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11 th European Greenways Award - 2023

20 November, 2023 Rome (Italy)

Discover the awarded Greenways and finalist!



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The European Greenways Award is organized every two years from 2003.

The objective is to promote examples of best practices and to support their replication for other greenways all over Europe. The European Greenways Award is granted only to greenways under the Lille Declaration, as well as to initiatives already in existence.

11th European Greenways Award (EGA) 2023 was organised by EGWA in co-operation with Rete Ferroviaria Italiana and the Associazione Italiana Greenways, with the patronage of the Comune di Roma.

EGWA sincerely thanks the co-organisers in Italy, the members of the Jury, and all participants for responding to the call, as well as the participants at the Award gala in Rome, and the members of EGWA, for making this Award possible.

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The [11th European Greenways Award 2023](#)

recognised examples of greenways best practices in three categories:

A) Excellence awards

B) Exemplary initiatives

C) Special award, Green transition in greenways *(part of the activities promoted by EGWA in the [co-implementation of the Transition Pathway for Tourism](#) (Together4Tourism))*

EGWA was delighted to receive 32 nominations from 13 countries, and is very grateful to all participants in the award.

The meeting of the independent [International jury](#) to select the winners took place on 12 July 2023.

The [award winners were announced on 20 November](#), at the fantastic Rome City Hall in the Campidoglio.

As part of the awards, a [Conference on 'Greenways and Sustainable Tourism in Europe'](#) was organised. 21 speakers from all over Europe, including representatives of the winning candidates, jury members and other international experts, shared real-life experiences linked to 11 countries and Europe as a whole, with some 100 participants.

The winning and finalist entries are presented on the following pages. The [conference presentations](#) provide further information on most of the award winners.

A technical visit to [“Parco lineare”, an urban greenway in Rome](#), completed the 11th EGA celebration.



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In this way, we contribute to the dissemination of best practices, which take part of the [EGWA's pledges of the transition pathway for tourism](#), on different topics



EGWA's pledges for co-implementation of the transition Tourism pathway highlight the importance of greenways, and active mobility such as cycling and walking, for tourism and everyday life, and the need of safe and accessible non-motorised infrastructures.

- We strongly encourage you to get to know and enjoy these awarded greenways on foot, by bike, or wheeling.
- We also encourage visitors to share their experience of their tour through social networks.
- Be inspired by these greenways and replicate their practices in your own territory!

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AWARDED GREENWAYS 2023

A. EXCELLENCE category

- 1st: Royal Canal Greenway. Waterways Ireland. (Ireland)
- 2nd: Via Verde della Costa dei Trabocchi – Greenway of the Trabocchi Coast, Italy. Abruzzo Region. (Italy)
- 3rd: The European Bridge and a cross-border Polish-German greenway. Województwo Zachodniopomorskie (West Pomeranian Voivodeship). (Poland)

C. GREEN TRANSITION IN GREENWAYS, Special award,

- Plan for the Green Transition on the Sierra Greenway. Spain, presented by Fundación Vía Verde de la Sierra (Spain)

B. EXEMPLARY INITIATIVES category

- 1st: Wuppertalbewegung, Germany. Wuppertalbewegung e.V. (Germany)
- 2nd: Greenway from The Danube to the Adriatic. YUGO cycling campaign. (Serbia)

“Ex aequo”

- 3rd. Cross-border Bicycle Festival on Iron Greenway. Stowarzyszenie Rozwoju i Współpracy Regionalnej “Olza” Association of Development and Regional Cooperation). (Poland and Czechia).
- 3rd. Explore the greenways with Huskies in Latvia! Latvia. Vidzeme Tourism Association in cooperation with Dodkepu. (Latvia)

SPECIAL JURY award

- 30 years of the Spanish Greenways Programme Spain. Fundación de los Ferrocarriles Españoles (Spanish Railways Foundation) (Spain)

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Finalists candidacies presented in this brochure :

JURY MENTION–Green Transition category

- Pierrefonds greenway Communauté de Commune des Lisières de l'Oise (CCLO) & Colas France. France
- Jaen Greenways as Green Infrastructure. Diputación de Jaén. Spain

A. EXCELLENCE category (EX)

- Ecovia Internacional do Tâmega e do Corgo. Municipio de Vila Pouca de Aguiar. Portugal
- Ecovia de Guimaraes. Câmara Municipal de Guimarães. Portugal

B. EXEMPLARY INITIATIVES category

- Bicity –Fase1 Project. Município Macedo de Cavaleiros. Portugal
- Fête des Voies Vertes (Greenways Festival). Association française pour le développement des véloroutes et des voies vertes
- Smart Montes de Hierro Greenway - Bide Berdea. Enkarerrialde, local acción Association
- Aceite Greenway 20 years. Diputación de Jaén. (Spain)
- Limerick Greenway Biodiversity Plan. Limerick CCC. Ireland
- “Sentieri di ferro”. Digital Lighthouse Srl. Italy

C. Special award, Green transition in greenways

- La Campiña Greenway : In The Search for Green Transition. Diputación de Córdoba. Spain



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A) EXCELLENCE category

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Excellence category
1st Prize

Royal Canal Greenway

Waterways Ireland



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Excellence category 1st Prize

Royal Canal Greenway

Waterways Ireland



1st Prize: Royal Canal Greenway. Presented by Waterways Ireland.

For the realisation of a very ambitious project to valorise as a greenway a 130 km long historical canal, with high heritage value, which shows in its integrity a high quality and a great support from stakeholders. It has an outstanding promotion and product development; the monitoring provides extraordinary results of its actual use by locals and visitors and a great economic impact.

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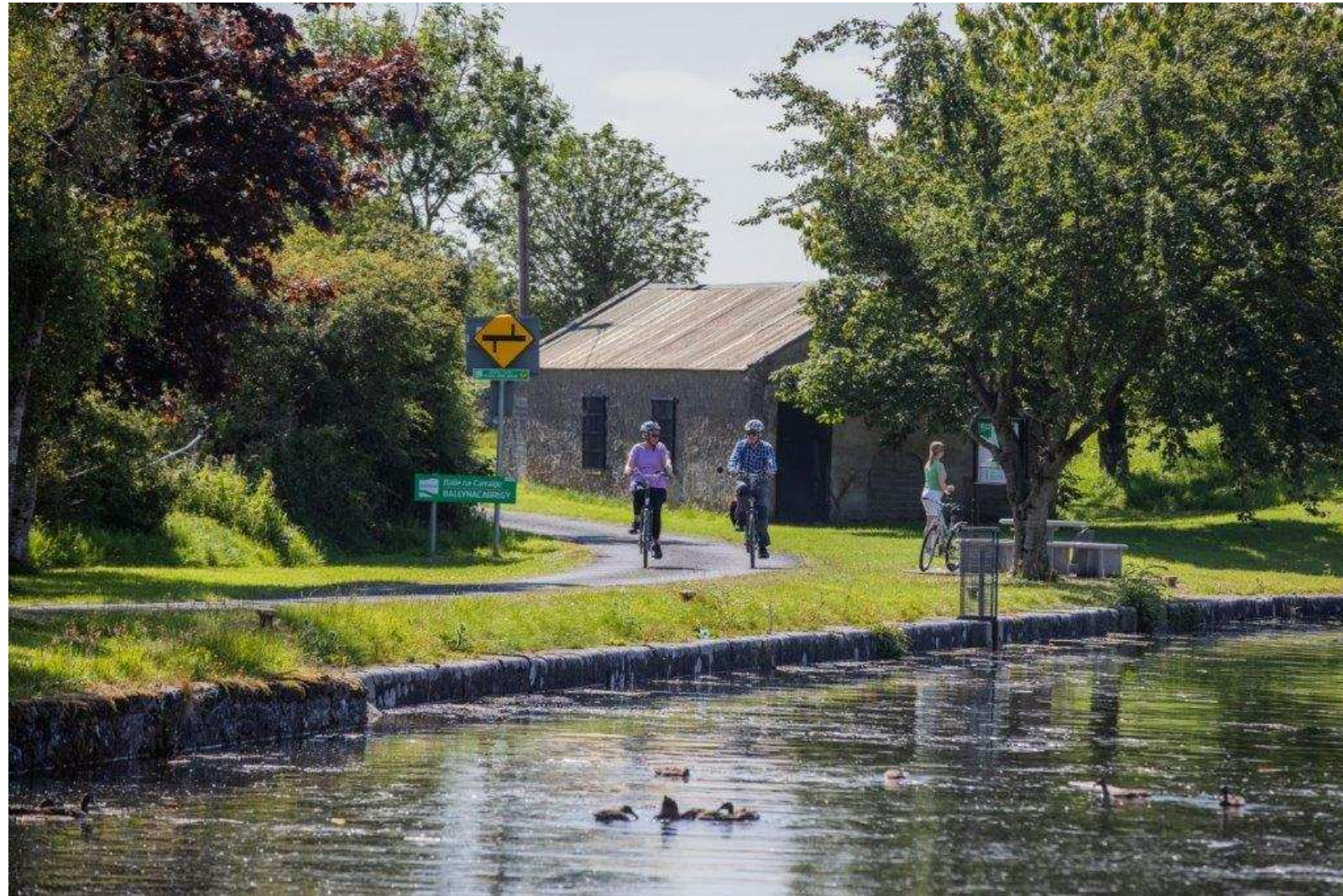
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General characteristics



Royal Canal Greenway

Presented by: Waterways Ireland

Greenway's begin at:	Maynooth
Greenway's end at:	Cloondara / Longford Town
Length: (km)	130 km in total – the route is described as 13 individual journeys of between 6 km and 15 km
Width: (m)	3 m
Surface:	The trail surface is a mixture (approximately 50:50) of bound (asphalt) and unbound (compacted gravel) surfaces. Asphalt sections predominate in the urban areas and around bridges and access points
Average gradient: (%)	Because the Royal Canal Greenway follows alongside a canal, the route is relatively flat, with short sections of gentle incline at bridge crossing
Towns and areas crossed:	County Kildare: Maynooth and Kilco, County Meath: Enfield and Longwo, County Westmeath: Killucan, McNead's Bridge, Mullingar, Coolnahay Harbour, and Ballinacarrig, County Longford: Abbeyshrule, Ballymahon, Keenagh, Cloondara and Longford
Users: (%)	The The trail is shared-use for both cyclists and pedestrians. Cyclists make up 52% of total use.
Kind of usage: (%)	Leisure and recreation for local residents, communities and clubs, as well as domestic and overseas tourists. Domestic audience of
Investment value and origin: (EUR)	The cost to deliver the Royal Canal Greenway was an estimated €12 million . Funding was provided from central government under the National Greenways Strategy from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport
Facilities offered to users of the greenway:	5 main Trailheads (Maynooth, Enfield, Mullingar, Longford Town and Cloondara). At these locations all essential facilities are available, such as toilets, car parking, bike hire, accommodation, food and drink, shopping, public transport and playgrounds. Other facilities: Visitor orientation, wayfinding and interpretation are provided right along the route. Ancillary infrastructure which enhances the visitor experience, such as seating, shelters, picnic benches and bike racks are also installed at various points along the Greenway
Type of previous use of the infrastructure:	Canal townpath

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Highlights



- **225 year-old canal:** remarkable water historic infrastructure and heritage, re-imagined for 21st century use, and providing quality facilities and support services.
- Supported by all institutions involved, local population and businesses.
- Inaugurated virtually in spring 2021
- It connects rural communities in Ireland not previously known as tourist destinations.
- Planned as an opportunity to increase activity in the region and **direct employment:**
- Increase of services, included bike hire from the beginning.
- Extensively used in COVID times.

Royal Canal Greenway

Presented by: Waterways Ireland

- Quality facilities and support services, for everyday use and tourism.
- Described in 13 stages between 6 and 15 km, to discover a unique construction, heritage and natural environment, for all ages.
- **Annually 640,500 visitors**
- **Weighted average spend €27**
- **1 Year Economic Impact €17.2m**
- **Vs Build Cost of €12m**
- **Payback period < 8 1/2 months**
- Established **governance** system for maintenance and management, including support from local committees to improve attractiveness and litter collection => cohesive social benefits
- A **health & wellbeing for local people and visitors**

Excellence category 1st Prize



Royal Canal Greenway



>> Presentation [The Royal Canal Greenway: a good example of product development.](#) *Mervyn Hamilton, Project Coordinator, Waterways Ireland*
>> [See video here](#)

Photos: © Awarded greenways

- **How to get there:** in close proximity to Dublin, and is served by excellent public transport links, including the intercity Dublin to Sligo train line. The route passes through Coolnahay Harbour, Ballinacarrigy, Abbeyshrule, Ballymahon and Keenagh. [Further info here](#)
- It is possible to cycle between any of the main towns and return by train.
- Each trailhead along the Royal Canal Greenway offers bike rental options

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Project coordinator: Norma Forrest

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Excellence category
2nd Prize

Via Verde della Costa dei Trabocchi – Greenway of the Trabocchi Coast

Abruzzo Region



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Excellence category 2nd Prize

Via Verde della Costa dei Trabocchi – Greenway of the Trabocchi Coast



2nd Prize: Via Verde della Costa dei Trabocchi – Greenway of the Trabocchi Coast, Italy. Presented by Abruzzo Region.

For the impressive transformation of a disused railway line into a 42 km high-quality greenway, integrated into the stunning landscape of the Teatine coast, resulting in a spectacular greenway. It is an extraordinary example of environmental recovery, which has required a long process. It represents a major transformation and enhancement of the Costa dei Trabocchi territory, integrating also sustainable mobility models.

