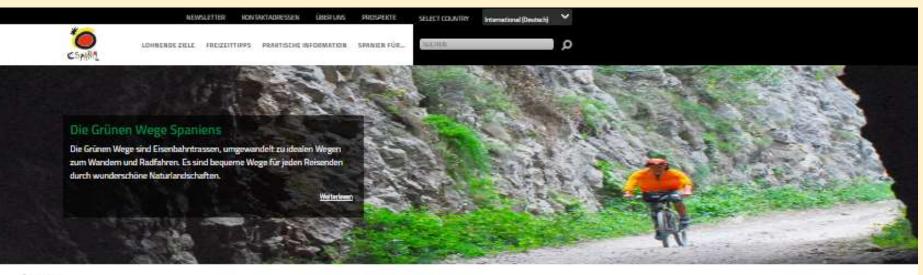
More actions by the FFE promoting Greenways

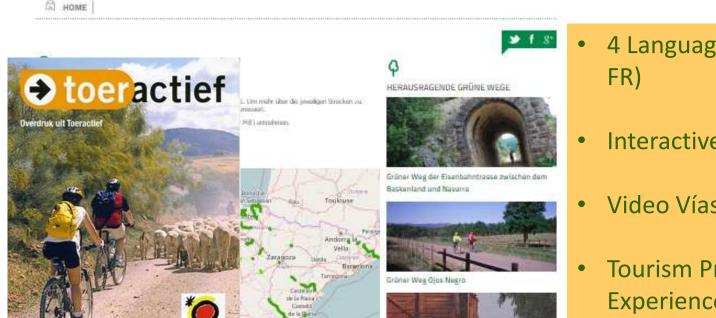


General Greenways brochure. **6 languages**. Downloadable in PDF. Official Cartography

Promotion on Spain.info portal. Official Tourism Abroad ...

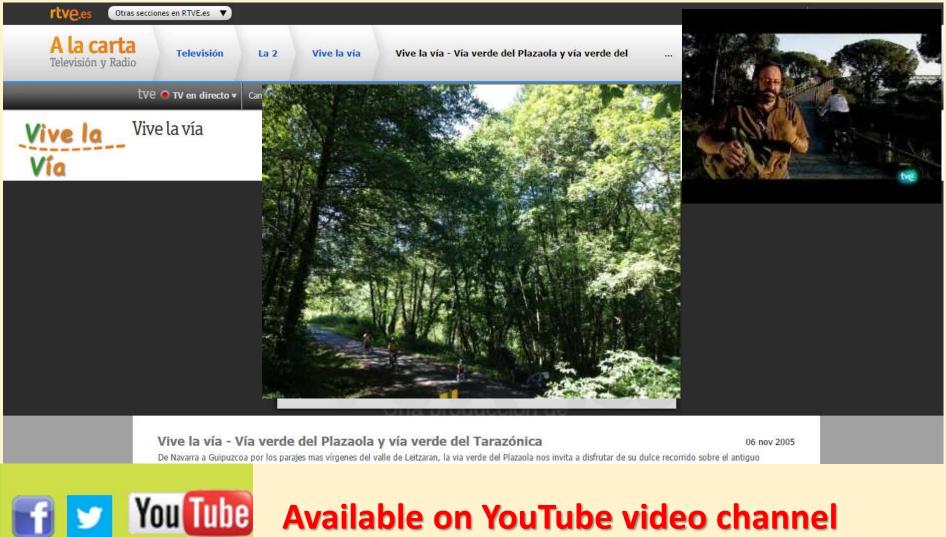
But it's not enough! – poor support from the institutions





- 4 Languages (ES / EN / DE /
- Interactive map
- Video Vías Verdes
- Tourism Products / Packages / Experiences "to Sell"

Television series "Vive la Vía". **18 thirty minute chapters**, shown 11 times in National TV (TVE) since 2004



Over **700,000 downloads**

NOW: Vías Verdes en "España Directo". National TV Programme.

