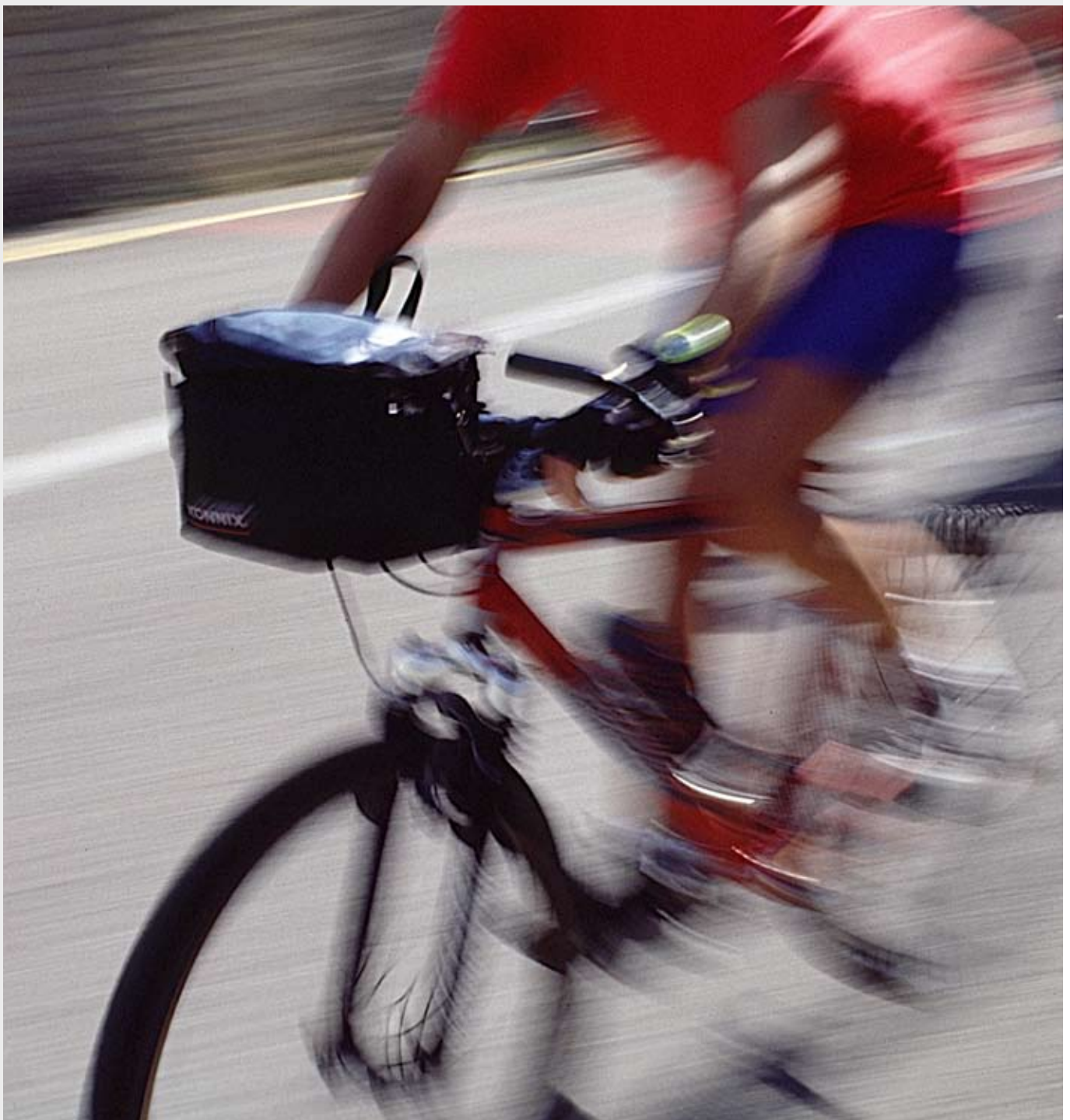


EuroVelo

The European cycle route network





Introduction

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EuroVelo is a project of the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) to develop a network of high-quality cycling routes linking all countries in Europe. It can be used by long-distance cycle tourists, as well as by local people making daily journeys.

EuroVelo

- promotes economically, environmentally and socially sustainable travel
- improves the quality of EuroVelo routes in all participating European countries
- promotes the uniform signing of EuroVelo routes in accordance with published standards
- provides Europe-wide information on EuroVelo routes and national cycle routes
- supports the development of national coordination centres for EuroVelo routes and national routes
- fosters exchange of experience and best practice between European states and regions, stimulating high quality cycle strategies and infrastructure

EuroVelo, the European cycle route network



Definition

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EuroVelo

- is a network of European long-distance cycle routes
- currently comprises 12 routes
- is a project of the ECF in cooperation with the national EuroVelo coordination centres



Implementation

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EuroVelo

- implementation and quality assurance is coordinated by the ECF in collaboration with the national EuroVelo coordination centres
- can be supplemented by the addition of new routes, provided these fulfil EuroVelo criteria, meet EuroVelo quality standards, complement the existing EuroVelo routes in spatial terms and increase the implemented percentage of the current network
- shall be substantially completed by 2020, in line with the EuroVelo implementation plan supervised by the ECF



Organization

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ECF

- coordinates the implementation, operation and quality assurance of EuroVelo at European level
- advises and supports the national EuroVelo coordination centres, and manages exchange of skills and experience between them
- is the European federation of national and regional cycling organizations

National EuroVelo coordination centres

- coordinate and ensure the implementation, operation and quality assurance of EuroVelo at national level
- ensure coordination with the ECF
- are organized in accordance with requirements of each country, bringing together territorial authorities, tourism organizations, cycling organizations, public transport companies and service providers

EuroVelo project partners

- can support the delivery of sections of a EuroVelo route within the scope of specific projects, in consultation with ECF and national EuroVelo coordination centres
- bring together territorial authorities, tourism organizations, cycling organizations and public transport companies in the area of the project
- can take over the role of national EuroVelo coordination centres where these are not yet established



European level EuroVelo coordination

- ECF members
- European Union institutions and agencies
- national EuroVelo coordination centres (or the representative EuroVelo project partners)
- private sector

National or project level

- European institutions (e.g. via Interreg projects)
- national and regional government bodies
- private sector



Infrastructure

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EuroVelo routes fulfil the following criteria

- based on existing or future national or regional routes of the involved countries
- at least two countries are involved
- route length at least 1,000km
- easy to communicate, internationally recognisable identity and name (marketing potential)
- implementation plans in place (project plan, business plan, partners)
- signing in accordance with the regulations of the respective nations and/or regions, continuous and in both directions
- signage supplemented by EuroVelo route information panels, in accordance with the recommendations of the UNECE and the ECF signing manual



Communication

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ECF

- communicates EuroVelo throughout Europe and globally
- provides overview information in electronic (eurovelo.com) and printed (EuroVelo maps) form, on EuroVelo routes and on services such as international cycle transport, guide books and bookable offers, as well as on national cycle routes in European countries
- refers (e.g by weblinks) to detailed information at local level on sections of EuroVelo routes and on national and regional routes
- informs its project partners on the key requirements for the implementation of EuroVelo and transfers expertise and good practice between partners

National EuroVelo coordination centres

- communicate EuroVelo nationally
- arrange for detailed information on their sections of EuroVelo, within national and regional route websites in their countries, including information on services including public transport, accommodation, cycle rental and bookable offers
- ensure the nationwide integration of EuroVelo routes into existing and new printed products such as maps and route guides

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