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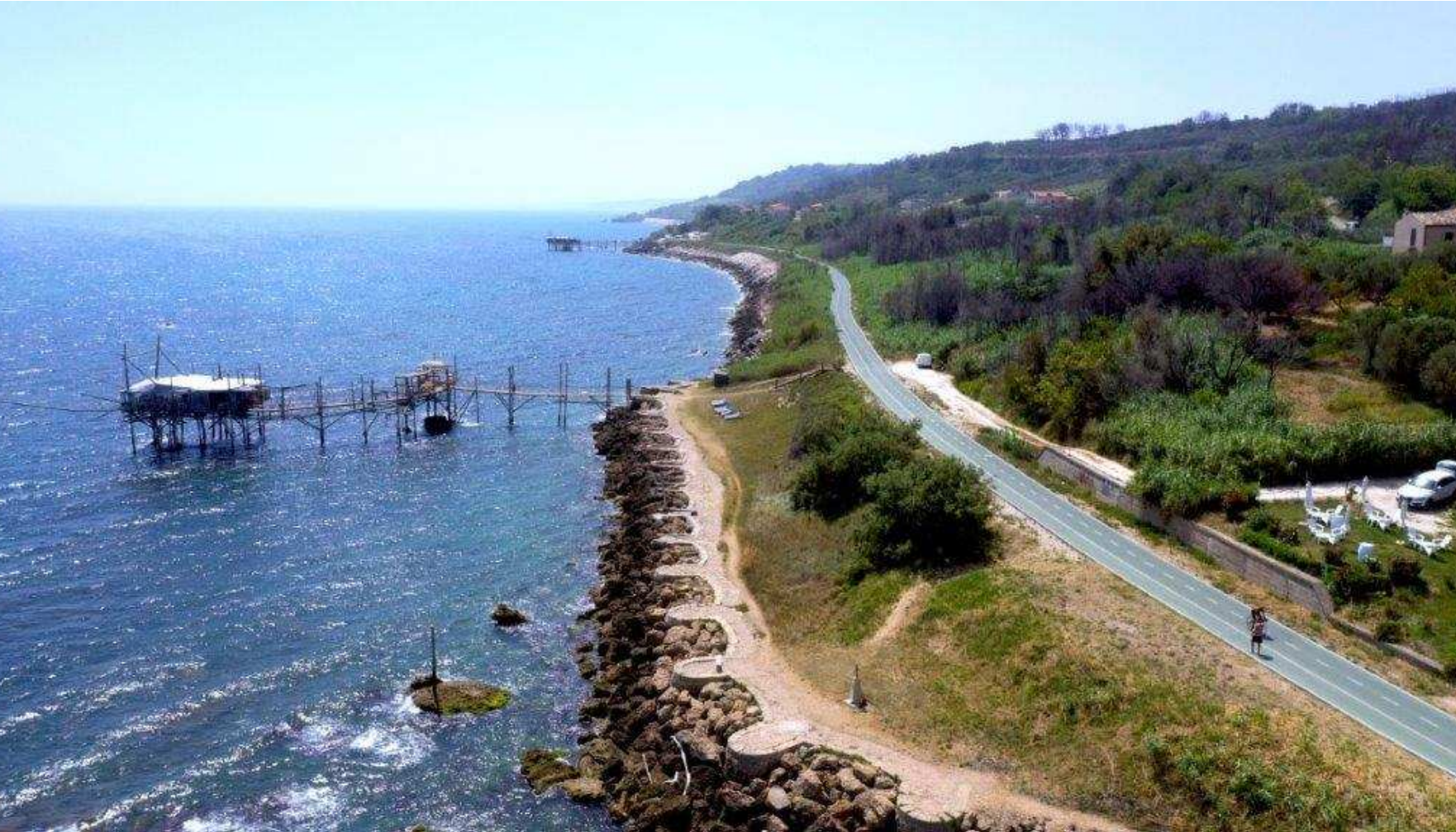
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Abruzzo Region



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Highlights

Via Verde della Costa dei Trabocchi – Greenway of the Trabocchi Coast

Abruzzo Region

- **42 km cycle-pedestrian path** along the Teatina coast, Built on the **old railway line** of the Adriatic line connects Ortona to Vasto.
- extraordinary example of **recovery of environmental damages**
- 13 main access points, 4 near the former railway stations, 9 tunnels; and other to the beaches
- enhance the territory of the Costa dei Trabocchi, favoring a **soft mobility** between the different municipalities of the coastal towards the hinterland, on the hilltop and foothill villages.
- Promotion of healthy lifestyles and physical well-being
- **High quality**. "Grande Partenza" of the Giro d'Italia 2023

- **Many sustainable models projects launched:**
 - the Trabocchi Mob, **sustainable mobility** services, train, bike, bus intermodality, such as bike stations inside RFI stations
 - Construction of exchange parking, and interconnection with local public transport;
 - Rental bikes in stations
 - "Trabocchi Line", **train** connecting Pescara beaches of the Trabocchi coast with several daily trip. Carriages dedicated to bike (up to 64) be transported for free.
 - "Bike to Coast for everyone" development of **accessible tourism**, to people with disabilities.
 - "**Art, Bike and Run + wine**" food and wine and cultural tours.
 - Decisive increase in presences in the area and adjacent registered (+ 18.5%, compared to 2017).

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Via Verde della Costa dei Trabocchi – Greenway of the Trabocchi Coast

General characteristics

Italy, Abruzzo, from Ortona to Vasto, along the Teatina coast



Abruzzo Region

Greenway's begin at:	Ortona (CH) – near the marina
Greenway's end at:	Vasto (CH) – ex railway station
Length: (km)	42
Width: (m)	4,30
Surface (hard, smooth) pls indicate:	Smooth (asphalt, cement colored with resin)
Average gradient: (%)	0 (zero)
Towns and areas crossed:	Ortona, S. Vito Chietino, Rocca San Giovanni, Fossacesia, Torino di Sangro, Casalbordino, Vasto
Authorized users: (if possible with estimation of user percentages):	Cyclists and pedestrians (100%)
Kind of usage: (leisure, tourism, daily trips, etc.) (if possible with estimation of user percentages):	Tourism 50% Leisure 25% daily trips 25%
Investment value and origin: (EUR)	€ 15.271.000,00 (Development and Cohesion Fund – national fund)
Facilities offered to users of the greenway:	Exchange parking, bike rental and other "bike friendly" services, bikegrill, fountains, service buildings (WC), beach resorts, dedicated services for accessible tourism
Type of previous use of the infrastructure (canals, railways):	Railway

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Via Verde della Costa dei Trabocchi – Greenway of the Trabocchi Coast



How to get there:

By bus from Rome to Chieti – Pescara.

Pescara – Ortona

By train from Rome Pescara – change Pescara – Ortona

Bike rental options

<https://viaverdedeitrabocchi.info/>

www.abruzzoturismo.it

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Presentation [The Greenway of the Trabocchi Coast](#). *Daniele D'Amario*, Regional Councilor for Tourism, Abruzzo Region



>> [See video here](#)

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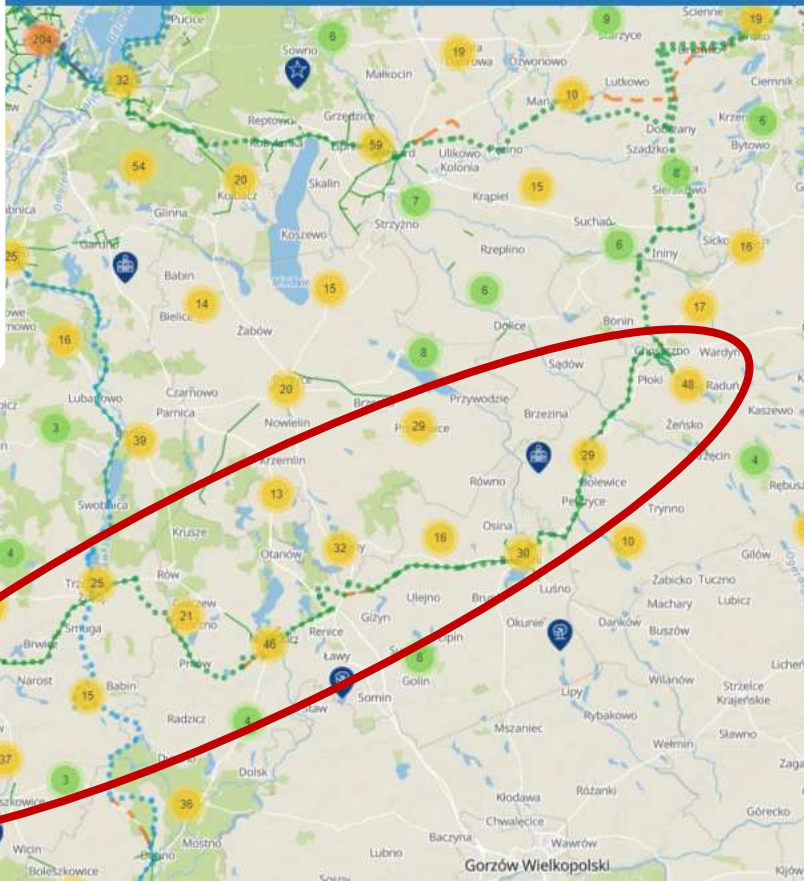
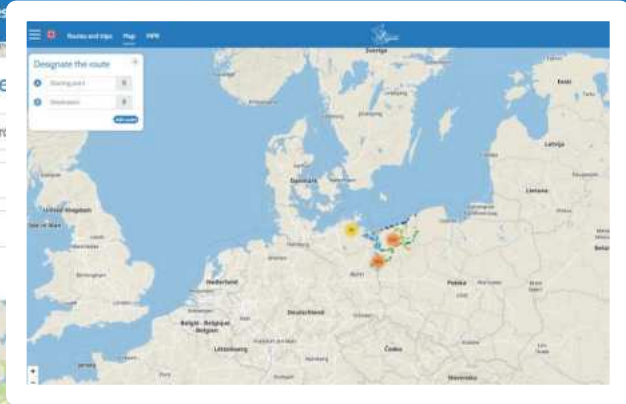
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Excellence category
3rd Prize

The European Bridge and a cross-border Polish-German greenway

Marshal's Office of the Westpomeranian Voivodeship



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Excellence category 3rd Prize

The European Bridge and a cross-border Polish-German greenway



3rd Prize. The European Bridge and a cross-border Polish-German greenway. Presented by Marshal's Office of the Westpomeranian Voivodeship/ Poland

For the cross-border rail-trail greenway, which includes as a key element the restoration of the historic railway bridge, over which a 660 m observation platform has been created, with an important environmental component, and which offers unique views of the river and its natural floodplains. It is the result of cross-border cooperation, a symbol of reconciliation between the two countries, which stimulates local pedestrian and cyclist traffic, and has become an important tourist destination.

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The European Bridge and a cross-border Polish-German greenway

Presented by: Marshal's Office of the Westpomeranian Voivodeship

General characteristics

Greenway's begin at:	The beginning of the greenway is near the train station in German town of Wriezen.
Greenway's end at:	The greenway's end is near the train station in the Polish town of Choszczno.
Length: (km)	136
Width: (m)	Usually 2,5m, occasionally 2m
Surface: (hard, smooth) pls indicate):	Hard and smooth, mainly asphalt. There is a fragment of a gravel service road.
Average gradient: (%)	0%
Towns and areas crossed:	Wriezen, Odra River, Cedynia Landscape Park, Moryń, Trzcińsko-Zdrój, Myślibórz, Barlinek, Barlinek Landscape Park, Pełczyce, Choszczno
Users %	Cyclist (70%), rollerbladers (1%), pedestrians (29%)
Kind of usage (%)	Main purpose is tourism (it is a part of two long distance cycle routes – the Western Lake Districts Route and the future Berlin – Szczecin – Kołobrzeg Loop Route). Because the route is quite new it is mostly popular for leisure use at the moment.
Investment value and origin: (EUR)	The European Bridge: EUR 8,5 mln from Interreg V A MV / BB / PL Program (ERDF) Polish part of greenway: EUR 15,6 mln from Regional Operational Programme for Zachodniopomorskie Voivodeship (ERDF)
Facilities offered to users of the greenway:	We established the Cyclist-friendly Places program for hotels, B&Bs, campsites, and restaurants. There are free train stations with trains operating among others to Berlin, Szczecin, and Poznań. There are rest places and a viewing platform on the European Bridge spine for the Oder river wetland. We provided a mobile app (The West Pomerania app) with a detailed map and points of interests . There is a bookable offer for cycling holidays that consist of the large part of the greenway as well as the other newly built cycle routes. The bookable offer is available every week from May to September. The Western Lake Districts Route is signposted and supplied with detailed maps on all crossings. Points of Interest and hospitality facilities are indicated on route with dedicated signs.
Type of previous use of the infrastructure	Railway



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The European Bridge and a cross-border Polish-German greenway

Highlights

Presented by: Marshal's Office of the Westpomeranian Voivodeship



- To establish a new tourist attraction and a **new long-distance cycle route** in a remote location that wasn't a tourist destination.
- **New life to the old disused transportation corridor: safe connection between areas excluded from a public transport.**
- **Cross-border disused railway bridge (built 1892):**
 - important cycling & pedestrian link.
 - Special feature of this tourist destination.
 - **unique views of the Oder River and its wild, natural floodplains.**
 - observation deck with a total length of 660 m. above the bridge span
 - Measures to limit the environmental impact
- Infrastructure for tourism & education; created **symbolic common recreational area at the border.**

- Detailed information and bookable offer.
- **increasing trend of visits** from year to year.
 - Since the start 2018 : 99,025 cyclists
 - 2022 = 51,545 cyclists.
 - On the bridge alone, 20,157 (July 2022).
- **increase in business** (hotels, campsites, and hospitality), and **community initiatives** linked to the existing cycle infrastructure.
- Part of the system of cycle routes in the West Pomeranian Region, linking the Western Lake Districts Route with the German and international cycle route system.
- Increase in supra-regional and regional tourist on long-distance cyclerroutes,
- **Stimulates local tourist traffic in German and Polish municipalities neighbouring the cycle route.**
- Polish local communities partners in projects responsible for greenway maintaining



Excellence category
3rd Prize

The European Bridge and a cross-border Polish-German greenway



How to get there:

Tree train stations with trains operating among others to Szczecin, Berlin, Poznan

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Presentation: Re-Building bridges through greenways: the cross-border (Poland-Germany) greenway.