19 chapters. Audience: 1 Millions/chapter. Shares: 10%



Media contact, press, radio interviews, magazine articles...



i... or even Monography Editions and Radio Programs



APP Mapas de España (Maps of Spain)





- National Cartography Centre
- From September 2017
- Available for Android

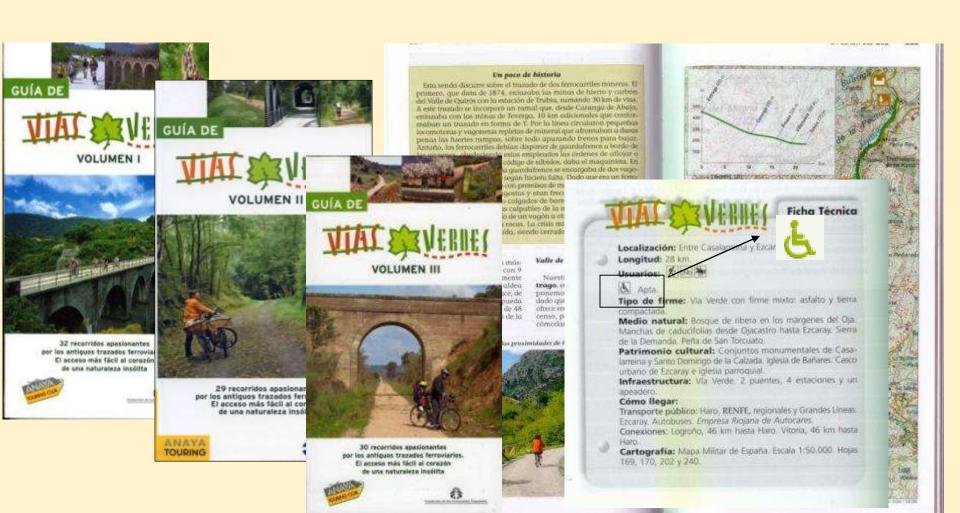


Vías Verdes at Official Road Map (Edited from 2002 by Ministry of Public Works), GPS tools...



Booklet – Travel Guides Guía de Vías Verdes (ed. Anaya) : 3 vols.





Vías Verdes / Greenways Stand. Presence at tourism, cycling and environmental fairs. FITUR, Fiets & Wandelbeurs (2016)...



Support to other Project as Marathon Vías Verdes that use the Infraestructures but also the Brand



Social Networks







We manage 4 social Network pages + YouTube

Facebook

- Vías Verdes (Spanish Greenways)
 + 41.000 followers
- Andalusian Greenways
- Greenways Product (in English): 500 followers

Follow us!!

Twitter

 Over 5.000 followers at @viasverdes_ffe #viasverdes

Instagram

 Over 500 instagramers viasverdesffe

Comparison / Pages to watch

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Social Networks

Spanish Greenways Day : in May. Since 1999 ... and local activities during all year long. 2018: 6.000 participants



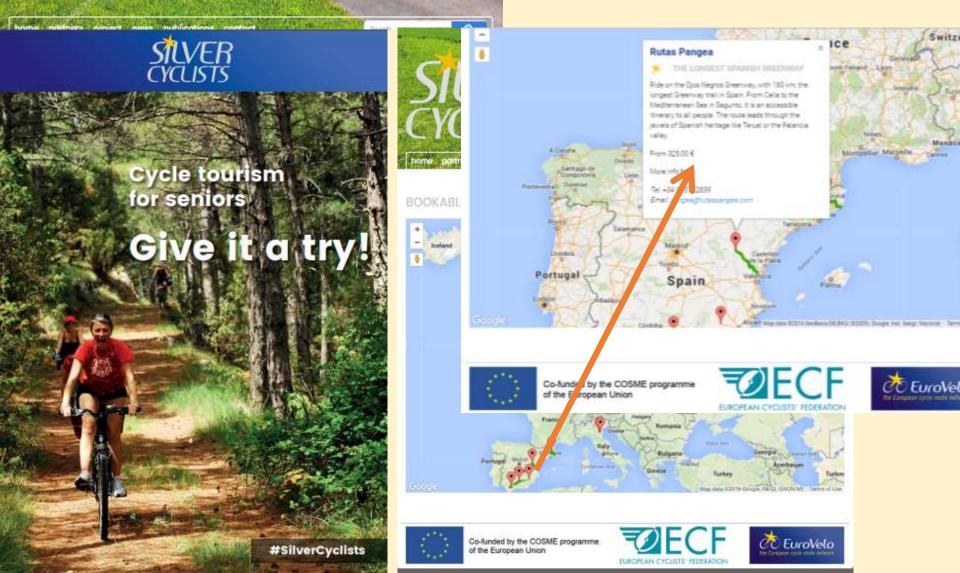
European Greenways Day (September, in coincidence with the European MobilityWeek)