Wanda Nowotarska and Wojciech Grela. Marshal's Office of the West Pomeranian Voivodeship (Poland). Representative of Marshal for cycling Communication



[>> See video here](#)

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B) EXEMPLARY INITIATIVES

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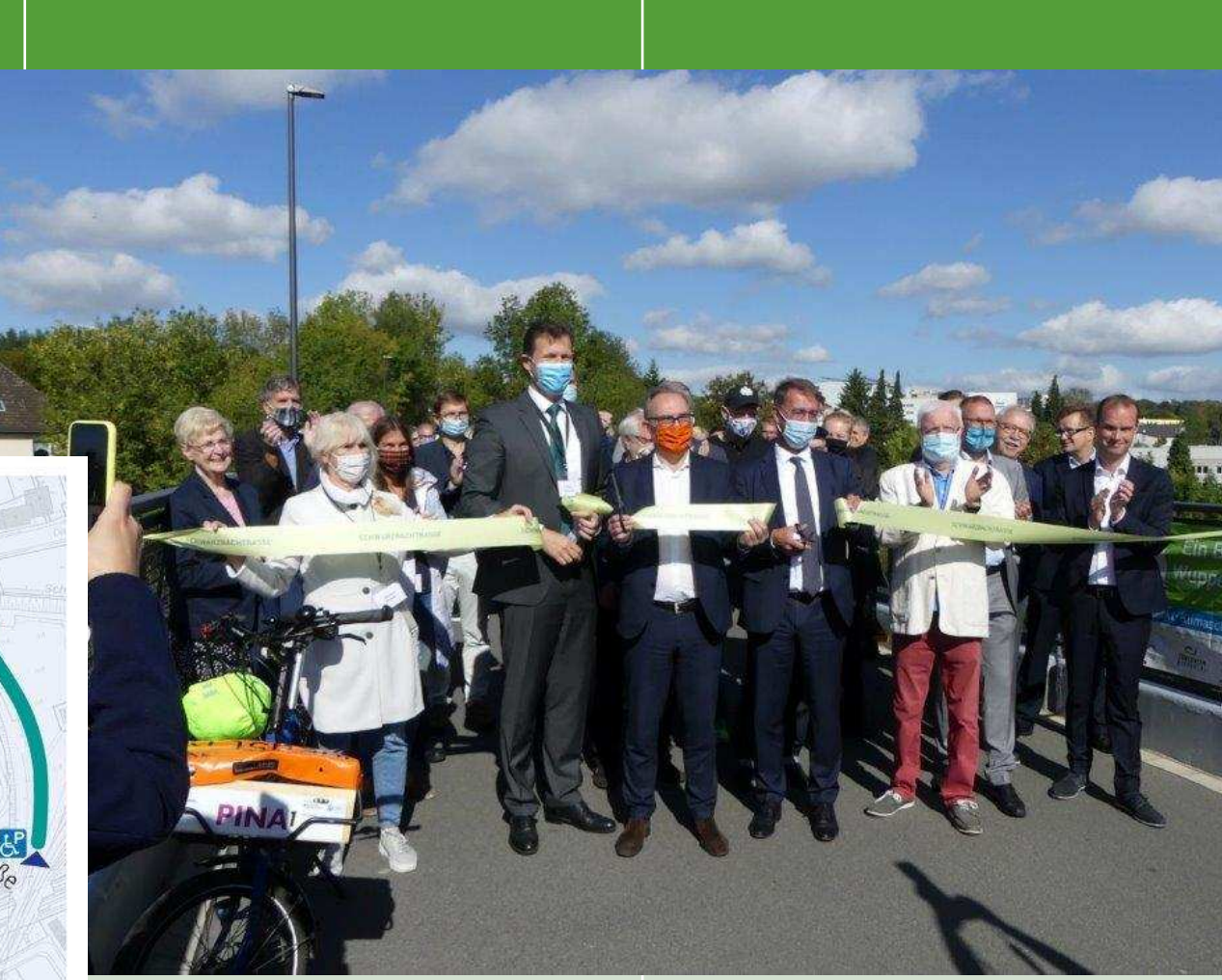
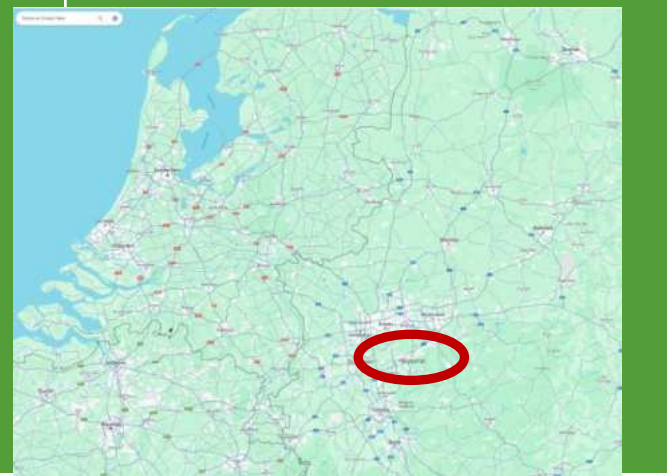
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Exemplary Initiatives 1st Prize

Wuppertalbewegung

Wuppertalbewegung (Non Profit Association)



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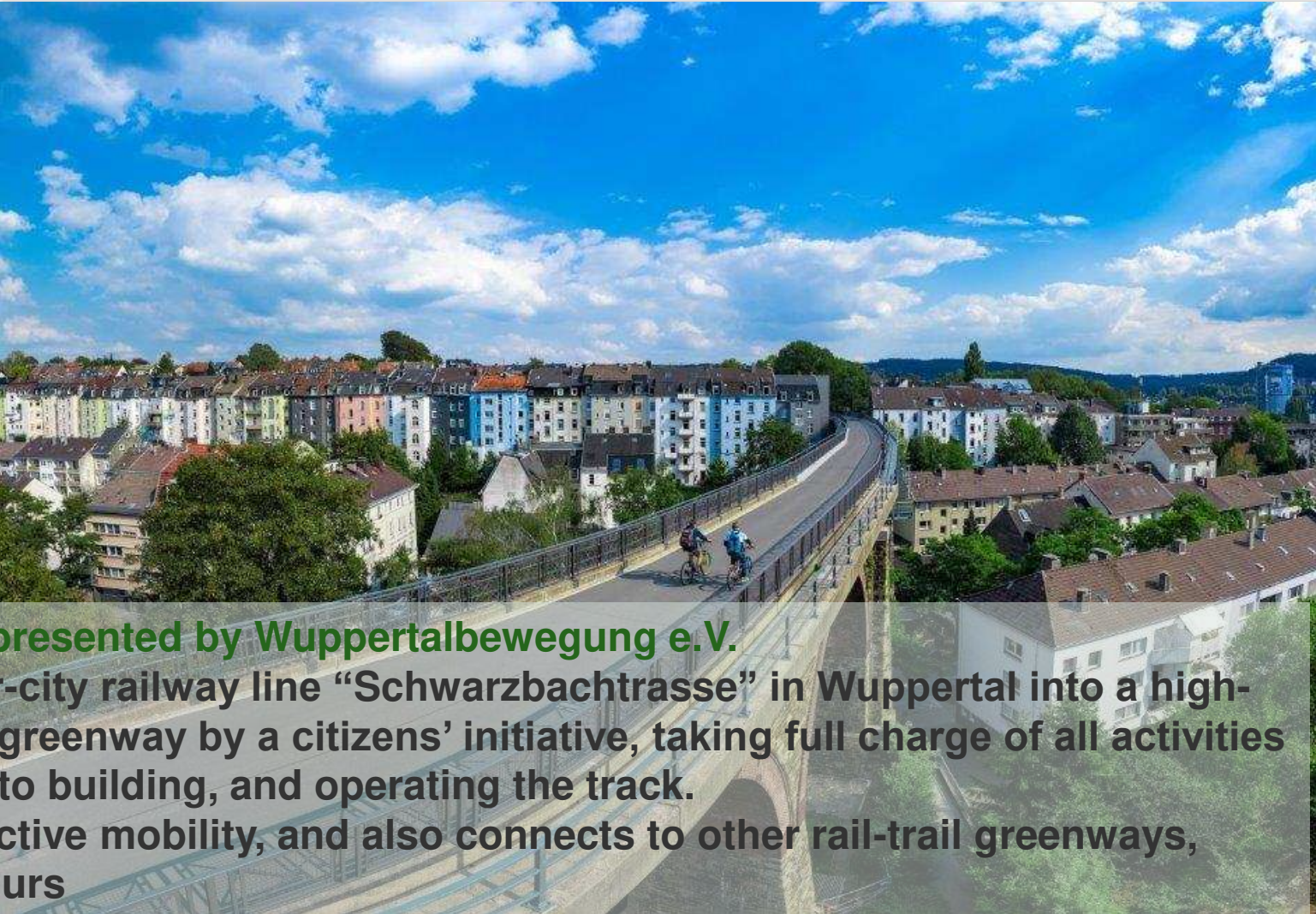
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Exemplary Initiatives 1st Prize

Wuppertalbewegung

Wuppertalbewegung (Non Profit Association)



1st Prize: Wuppertalbewegung, Germany, presented by Wuppertalbewegung e.V.
For the conversion of the abandoned inner-city railway line “Schwarzbachtrasse” in Wuppertal into a high-quality cycling, walking and inline skating greenway by a citizens’ initiative, taking full charge of all activities from planning, acquiring necessary funds to building, and operating the track.
The 1.8 km long greenway is key to daily active mobility, and also connects to other rail-trail greenways, allowing residents to go on longer cycle tours



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Presented by: *Wuppertalbewegung (Non Profit Association)*

Wuppertalbewegung



<u>Greenway's begin at:</u>	Wuppertal- <u>Wichlinghausen</u>
Greenway's end at:	Wuppertal- <u>Langerfeld</u>
Length: (km)	1,8 KM
Width: (m)	3,5 M – 6 M
Surface: (hard, smooth) pls indicate):	Asphalt
<u>Average gradient:</u> (%)	0-0,5 %
Towns and areas crossed:	Wuppertal <u>neighborhoods</u>
Authorized users (if possible with estimation of user percentages):	Cyclists, Walkers, Skaters
Kind of usage (leisure, tourism, daily trips, etc.) (if possible with estimation of user percentages):	School-, work- and leisure pathway
Investment value and origin: (EUR)	3.32 <u>Million</u>
Facilities offered to users of the greenway:	Rest areas, Parking Places
Type of previous use of the infrastructure (canals, railways):	Railway

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Highlights

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- Conversion of the inner-city former railway line “Schwarzbachtrasse” in Wuppertal into a high-quality cycling, walking and inline skating path
- A citizens’ initiative, taking full charge of all activities: concept, planning, organized all funds (private and public), took full charge of all the tendering and building activities, plus now is operating the track for 5 years.
- Required extensive rehabilitation on engineering structures (2018 and 2019).
 - 186 meter long viaduct
 - Two steel bridges from the 19th century
 - The interior of the Wichlinghausen tunnel
 - To protect falling stones
 - LED lighting for the entire route and tunnel.
- 10% as private contribution, also the entire planning costs (non-eligible costs).

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- Wuppertal is a top 20 city in Germany with over 350.000 inhabitants.
- > 50,000 residents live in the neighbourhoods. Since the opening (2020) have the opportunity to get to work or school by bike or on foot in a short distance.
- Eliminating journeys by motorised (individual) transport: considerable reduction in CO2 emissions.
- Connectivity: opportunity to go on longer cycle tours along other connected former railway routes. E.g., the Nordbahntrasse to Hattingen an der Ruhr or Solingen (Korkenziehertrasse) as well as Essen-Kettwig via the Niederbergbahn
- First private initiative that has built a highly challenging track with viaduct, bridges, tunnel and rock incisions.
- Cost savings about € 280,000.



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Further info:

www.wuppertalbewegung.de

Presentation: “Schwarzbachtrasse” former railway: a project “by citizens for citizens”. Christa Mrozek, Wuppertalbewegung (Wuppertal Movement), Germany



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WESTERN BALKANS GREENWAY CONNECTS:

- SERBIA (Beograd, Užice, Priboj)
- BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (Sarajevo, Mostar, Trebinje)
- CROATIA (Dubrovnik)
- MONTENEGRO (Nikšić, Herceg Novi, Zelenika)



PARTNERS IN PROJECT:
 YugoCycling Campaign, Belgrade, Serbia
 The Mountain Biking Organization MTBA, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina
 Nature Lovers Montenegro, Nikšić, Montenegro



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GREENWAYS CONCEPT:

- improve communications and non-motorised itineraries in Europe
- promote healthier and more balanced ways of life
- promote rural development
- bring Europeans closer to both their natural and cultural environment
- encourage a more human and closer relationship among citizens

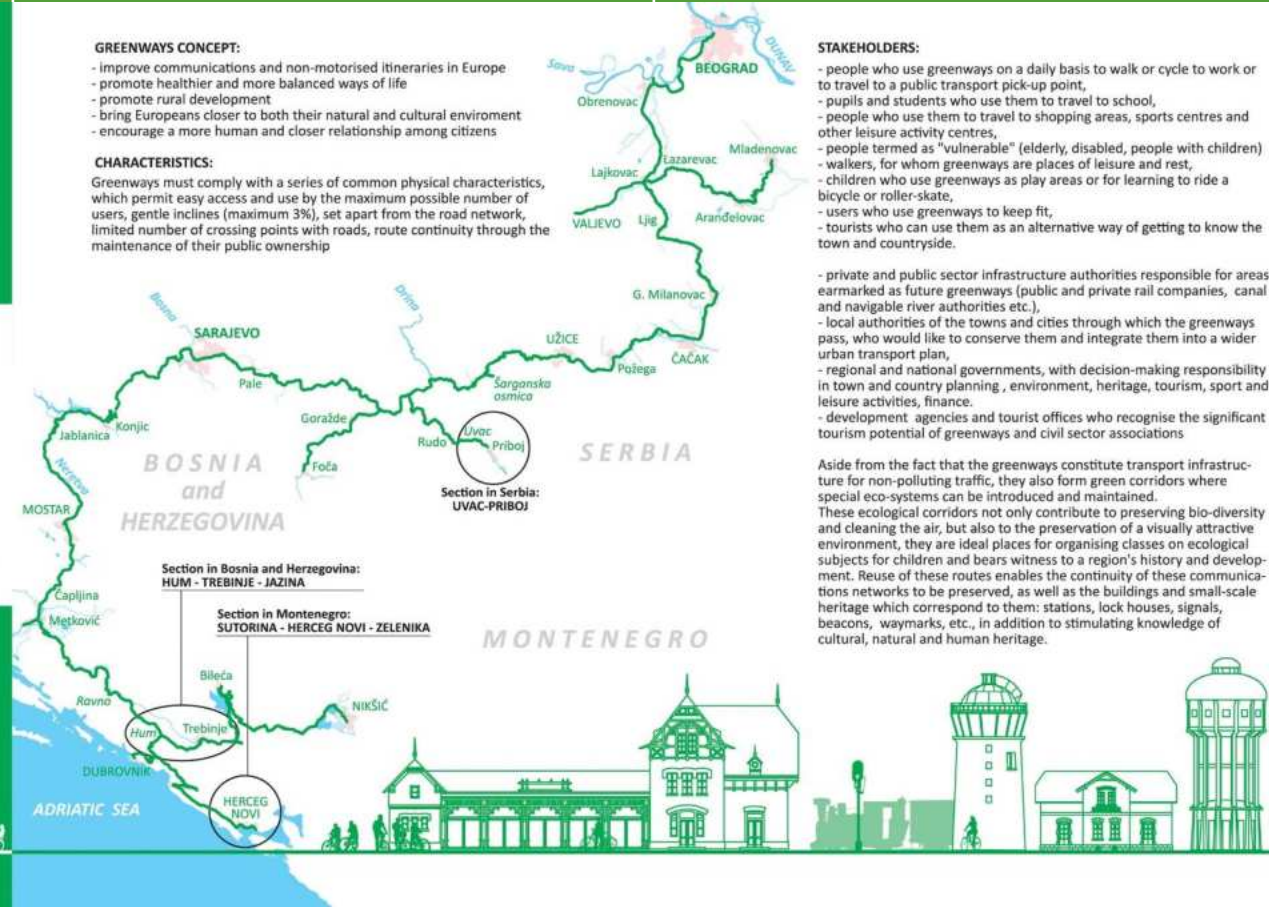
CHARACTERISTICS:

Greenways must comply with a series of common physical characteristics, which permit easy access and use by the maximum possible number of users, gentle inclines (maximum 3%), set apart from the road network, limited number of crossing points with roads, route continuity through the maintenance of their public ownership

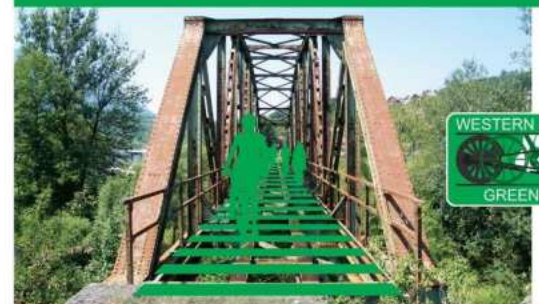
STAKEHOLDERS:

- people who use greenways on a daily basis to walk or cycle to work or to travel to a public transport pick-up point,
- pupils and students who use them to travel to school,
- people who use them to travel to shopping areas, sports centres and other leisure activity centres,
- people termed as "vulnerable" (elderly, disabled, people with children)
- walkers, for whom greenways are places of leisure and rest,
- children who use greenways as play areas or for learning to ride a bicycle or roller-skate,
- users who use greenways to keep fit,
- tourists who can use them as an alternative way of getting to know the town and countryside.
- private and public sector infrastructure authorities responsible for areas earmarked as future greenways (public and private rail companies, canal and navigable river authorities etc.),
- local authorities of the towns and cities through which the greenways pass, who would like to conserve them and integrate them into a wider urban transport plan,
- regional and national governments, with decision-making responsibility in town and country planning, environment, heritage, tourism, sport and leisure activities, finance.
- development agencies and tourist offices who recognise the significant tourism potential of greenways and civil sector associations

Aside from the fact that the greenways constitute transport infrastructure for non-polluting traffic, they also form green corridors where special eco-systems can be introduced and maintained. These ecological corridors not only contribute to preserving bio-diversity and cleaning the air, but also to the preservation of a visually attractive environment, they are ideal places for organising classes on ecological subjects for children and bears witness to a region's history and development. Reuse of these routes enables the continuity of these communication networks to be preserved, as well as the buildings and small-scale heritage which correspond to them: stations, lock houses, signals, beacons, waymarks, etc., in addition to stimulating knowledge of cultural, natural and human heritage.



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TRANSFERRING ABANDONED RAILWAYS INTO CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN GREENWAYS, CONNECTING THE DANUBE AND THE ADRIATIC



Belgrade- Zelenika >> App. 1000 km - Previous narrow gauge Railway

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Greenway from The Danube to the Adriatic

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Greenway from The Danube to the Adriatic, Serbia.

For the campaign of more than 7 years to promote a greenway along the abandoned narrow railway line from Belgrade to the Adriatic, in a continuous route, of 1000 km, with the same concept and communication, through 4 Balkans countries.

Jury values the long-term vision, and the different sections carried out to date, and encourages to continue joining efforts to attract new key actors to support the implementation of the route, strengthening and opening new opportunities for cooperation in these territories.

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Highlights

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- Promotional activities for transferring abandoned railway line from Belgrade, through Serbia, B&H, Croatia, and Montenegro.
- Presentation of results from 7-year planning, lobbying, design and enjoyment on bicycles.
- Still an initiative, growing all the time, started in 2015: research the possibility of turning the railway into a greenway, encouraging local governments and stakeholders along the route to get involved in the implementation of this plan.
- Support from the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Serbia, funded two projects on this route in Serbia;
- Western Balkans Fund, funded research along the route (Croatia, B&h Montenegro, Serbia).

- The line connects regions which suffered a lot in a civil war in Yugoslavia and the new greenway brings new energy and idea of peace and cooperation among the citizens.
- The surface of the abandoned line is almost all way preserved.
- Aprox. 1000 km
- Several sections in use already.
- Serbia (Uzice – EGWA awarded greenway 2nd EXC-2017), B&H (Sarajevo and Mostar), Croatia (Dubrovnik) and Montenegro (Herceg Novi). On them, there are a few hotels, restaurants, services for cyclist.
- 8 cycling festivals (Bike Fest), 6 workshops and conferences in different cities.
- Introducing Greenway concept in Western Balkans

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[Presentation: The Western Balkans Greenway project.](#)

[Mirko Radovanac](#), President, Yugo Cycling Campaign (Serbia)

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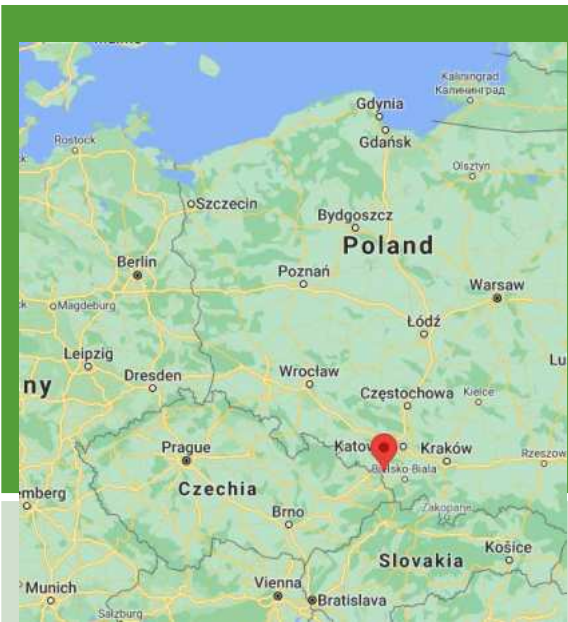


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Cross-border Bicycle Festival on Iron Greenway in Poland and Czechia

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Poland: the Silesia Province, towns: Jastrzębie-Zdrój, Godów and Zebrzydowice
Czech Republic: Moravian-Silesian Region, towns: Karviná and Petrovice u Karviné



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“Ex aequo”

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For the organisation of an extraordinary 2-day cross-border festival for cyclists and other users, to reinforce the promotion and creation of a tourism product of the Iron Greenway, a safe and scenic 52 km loop greenway of railway origin.

Organised in Polish-Czech partnership, with a broad representation of stakeholders, festival has included a variety of unique attractions along the route, and activities involving tourism industry, achieving a great notoriety.

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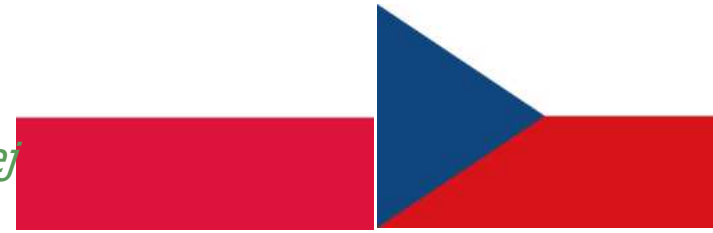


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3rd Prize “Ex aequo” Greenway in Poland and Czechia

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- A cross border greenway (Poland and Czechia).
- In 2023 1st Iron Greenway Festival (May 20-21).
- Extraordinary **two-day event** for all cycling enthusiasts and other users.
- **About 15,000 people**
- **Budget nearly 70,000.00 €**
- Create an offer for the commercialization of the route, with the participation of entrepreneurs, partners, the route coordinator, and experts in the field of cycling tourism and greenways
- A great way to spend time actively in nature, and an opportunity to bring together local communities and discover the charms of our cross-border region.
- Tourist product: **Iron Greenway Festival a new offer that enriches the range of possibilities of using the route and links the local communities of this unique cross-border area.**
- **Stimulating the cooperation with the tourism industry** by meetings and discussions between the public and private sectors.
- Workshops with participation of the tourism industry in order to include the sector in creating the offer, development and promotion of the Iron Greenway through participation in the Festival.
- **Polish-Czech partnership cooperation:** create a cross-border greenway route and carrying out joint promotional campaigns, including the organization of the Festival.
- Using sections of the **former Silesian railway lines**
- One of the most recognizable rails-to-trails in Poland and on the Polish-Czech border.
- New records of users: about 20,000 cyclists during one weekend in the season.

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Presentation:

[The cross-border Bicycle Festival on the Iron Greenway in Poland and Czechia.](#)

Bogdan Kasperek, Agency for Development and Regional Cooperation (OLZA), Poland

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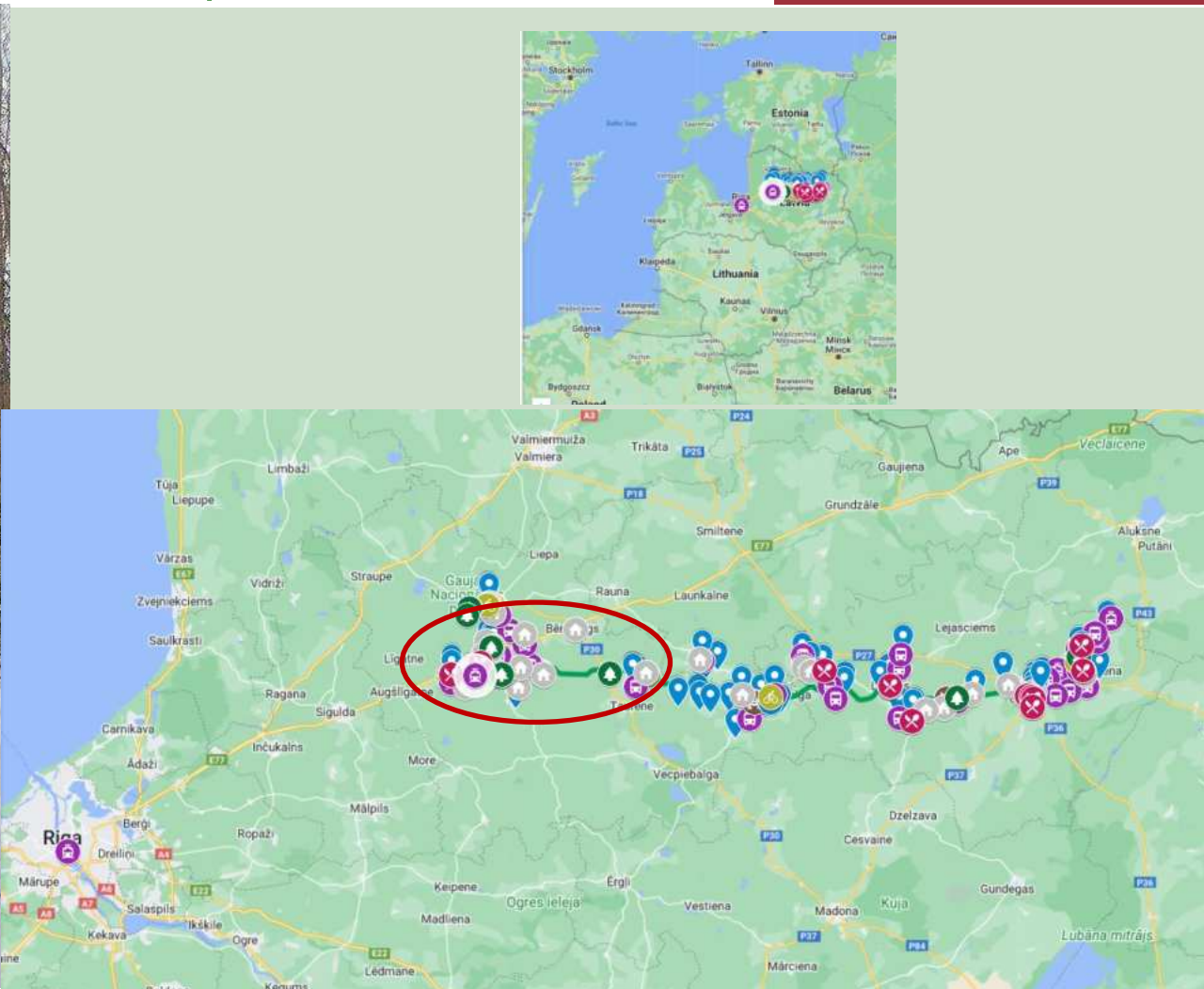
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Latvia!



3rd Prize. Explore the greenways with Huskies in Latvia! Latvia, presented by Vidzeme Tourism Association in cooperation with Dodkepu.

For the original, and socially inclusive activity, which demonstrates that greenways can also be used for a truly unique experience with the friendly huskies, hiking all year round, and sledging in winter. Suitable for visitors of all ages, including people with disabilities as well as learning difficulties, it offers entertainment and the possibilities to explore the greenway in an innovative and value-adding way.

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“Ex aequo” **Highlights**

Explore the greenways with Huskies in Latvia!

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- **Greenways tourism product**
- To show that greenways can also be used for a truly unique experience with friendly huskies - **hiking all year round**, including **sledging in wintertime**.
- Users of all age groups and aptitudes, while also **benefiting the local economy**
- **Suitable for children, elderly and people with disabilities** as well as **learning difficulties, and risk of dropping out of school**.
- Dodkepu.lv – offering the initiative to the visitors
- Vidzeme Tourism Association & Latvian Greenways Association supports the initiative via marketing materials, as well as opportunities to present the Initiative at various greenways events like e.g. conferences and workshops.

- The activity started about 3 years ago, is offered all-year-round.
- Activities available all seasons and weathers-rides, hikes or just spending time with the dogs.
- Accompanied by a coach and a guide.
- Average price for a 8 km huskey sledge ride : 150 EUR – 170 EUR for families, and 60 EUR – 70 EUR per person in a group.
- **2-3 employees daily**; in case of additional activities, 3-4 more volunteers.
- 22 husky dogs.
- Total uses: about **20 persons/day**
- **Using greenways section 30%-40%** of the visitors in summertime, and about **90% in wintertime**

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Presentation: Greenways development in Latvia.