Citizen implication: Key to success. The best way to promote!



Management of European Projects. Creating Tourism Product



Management of European Projects Greenways4ALL project : From Accessible resource...

. to Accessible Tourism





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#Greenways4ALL — Creating Tourism Products





LA SIERRA GREENWAY

La Sierra Greenway, whose route was never crossed by any train, runs for 36 km at the foot of The most southern mountains of the Iberian peninsula. The greenway runs between the towns of Puerto Serrano and Olvera.

This exceptional route, which continues parallel to the banks of numerous rivers, passes through such spectacular places like the nature reserve of Peñón de Zaframagón, where there is a large colony of griffon vultures). These birds are controlled through a modern video surveillance.

Vías Verdes en bicicleta. r los pueblos blancos de Grazalema

DÓNDE TE ESPERAMOS

En Olvera (Cádiz), muy cerca de Ronda, da inicio esta Vía Verde de la Sierra, uno de los itinerarios más atractivos de nuestro país. Estamos en plena naturaleza, entre Cadizy Sevilla y a hora y media de Malaz

10 Product / Tourism Packages of Accessible Greenways in Spain and Portugal by 3 Turoperators

TOUR DETAILS

TRANSPORTATION: Wheelchair Accessible Van

- TOUR DURATION: 2 nights (3 days)
- OPERATED: all year round
- MEETING POINT: Hotel reception
- PRICE: 0 430 EUR for 1-2 people
 - 535 EUR for 3-4 people 640 EUR for 5-6 people

For larger groups please ask us for special prices.



More information and online booking at: www.accessiblemadrid.com



The price includes:

Included)

Bicycle Rental



- 2 nights at a wagon train hotel (breakfast

the hotel from any point in the greenway

- Gastronomic experience with local products

-Wheelchair Accessible Taxi to bring you back to

DÍA 2. Saldremos desde Olvera tras unas buenas tostadas de pan y aceite para desavunar. Una primera parada en la Estación de Navalaerulla (7km), antes de seguir hacia el Observatorio de Buitres de Zadramagón (9km) veremos su hábitat natural. Llegaremos a Coripe (6km), donde dormiremos en su Antigua Estación.

DÍA 3. Después de desayunar, llegaremos hasta el Río Guadalete (9km), una parada para disfrutar del Monumento Natural Chaparro de la Vega, simplemente espectacular. Saldremos hacia Puerto Serrano (6km), donde comeremos en su Estación de trenes y disfrutaremos de uno de los meiores atardeceres de Andalucía.

LA PROPUESTA PARA PASARTELO BIEN

Una escapada perfecta para hacerla en família o con tus amigos. La propuesta es pasear en bicicleta por la mañana realizando paradas en tramos cortos; y por la tarde distrutar de experiencias únicas en los Pueblos Blancos de Grazalema.

LA ORGANIZACIÓN Y LA ESTANCIA.

Una noche dormirás en un vagón de tren y otra en una antigua estación, configurados como apartamentos totalmente accesibles y adaptados, que hemos elegido especialmente para ti. Solo preocúpate de pasarlo bien.

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Contributing to the development of our continent

Thanks for your atention Merci beaucoup

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