Raitis Sijats, Executive director, Latvian *Greenways Association*

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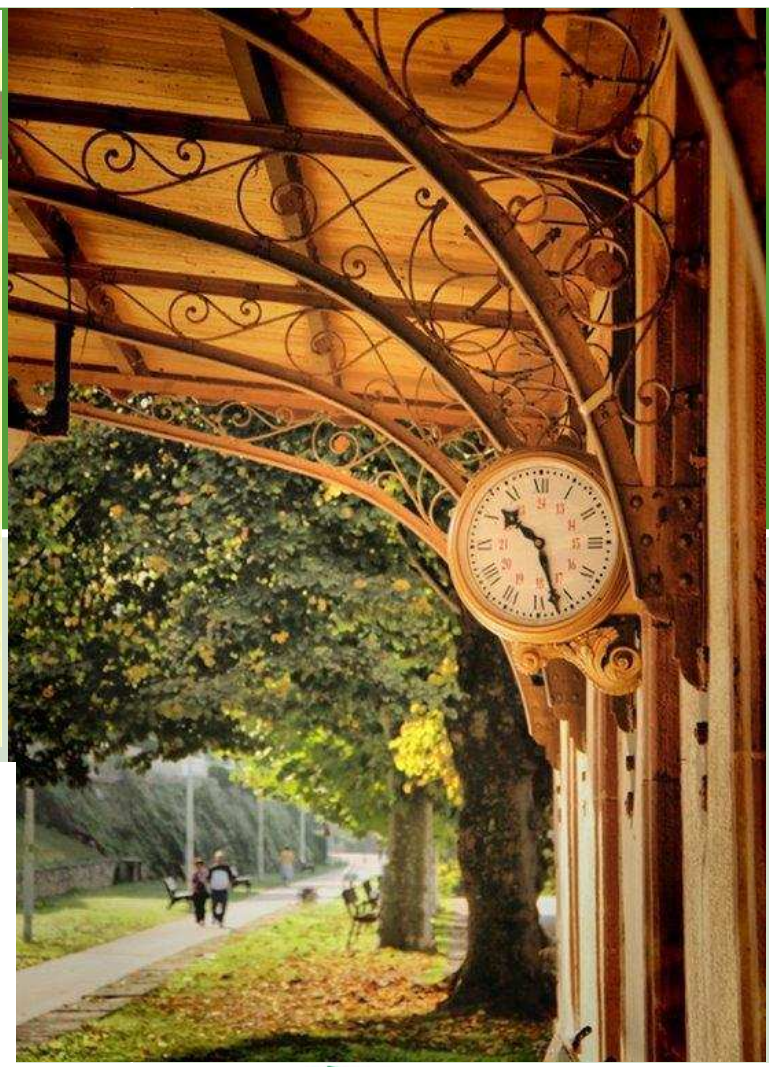
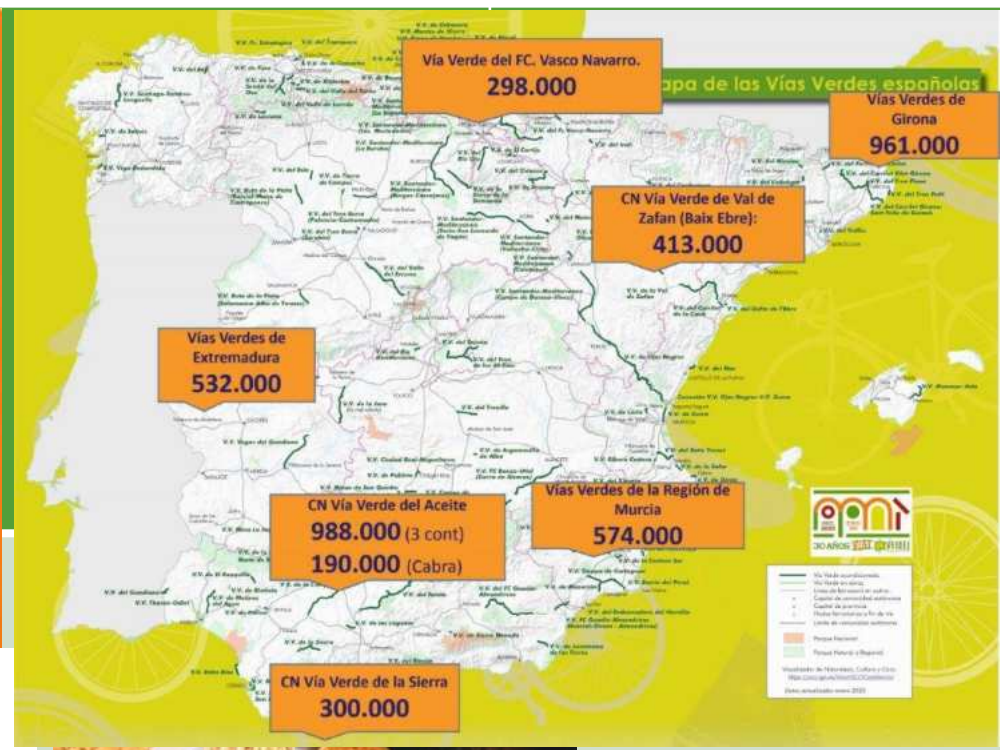
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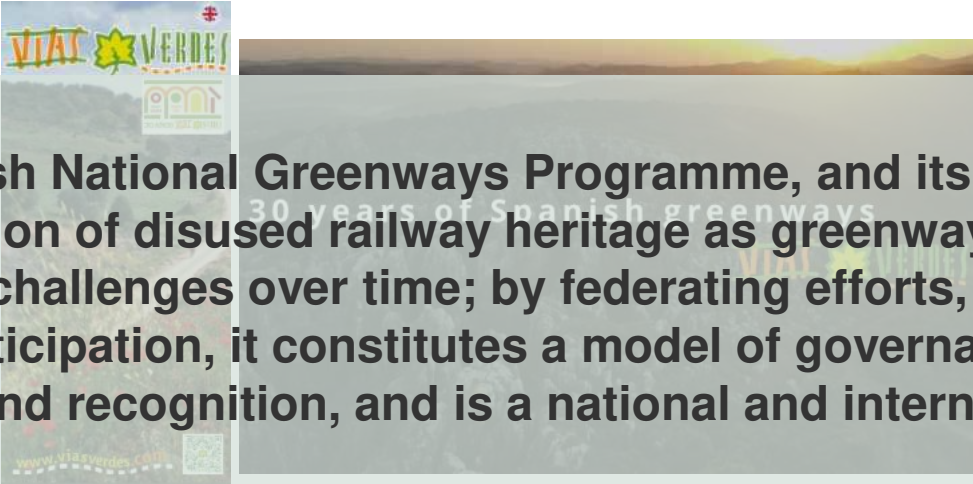
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30 years of the Spanish Greenways Programme Spain

In recognition of the success of the 30 years of the Spanish National Greenways Programme, and its consistent and continued effort to promote the rehabilitation of disused railway heritage as greenways.

The programme has been gaining weight and facing new challenges over time; by federating efforts, weaving strong institutional cooperation, and involving citizen participation, it constitutes a model of governance, and contributes to sustainable tourism. It has great visibility and recognition, and is a national and international reference.



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- Started in 1993 => 7,600 km of disused railway lines potential greenways
- Currently: 3.385,55 km (including under construction) / 135 greenways throughout Spain:
 - 551 municipalities, 44 provinces and 16 regions (all regions except the Canary Islands) are involved. Cooperation and governance
- 156 technical projects and studies on Greenways
- 15 awards obtained, including UN Habitat Program International Best Practices Award (2000) and finalist (2008); World Travel Market Sustainable Tourism Award, (2003), Europa Nostra Award (2004).
- Wide and well recognised promotional actions, using all kind of communication channels.
- Promoting funded projects, managing grants (new)

- Some recent relevant dates regarding the usage of Greenways (uses/Year):
 - Girona GWs (Cataluña) = 961.000 uses/year,
 - Olive oil GW (Andalucía)= 988.000 uses/year
 - Region of Murcia GWs = 574 000 Uses/year.
 - around 200,000-300,000 in well-maintained and managed greenways
- National Greenways Day since 1999 (23 editions). Participants estimated > 100,000 people
- www.viasverdes.com > 2.3 MILL page views
- Impressive data on communication, E.g. almost 70,000 followers social networks (annually 2M organic impressions), + than 1.2 million views on "Vive la Vía" YouTube channel, about 2,400 collaborations with national and international media (radio, press, TV, podcasts,).

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Presentation: The National Vias Verdes program in Spain. Arantxa Hernández

Colorado, *Vías Verdes program*

Director, Spanish Railways Foundation

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Plan for the Green Transition on the Sierra Greenway



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- DECLARADA RUTA DEL INTERÉS TURÍSTICO DEL ANEJAMIENTO
- Plan de Fomento y de Inclusión Ejemplar 2007 de la implementación del Plan de Adaptación a la Accesibilidad Universal
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 Frente a la Reserva Natural del Peñon de Zaframagón, en un enclave natural único, se encuentra la Antigua Estación de Zaframagón, donde se aloja el centro que se constituye a los servicios de una de las mejores coberturas de la zona, letrados de Europa. A través de un moderno sistema de información por vídeo-registrado.

INTERPRETATION CENTER AND BIRD OBSERVATORY 'PENON OF ZAFRAMAGÓN'
 Opposite the Natural Reserve of Peñon de Zaframagón, in a naturally privileged location are the the railway station, where the Centre is located today, one of the best of one of the largest colonies of gull colonies in Europe, through a video-recording system.

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Plan for the Green Transition on the Sierra Greenway. Spain, presented by Fundación Vía Verde de la Sierra
For the implementation of a comprehensive strategy that includes maintenance and management with sustainable techniques. It is based on the non-use of phytosanitary products, and maintenance of the edges of the greenway based on sheep and goat grazing and complementary mechanical means; reforestation with native plants; installation of renewable energy systems in all the buildings and facilities of the greenway, and systems to reduce consumption; and awareness campaigns to act against climate change with daily actions.

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Highlights

- GREEN MANAGEMENT IN MAINTENANCE TASKS WITH SUSTAINABLE TECHNIQUES:
 - Non-use of phytosanitary products.
 - Sheep and goats to pass through the greenway, which does the work of grazing the edges of it. These cattle belong to the shepherds of the area.
 - Complementary own brushcutter
- Annual reforestation of plants and trees native
- CAMPAIGN "STOP CLIMATE CHANGE. LET'S ACT, IT'S OUR TURN!": aimed at local population visitors

- Energy
 - Change of fluorescent lamps with LEDs in the 13 tunnels and all the centers
 - Installation of solar panels for lighting two tunnels; three stations (hotels and restaurants) for hot water; Olvera interpretation center (hot shower to users)
 - Installation of 4 eco-counters (cyclists & pedestrians, self-sufficient with batteries.
 - Improvement of the energy efficiency of the Interpretation Center and Ornithological Observatory of Zaframagón
- December 2021 the region Sierra of Cádiz, where is located the Sierra Greenway, was certified as a Starlight Tourist Destination,



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Jury mentions and finalists

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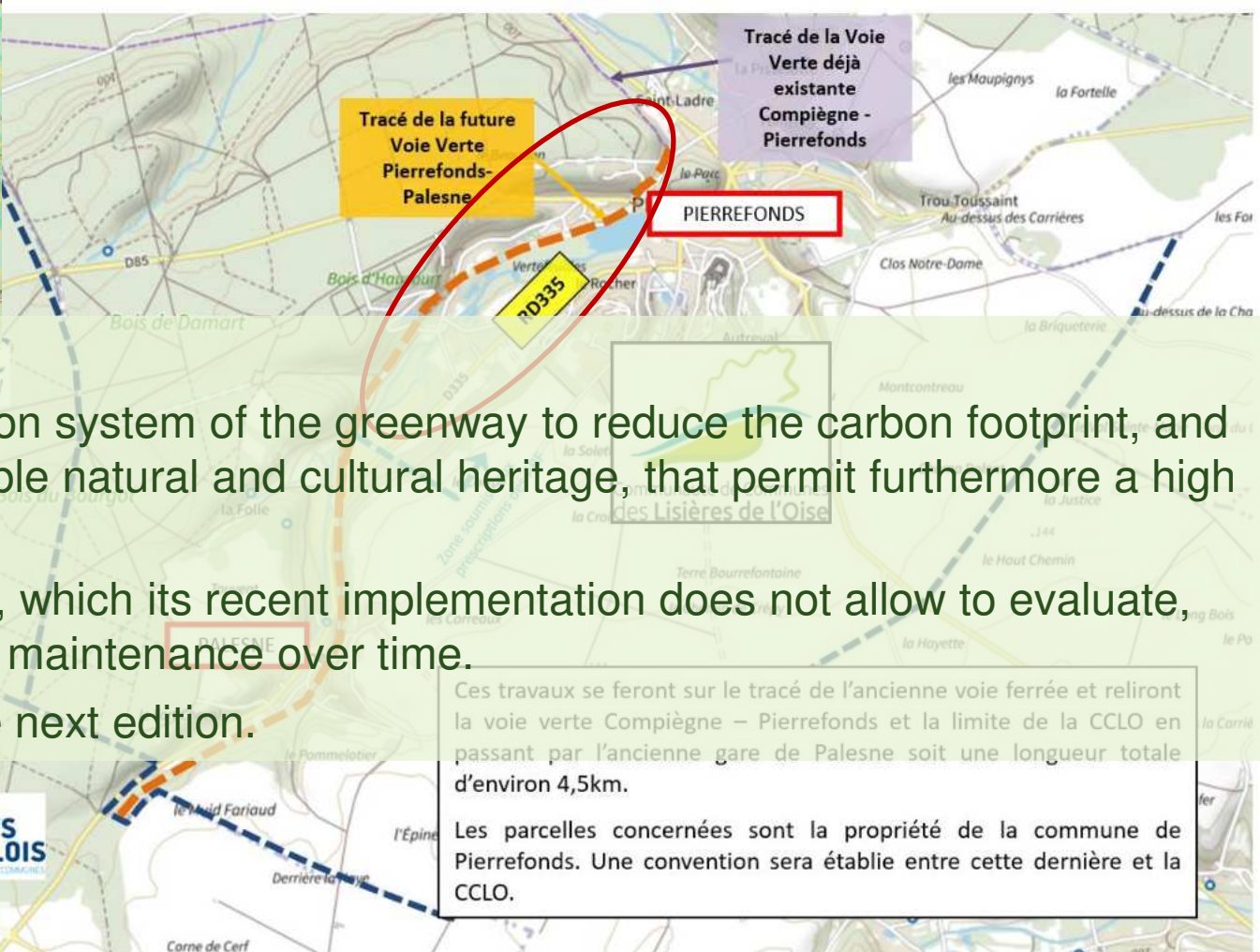


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Jury mention Green Transition

Pierrefonds greenway

Communauté de Commune des Lisières de l'Oise (CCLO) & Colas France



Jury mention in the **Green Transition** category:

The jury highly appreciated the innovative construction system of the greenway to reduce the carbon footprint, and the use of such technology in territories with a valuable natural and cultural heritage, that permit furthermore a high integration in the landscape.

It would like to know its response to the full life cycle, which its recent implementation does not allow to evaluate, and therefore to have more information regarding its maintenance over time.

The applicant is strongly encouraged to apply for the next edition.

Ces travaux se feront sur le tracé de l'ancienne voie ferrée et reliront la voie verte Compiègne – Pierrefonds et la limite de la CCLO en passant par l'ancienne gare de Palesne soit une longueur totale d'environ 4,5km.

Les parcelles concernées sont la propriété de la commune de Pierrefonds. Une convention sera établie entre cette dernière et la CCLO.



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Highlights

- Builds a greenway with an innovative asphalt variant with a plant-based binder (VEGECOL) .
- **By using bio-sourced binder coming from pine trees and by applying the asphalt cold, Colas reduced CO2 emissions by 62% compared to a classic clear coat in an exceptional setting.**
- Due exceptional nature & heritage of the location, specific requirements of the Architectes des Batiments de France (ABF – French heritage architects)
- **The overall project is 4.7km long, but the section presented is 2.2km long**
- **Investment value is 730 859,03 €**
- For tourists and daily users

- Using environmentally friendly surface without compromising walking and riding comfort for users.
- The light color and natural aspects of Vegecol asphalt brings an excellent integration into this complex site with strong architectural and environmental constraints (protected area, heritage,
- Built on an old railway track links major tourism and historical sites.
- Reinforced connection between the 3 castles of the region: the Imperial City of Compiègne, the castles of Pierrefonds & Villers-Cotterêts.
- *The railway was key factor for the town's prosperity and development.*

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Jury mention Green Transition

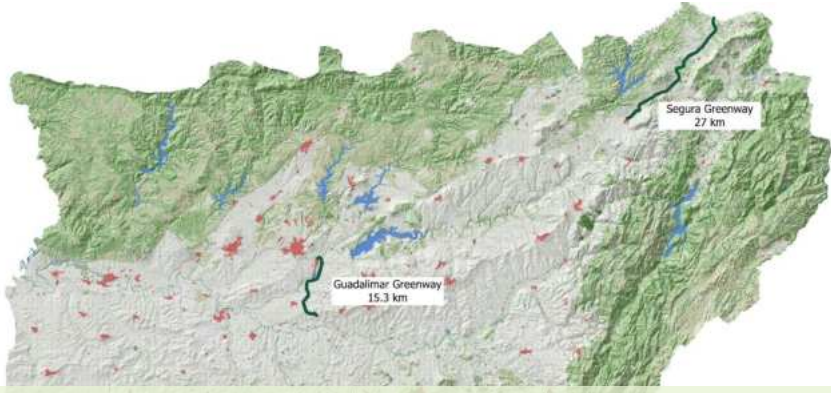
Pierrefonds greenway

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Diputación de Jaén



Tree Benefit Estimates: Carbon (Metric units)

Description	Carbon (t)	±SE	CO ₂ Equiv. (t)	±SE	Value (EUR)	±SE
Sequestered annually in trees	31.01	±3.58	113.70	±13.13	€5,518	±637
Stored in trees (Note: this benefit is not an annual rate)	778.78	±89.93	2,855.54	±329.73	€138,586	±16,003

Tree Benefit Estimates: Air Pollution (Metric units)

Abbr.	Description	Amount (kg)	±SE	Value (EUR)	±SE
CO	Carbon Monoxide removed annually	10.00	±1.15	€0	±0
NO2	Nitrogen Dioxide removed annually	56.40	±6.51	€1	±0
O3	Ozone removed annually	555.22	±64.11	€34	±4
SO2	Sulfur Dioxide removed annually	34.98	±4.04	€0	±0
PM2.5	Particulate Matter less than 2.5 microns removed annually	27.51	±3.18	€25	±10
PM10*	Particulate Matter greater than 2.5 microns and less than 10 microns removed annually	186.08	±21.49	€66	±8
Total		876.19	±100.48	€185	±27

> Jury mention in the **Green Transition** category:

The jury highly valued the work carried out in the ambitious reforestation plan, taking into account the extreme climatic conditions of the summer, with very high temperatures and sunshine, and the lack of water, and the use of innovative techniques to make the best use of water.

It would be interested to know more about the results of these new and promising water use techniques (biochar, and deep irrigation), and the monitoring techniques, of which applicant can hardly provide results currently given their recent use.

The applicant is strongly encouraged to apply at the next edition..




Highlights

- Adaptation and mitigation through greenways of Jaén as green infrastructure
- Since 2019 ambitious **reforestation plan** to transform greenways, in functional green infrastructures.
- To provide woodlands to most of the corridors forming a network with other trees in natural, semi-natural areas, olive groves and green spaces.
- **Mitigation and adaptation to the impacts of weather and climate change;** extreme temperatures above 35°C and a high level of sunstroke
- **Since 2019: planted 2.665 of trees of 23 species along 28 km of greenways in 3 different routes. Young adults, between 14 -25 cm perimeter**
- **Emergency irrigation**

Jaen Greenways as Green Infrastructure

Diputación de Jaén



- **The main challenge**
- Survival of the trees planted in years of drought and reiterated extreme heat waves in summer
 - use of mulches to prevent the evaporation in the pits.
 - Recently testing two new irrigation techniques
 - charcoal infiltrators (biochar), which show a great capacity for water retention in depth (patent developed by the University of Granada).
 - in-depth irrigation, water injected directly into the environment of the plant's roots.
- Estimated number of trees and shrubs that the different Jaen greenways can house: Total trees = 7.178 / Total Shrub = 13.536
- **Monitoring using specialized tools to evaluate results**



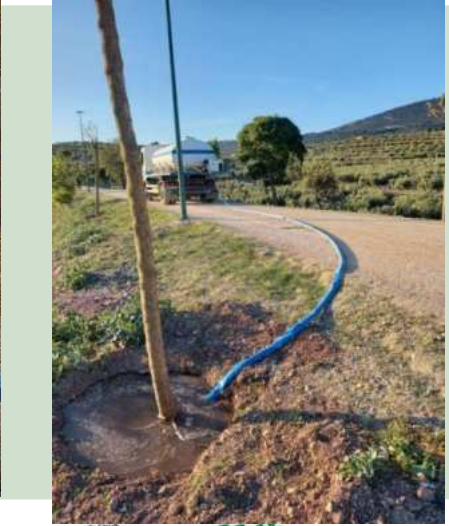
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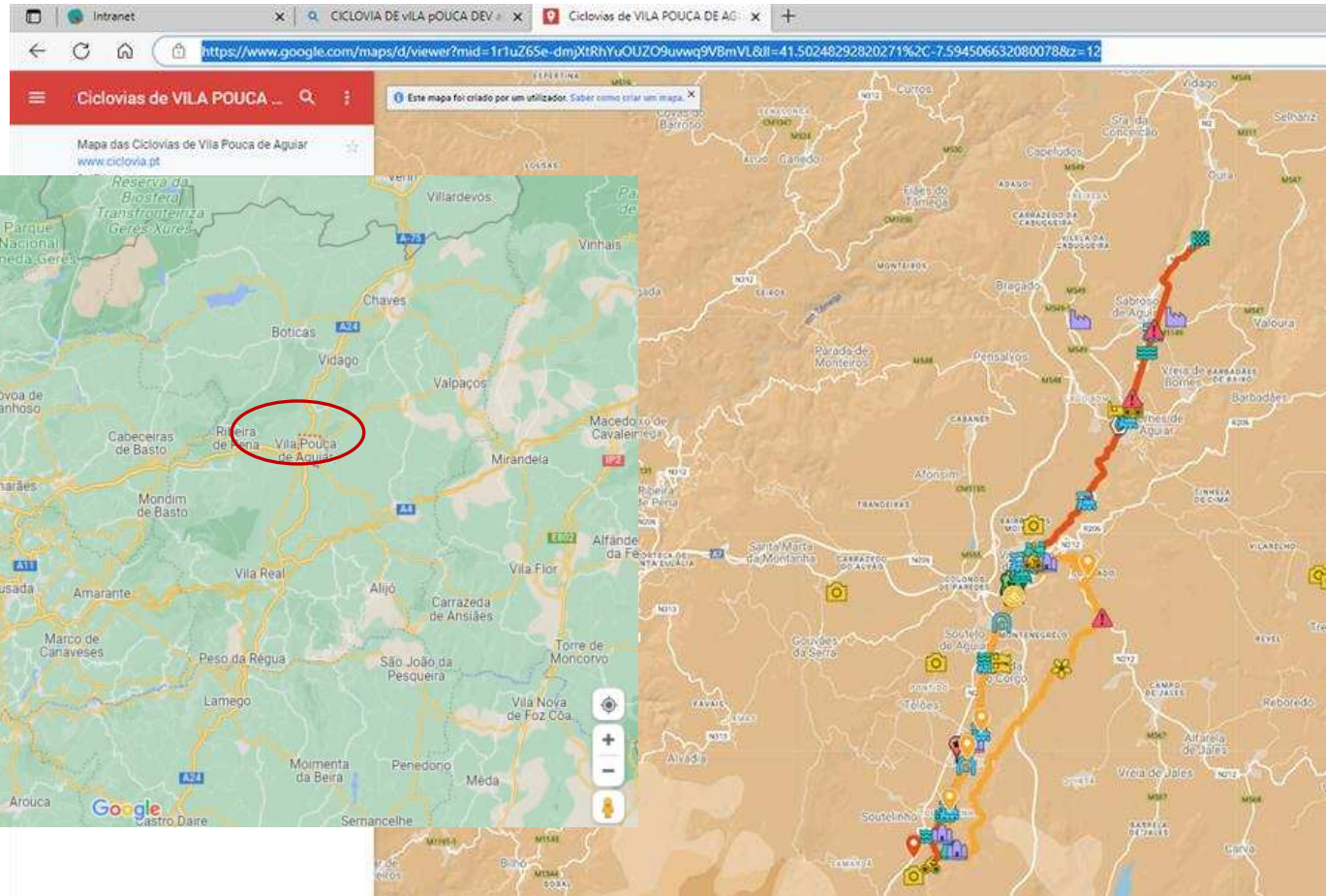


Municipality of Vila Pouca de Aguiar

**Nord Portugal
District: Vila Real.**

- **Municipality of Vila Pouca de Aguiar**
- **Municipality 11,816 inhabitants (2021), subdivided into 14 parishes.**

- **[Section of Ecopista de Corgo](#)**



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Municipality of Vila Pouca de Aguiar



Greenway's begin at:	Apeadeiro Tourencinho Vila Pouca de Aguiar
Greenway's end at:	Apeadeiro de Sabroso de Aguiar, Vila Pouca de Aguiar
Length: (km)	22.8 km
Width: (m)	3m
Surface (hard, smooth) pls indicate:	Tubenant floor, hard surface
Average gradient: (%)	Gentle Slopes maximum 3%
Towns and areas crossed:	It crosses different towns in the municipality, from Tourencinho, Gralheira, Zimão, Parada de Aguiar, Vila Pouca de Aguiar (Vila), Nuzedo, Sampaio, Vila Mêa, Pedras Salgadas (Vila), Sabroso de Aguiar .
Authorized users:	Cyclists and people in pedestrian sports, running, walkers, etc.
Kind of usage (%):	It is quite busy with users who practice pedestrian sports, running, walking and cyclists. Widely used by tourists who love cycling.
Investment value and origin: (EUR)	1.5 million euros
Facilities offered to users of the greenway:	<p>There are countless points of interest that can be found during the Ecopista, namely the landscape of Vale do Corgo and the villages of Tourencinho and Zimão. The Thermal Village of Pedras Salgadas, famous spa and waters, coming from several Springs of great curative quality - advised in the treatment of diseases of the digestive system, cholesterol and diabetes.</p> <p>The Camino de Santiago Interior crosses the entire Aguiarense Municipality, using the entire South Route, from Aldeia de Covêlo to Vila Pouca de Aguiar. Halfway along the route, in Parada de Aguiar, you will find Albergue de Santiago.</p> <p>Some support points for Ecovia users: Apeadeiro at Parada de Aguiar (bicycle maintenance), Santiago Hostel in Parada de Aguiar (Support for pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago), Old Railway Station in Vila Pouca de Aguiar, Vila Sports Complex Pouca de Aguiar (use of changing rooms), Interactive Tourism Shop of the Municipality of Vila Pouca de Aguiar (all types of support needed), Pedras Salgadas Thermal Park with available toilets and Reading Room (necessary support for pilgrims), Apeadeiro de Sabroso de Aguiar, transformed into a hostel for pilgrims and all kinds of support.</p>
Type of previous use of the infrastructure (canals, railways):	Railroad linking Vila Real to Chaves. The various still existing stops, in Tourencinho, Zimão, Parada de Aguiar, Nuzedo and Sabroso de Aguiar, on the Ecovia were the train stops for the entry and exit of passengers. There are two large railway stations, in Vila Pouca de Aguiar (Vila) and Pedras Salgadas (Vila), the first fully recovered , at the moment it is the Headquarters of the Senior University of Vila Pouca de Aguiar, the second being recovered for the inauguration of the new Welcome Center of Tourism of the Municipality and Multipurpose rooms.

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Highlights

Municipality of Vila Pouca de Aguiar

- Safe and a magnificent rural environment,
- Harmonious relationship urban & rural: discover nature, culture, villages and towns
- Enhance natural and cultural systems; **ecological balance of the territory and quality of life of the local populations**
- **Revitalizing elements associated with cultural and natural heritage.**
 - 1 Railway station recovered, Senior University of Vila Pouca de Aguiar
 - 1 recovering Pedras Salgadas (tourism **Welcome Center**)
 - Halts (2), maintenance of bikes, pilgrims hostel, and overall support to the greenway
- Accessible services for people with reduced mobility, namely toilets (several along route)

- **Put in value endogenous resources to attract and securing business investment.**
- **Diversify the tourist offer** allows **visitors and residents** to get to know the municipality, by walking or cycling.
- Joint regional tourism strategy in Alto Tâmega, with five other municipalities; ecopista base of Nature Tourism product.
- **Since 2020, exponential growth in local accommodation and rural tourism, related to Nature Tourism, specifically in the Ecopista**
- First section into operation in 2005, a new phase in 2012. Inaugurated also in 2012 the Thermal Park in Pedras Salgadas (Super Bock Group Company),
- Maintenance: human resources from parish around €20,000

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Ecovia de Guimaraes

Câmara Municipal de Guimarães



PORTUGAL – Região do Minho, distrito de Braga

Greenway's begin at:	Rua do Reboito – 41.434864, -8.333538 Freguesia de Candoso S. Martinho
Greenway's end at:	Rua Padre João de Oliveira - 41.456025, -8.267173 Freguesia de Mesão Frio
Length: (km)	Full extent: 16.5Km
Width: (m)	2,40m
Surface: (hard, smooth) pls indicate:	Wear layer on asphalt bituminous concrete pavement (AC14 SURF 35/50) with wear characteristics, applied hot, after compaction.
Average gradient : (%)	3%
Towns and areas crossed:	Guimarães: Freguesia de Candoso S. Martinho, freguesia de Creixomil, freguesia de Urgeses, freguesia da Costa, União de freguesias da Oliveira, S. Paio e S. Sebastião, freguesia de Mesão Frio
Authorized users (if possible with estimation of user percentages):	Children – 0-14 Years: 10% Youth – 15-24 Years: 40% Adults - 25-64 Years: 35% 65 years or older: 15%
Kind of usage (leisure, tourism, daily trips, etc.) (if possible with estimation of user percentages):	Leisure and Sports Activity Children and young people – 45% Adults and people aged 65 and over: 55% Daily trips Children and young people – 35% Adults and people aged 65 and over: 65%
Investment value and origin: (EUR)	Total cost: (Construction) 2.323.514,86 euros (plus VAT) It was funded by the NORTE 2020 programme under the PEDU (Strategic Plan for Urban Development) whose funding rate was 85%.
Facilities offered to users of the greenway:	Accessibility and security Comfortable paving.
Type of previous use of the infrastructure (canals, railways):	Rural paths, trails, walks



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Ecovia de Guimaraes -1st phase - Network of Cycling Routes in the City of Guimarães

Câmara Municipal de Guimarães



Highlights

- The “**Ecovia de Guimarães**” connects the **City Park to the Sports City**, constituting a great solution for travel between various points of the urban network of the city, such as the Train Station, Gymnastics Academy, University of Minho, University Residences, Multipurpose Pavilion of Guimarães, Pedagogical Garden, articulating with the Cycling Track that links to the city of Fafe.
- Created a **cohesive network** that tries to cover **all possible trips in the different areas of the city.**
- Construction start; 02-05-2017
- completion of the work: 01-07-2018
- "Eco-Totem Bike Counter", count and visualize the number of cyclists who pass through
 - Daily average Monday - Friday: 131
 - Daily average weekend: 357

- **Network of bicycle paths in Guimarães, integrated in the Sustainable Mobility Plan**
- interconnects the main equipment of public use in the city and periphery, but also interconnects with coherence and continuity all the functional areas of the city
- incorporating the **bicycle in urban mobility systems** as well as in the **day-to-day life** of people, for a new urban policy.
- Promote and encourage the use of the bicycle in urban areas, not only regarding recreational and leisure travel, but also as an **alternative means of transport in commuting - home / work and home / school.**

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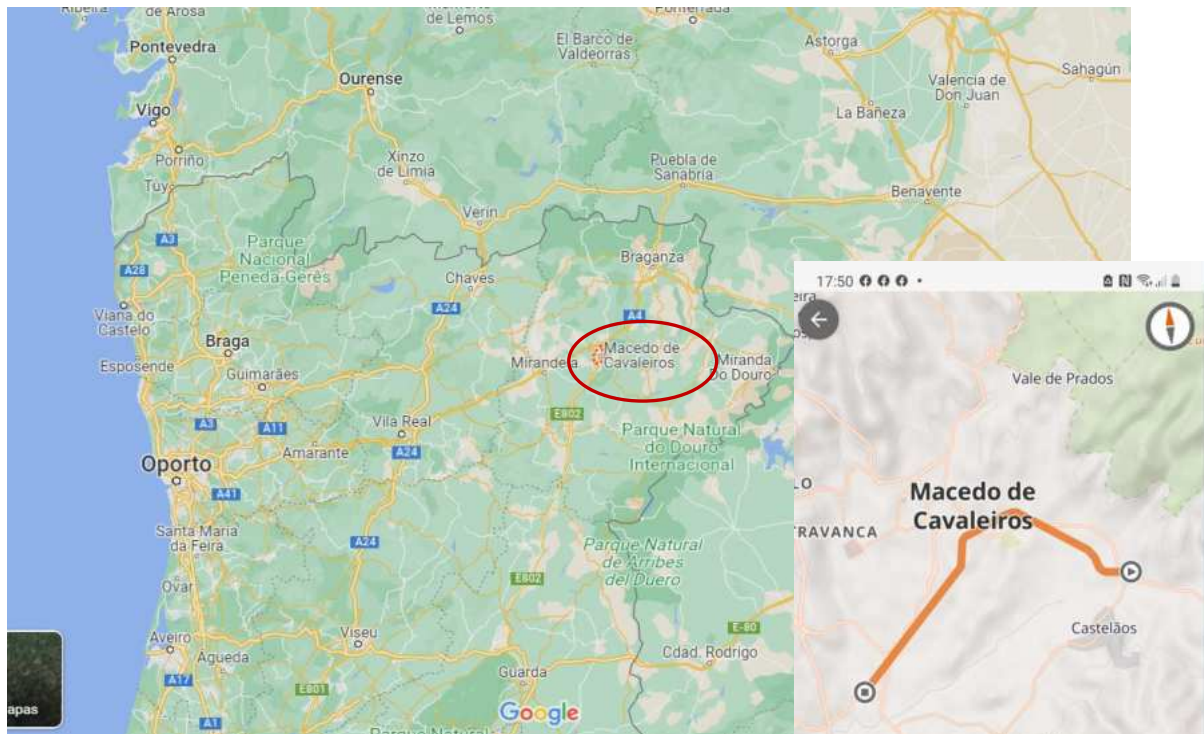
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Bicity –Fase1 Project



Município Macedo de Cavaleiros



**Nord Portugal
District: Bragança.**

Greenway's begin at:	Castelãos
Greenway's end at:	Grijó
Length: (km)	5 km
Width: (m)	2.50 m
Surface (hard, smooth) pls indicate:	Hard - tar
Average gradient: (%)	0% - 3%
Towns and areas crossed:	City: Macedo de Cavaleiros
Kind of usage:	Leisure, sports
Investment value and origin: (EUR)	Total: 572 773,71€ Financial support from the European Union: ERDF (85%) - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) 486 857,65€ National Public Financial Support- 85 916,06€
Facilities offered to users of the greenway:	Only accessible to pedestrian and bicycles, Solar lighting at night; benches and trash bins along the greenway; Wc's, drinking fountains
Type of previous use of the infrastructure (canals, railways):	Railway
Web site:	https://www.cm-macedodecavaleiros.pt/pages/1025

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Highlights

- Designed to serve **commuter journeys (home/work or home/school), especially for short distance travel**
- Safety conditions for pedestrians and cyclists with the necessary proximity to travel destinations.
- Improvement of sustainable urban mobility conditions in the city, promoting a **decrease in car use** and **the progressive adoption of the bicycle.**
- Approval date: 28-02-2019
- Start date: 01-07-2019
- Completion date: 31-12-2021

Bicity –Fase1 Project

Município Macedo de Cavaleiros



- Daily commuting between the urban expansion areas south of the urban centre, (Grijó and Castelãos) which presents the greatest need in daily commuting for distances that do not exceed 3 km.
- these peripheral areas concentrate important equipment, namely sports, social action and public safety facilities, as well as an industrial pole, which significant daily flows
- include landscaping, street furniture/lighting and the creation of additional crossings
- Environmental, urban and public health benefits.

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Fête des Voies Vertes (Greenways Festival)

Association française pour le développement des
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- A big event that every September encourages local authorities, associations, tourist offices... to promote local greenways by organizing a festive event open to the general public.
- AF3V coordinates events and provides local organizers with various tools: (call for events, organizer's guide, communication kit, a new dedicated web platform, communication media, presentation video, press relations, ...)
- Highlight the greenways in France, Make them known to the general public
- Raising awareness and celebrate active mobility especially during European Mobility Week, specifically in greenways.
- Promoting a coherent & attractive network of cycle routes & greenways, essential for a ecological transition, and combating global warming.

- Making 2023 the springboard for the 20 anniversary 2024. Aim of tripling the number of events by investing more heavily in their coordination. :
 - 150 events this year covering all the regions of metropolitan France.
 - To exceed 200 events in 2024!
 - Budget project 40,000 euros this year
- Having a nationwide event dedicated to greenways is the specificity and ambition of the AF3V, the only association that defends the development of these facilities
- Encourage the greatest number of people to adopt an approach sustainable eco-citizen in favoring soft travel and alternatives to “solo driving.
- Many organisations involved all around France.

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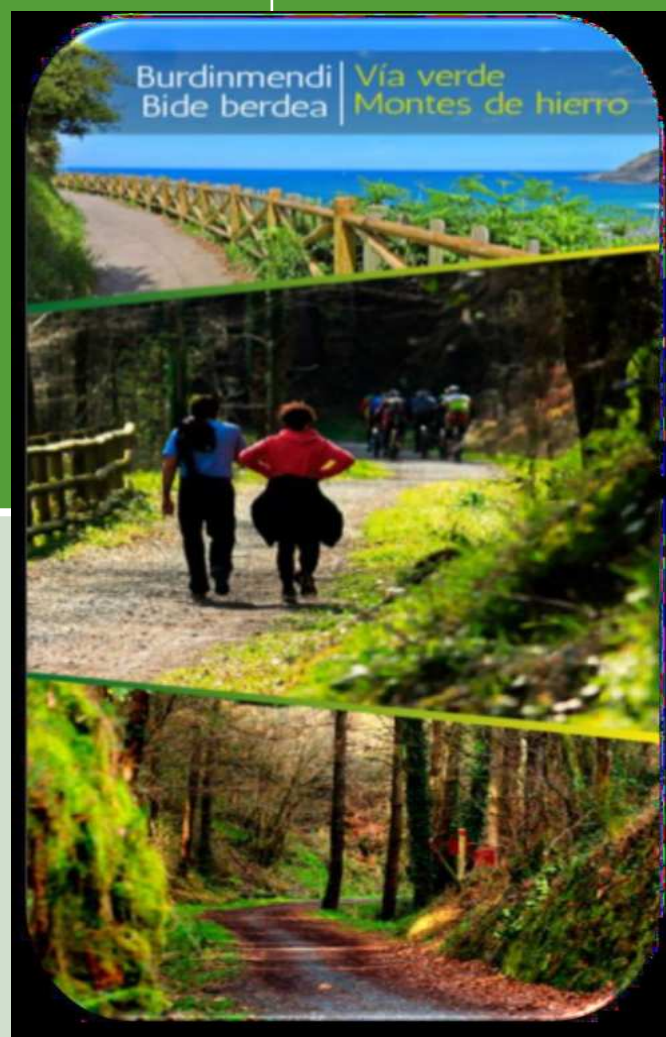
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- Nearly 39 Km
- Rural area in the proximity of Bilbao
- Within a radius of 50 km almost one million inhabitants (mainly Metropolitan Bilbao)
- Population:
 - 4 town councils < 5.000
 - 2 < 10.000
- Budget initiative: 73.760,84 € + 21% VAT. HR costs not included

Technology at the service of the Montes de Hierro Greenway

Optical sensor. People counter

Mobile device detector

People counter on foot and by bicycle. Model Eco counter

SMART MONTES DE HIERRO GREENWAY- BIDE BERDEA. Technologic installed

Greenway. Analysis period: Year 2021

PEOPLE COUNTING POINTS Location	TOTAL PASSES	TOTAL CYCLISTS	TOTAL WALKERS
Artzentales Km 1+500	47.944	38.869	9.075
Caldames Km 14+400	120.007	28.222	91.785
Muskiz Km 22+300(*)	137.017	88.981	48.036
Abanto- Zierbena Turul El Casal Km 31 (optical sensor)	132.256	Does not collect mobility type data. Collects direction of travel and pass count data.	

437.224 Sum of the 4 points of installed counts (Year 2021)

SMART MONTES DE HIERRO GREENWAY- BIDE BERDEA



Highlights

Enkarterrialde Association for Rural Development

SMART BIDEA (*Bidea means "road" in Euskera*)

- To move towards a smart territory based on the physical resource (pilot project).
- To put technology at the service of citizens, companies and town councils in an easy, agile and simple way.
 - Stimulate and activate the rural regional economy through the use of technology and digitisation.
 - Facilitate decision making through data collection and analysis.
 - improve the user's experience of the territory, and obtain data that will help to make decisions more efficiently.
 - Technology at the service of the territory and people.

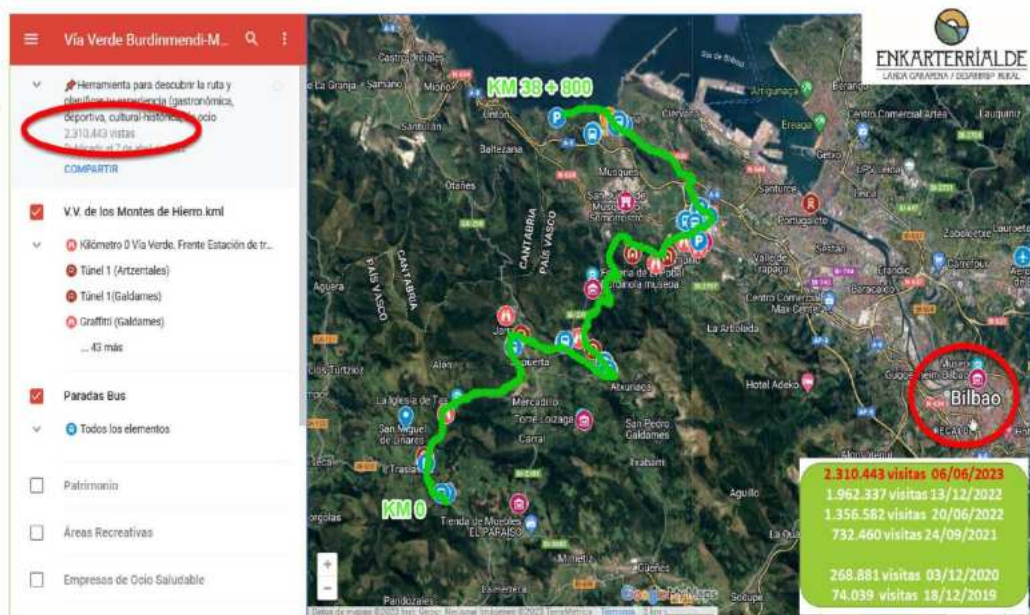
- Burdinmendi Greenway app.
- Installation of an optical sensor and free access wifi points; (mobile detectors, collecting data of users).
- "Capacity traffic light", online communication of the approximate number of people at 9 points;
- Geolocation & 360° digitalisation in Google Street View,
- Dynamisation campaigns through Apps. E.g. "Your favourite walk" campaign. Record a short video and win tickets to museums and restaurant menus.
- Campaigns "Via Verde Te premia 2022" basket of agri-food products.
- Google My Maps Virtual Map : 2 million views
- Number of mobile phones with wifi detected: 1.357.530.

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Smart Montes de Hierro – Burdinmendi Greenway - Bide Berdea

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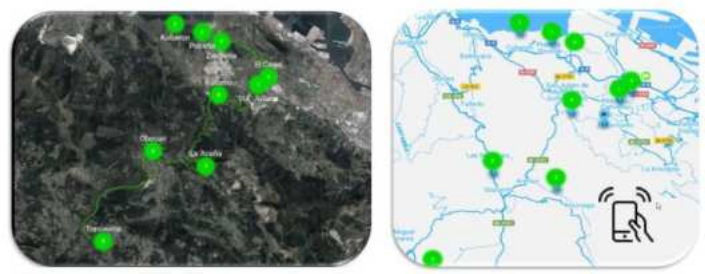
SMART MONTES DE HIERRO GREENWAY- BIDE BERDEA: VIRTUAL MAP (2.310.443 VIEWS. Date: June 6, 2023)

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APP VÍA VERDE BURDINMENDI

STICKERS AND POSTERS DISTRIBUTED IN BARS, RESTAURANTS, MUSEUMS, SHOPS AND TOWN HALLS.

SMART MONTES DE HIERRO GREENWAY- BIDE BERDEA: APP VÍA VERDE BURDINMENDI.



VIA VERDE: DATOS ORIENTATIVOS EN TIEMPO REAL
GREENWAY: Indicative real-time data
[Click here](#) Then, scroll down

Datos exactos en tiempo real. Información interna.
Accurate real-time data. Internal information.

SMART MONTES DE HIERRO GREENWAY- BIDE BERDEA: Location of mobile device counting points



Google Street View

Geolocation and 360° photographic digitisation

COMPLETE ROUTE
<https://cutt.ly/mEEAMms>

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
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LOADER OF THE BARRIETAS:
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SMART IRON MOUNTAINS GREENWAY- BIDE BERDEABIDEA: Geolocation and 360° photographic digitisation

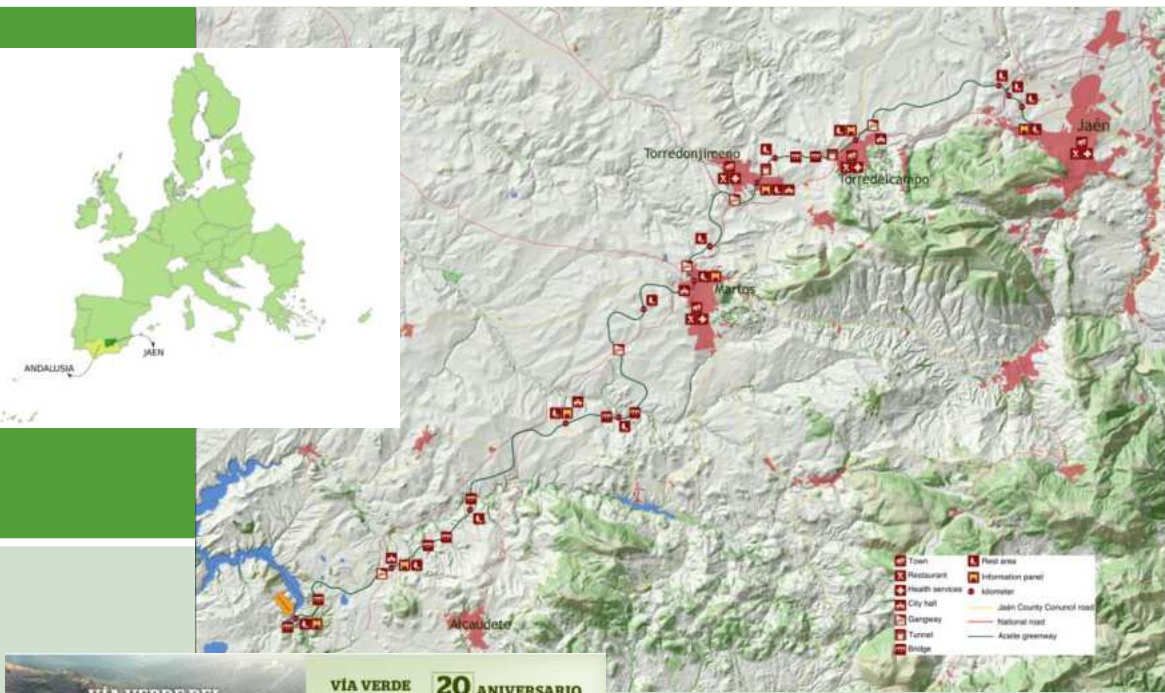


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Aceite Greenway 20 years

Diputación Provincial de Jaén



Greenway's begin at:	Town of Jaén
Greenway's end at:	Municipality of Alcaudete
Length: (km)	55
Width: (m)	3,50
Surface (hard, smooth) pls indicate:	Hard
Average gradient: (%)	2,5% max.
Towns and areas crossed:	Jaén, Torredelcampo, Torredonjimeno, Martos and Alcaudete
Authorized users: (if possible with estimation of user percentages):	Walkers and cyclists
Kind of usage: (leisure, tourism, daily trips, etc.) (if possible with estimation of user percentages):	Leisure, tourism, daily trips
Investment value and origin: (EUR)	120.000€
Facilities offered to users of the greenway:	Runways, viaducts, illuminated tunnels, rest areas, water sources, exercise machines, local bike rental company.
Type of previous use of the infrastructure (canals, railways):	Railway

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Highlights**Aceite Greenway 20 years***Diputación Provincial de Jaén*

- Greenway a resource absolutely linked to the essence of the land: the **olive grove & olive oil**.
- Greenway nearly 1 MILL uses/year
- **More than 20 activities** to boost the Aceite greenway and **commemorate its 20 years**
- Environmental, sports, cultural and tourist activities, designed for all ages and for all the municipalities that are part of de greenway, which means enhancing this path that is widely used by citizens
- Photography exhibition & video “Aceite Greenway: an unforgettable journey between viaducts through a sea of olive tres.
- January 2022 - April 2023
- Investment: 102.260,80 €

- Participants: 1.100 people / 414 trees planted
- 20 companies involved with a variety of temporary jobs (environmental education, transport, workshops, restaurants, rental bikes, sports and mobility equipment providers, communication, graphic design, music groups, artists, food and construction companies)
- Promote the rural environment by promoting active and sustainable tourism initiatives, (hiking, cycling, gastronomic, industrial tourism, bird and stargazing, geotourism (...)).
- Diversification of income, the fixation of the young population in their places of origin.
- Sharing business experiences and economic revitalization ideas, for future services & businesses

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Aceite Greenway 20 years

Diputación Provincial de Jaén



Rural location traversing County Limerick from east to west along the former Limerick- Tralee railway line.



<https://www.limerick.ie/greenway>

Greenway's begin at:	Rathkeale
Greenway's end at:	The Limerick Greenway section ends at the county border 3km west of Abbeyfeale town To note: At the county border, the Kingdom of Kerry Greenway starts, and continues to Listowel town (10.5km)
Length: (km)	40km
Width: (m)	3.0m
Surface: (hard, smooth) pls indicate):	Hard - Asphalt
Average gradient: (%)	Gradient 3 - 4%
Towns and areas crossed:	Rathkeale, Ardagh, Newcastle West, Templeglantine and Abbeyfeale
Authorized users (if possible with estimation of user percentages):	Open to all users of all ages and abilities
Kind of usage (leisure, tourism, daily trips, etc.) (if possible with estimation of user percentages):	Leisure, tourism attraction Local amenity, recreation, well being
Investment value and origin: (EUR)	€10 million investment to date. An additional estimated investment of €10 million is required. Annual operating budget of €350,000.00 plus vat at 23%. Annual marketing and promotion campaign budget of €200,000 plus vat at 23%.
Facilities offered to users of the greenway:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenway Hubs at Rathkeale, Ardagh, Newcastle West, Barnagh and Abbeyfeale with car parking facilities and toilets. Bike hire available at four locations with shuttle bus service, available for all users. Café at two hubs, with kiosk at one hub. Playground, mini golf and pottery studio available at one hub. Comprehensive signage and interpretation along the 40km route.

Highlights

Limerick City & County Council

- Identify, protect and enhance biodiversity.
 - Continuous linear habitat, along the Limerick Greenway
 - Recommendations for management, maintenance; regeneration and conservation
 - All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2025;
 - National Biodiversity Action Plan;
 - Recommendations about biodiversity crisis
 - Biosecurity and plan for invasive species
 - Consideration of climate change, resilience and possible movement of species at a landscape scale
 - Engage the public: understanding and empowerment to protect and conserve.
- New and enhanced ways to maintain and managing the greenway in the areas of grass and verge management, hedgerow management, privacy screening planting and tree management (standards (SOPs))
 - Baseline surveys four seasons: Summer, Autumn 2022, Winter and Spring 2023. Rare moss species was identified at Barnagh Tunnel, not previously know in county Limerick
 - *Maintenance staff upskilled, commenced making changes, aligning to the new SOPs, with more sustainable work practices*
 - Supports a number of other initiatives, a data collection project and dissemination of the *outputs*.
 - Other planned events will be run in September and October 2023 for people with disabilities.

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Limerick Greenway Biodiversity Plan

Limerick City & County Council



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"Sentieri di ferro"

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Greenway's begin at:	Basilicata: Lagonegro Calabria: Laino Borgo
Greenway's end at:	Basilicata: Castelluccio Inferiore Calabria: Castrovillari
Length: (km)	Basilicata: 35,5 km Calabria: 33,2 km
Width: (m)	variable
Surface: (hard, smooth) pls indicate):	variable
Average gradient: (%)	Basilicata: median elevation: 686 m s.l.m medium gradient: 5.8-6.4%
Towns and areas crossed:	Basilicata: Lagonegro, Lauria, Nemoli, Rivello, Castelluccio Superiore, Castelluccio Inferiore, Rotonda-Viggianello (ultimo tratto non ancora completato); Lucano Apennine Val d'Agri Lagonegrese Park; Pollino Park. Calabria: Laino Borgo, Laino Castello, Papasidero, Mormanno, Morano Calabro, Castrovillari, Frascineto, Civita, Cassano allo Jonio, Spezzano Albanese Terme; Pollino Park; Raganello Gorge Regional Reserve
Authorized users (if possible with estimation of user percentages):	Cyclists, children, young and older people
Kind of usage (leisure, tourism, daily trips, etc.) (if possible with estimation of user percentages):	Sport, biking, leisure, tourism
Investment value and origin: (EUR)	TOTAL: 315.109,39 € 265.109,39 € - Digital Lighthouse Srl 50.000,00 € - MIBACT- Cinema section
Facilities offered to users of the greenway:	The villages along the greenway offer restaurant and accommodation services for tourists and cyclists. In Nemoli, it is possible to rent bicycles and use a cycle repair centre.
Type of previous use of the infrastructure (canals, railways):	Railways Lagonegro-Spezzano Albanese

Highlights

"Sentieri di ferro"

Presented by: Digital Lighthouse Srl

- Docufilm about a slow and emotional journey along a disused railway in Southern Italy, between the regions of Basilicata and Calabria.
- The story of the abandonment and revitalisation of the former Lagonegro-Spezzano Albanese railway abandoned late 1980s, now partly reconverted into a greenway in Basilicata: **'Ferrovie Ciclabile Lucana'**
- Cycle/pedestrian path leads to the discovery of an exceptional natural heritage, (e.g. Apennine Lucano Val D'Agri Lagonegrese Park, Pollino Park, Noce and Mercure/Lao River Valleys, Lake Laudemio, Lake Sirino, and the Raganello Gorge Nature Reserve.
- Former railway, 104 km crosses the area of 18 municipalities.
- Support of all entities in territory; documents and historical photographs from personal archives of architects, local historians and associations.

- Promoting soft mobility networks through the valorisation of old disused railway tracks, as key elements to promote the improvement of the environment and quality of life, sustainable and responsible tourism and local development with a zero ecological footprint.
- Encourage the use of bicycles and other modes of soft mobility (on foot, horseback, etc.) as a means to discover and explore the territory while contributing to the preservation of the landscape and the natural environment.
- Produced by Digital Lighthouse (Entertainment & Media House), written by Lucia Varasano (geographer and researcher), directed by Luca Curto, starring actor Rocco Papaleo and with the participation of paragliding champion Aaron Durogati.
- About 20 people were employed for the production
- Winner of the MIBACT- Section Cinema

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"Sentieri di ferro"

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DOCUMENTARY SYNOPSIS

"SENTIERI DI FERRO"
"Rail Trails"

"Sentieri di ferro" is a slow and emotional journey along a former Southern Italian railroad which, after being abandoned and falling into disuse at the end of 1980s, was partially converted into a greenway. Along this over 60-mile journey you will discover the hinterland of Basilicata and Calabria, across protected areas and many landscape, cultural and historical beauties.

Past, present, and future combine with each other throughout narration, giving dynamism to the historical events related to the territorial context and infrastructure. The railroad comes back to life in a play of contrasts and absences, cars without passengers, tracks without trains, ticket offices without tickets to buy, stations without station managers.

Ruined, peeling walls and wrecked windows are the physical and creative space that



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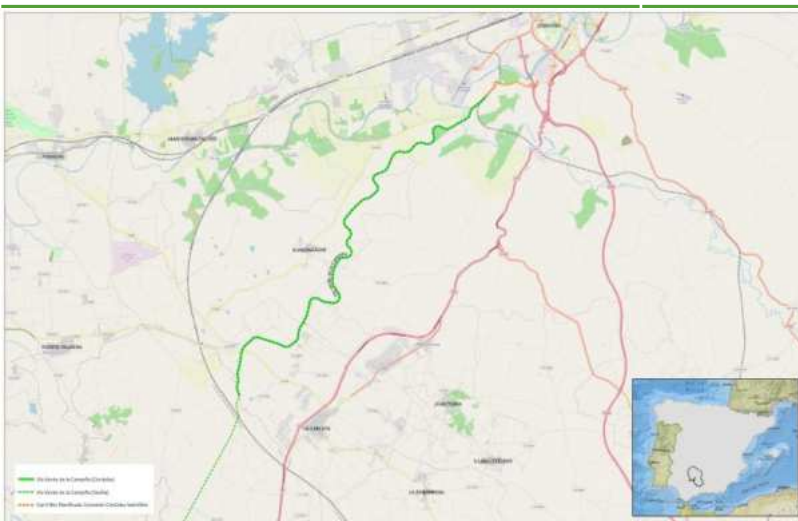
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La Campiña Greenway : In The Search for Green Transition



Diputación de Córdoba



Spain, Andalusia, municipalities of Guadalcázar and La Carlota in Córdoba province. Guadalquivir Valley



Greenway's begin at:	Valchillón train station, Córdoba City (Córdoba)
Greenway's end at:	La Carlota (Córdoba) (right on the provincial border between Córdoba province and Seville province).
Length: (km)	28 km in Córdoba province
Width: (m)	4 m
Surface: (hard, smooth) pls indicate):	Compacted earth, irregular firm
Average gradient: (%)	2,35%
Towns and areas crossed:	Towns of Córdoba, Guadalcázar and La Carlota. The greenway crosses San Vicente neighbourhood (Guadalcázar) and Las Pinedas (a district of La Carlota).
Authorized users (if possible with estimation of user percentages):	Hikers (28%), cyclists (70%) and horseback riders (2%).
Kind of usage (leisure, tourism, daily trips, etc.) (if possible with estimation of user percentages):	Leisure (90%), tourism (10%)
Investment value and origin: (EUR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Resources (2017-2022)= €973.042 • Current expenses and investment (2017-2022)= €412.785 (VAT included), €330.155 (without VAT) <p>TOTAL= €1.385.827 (VAT included), €1.303.197 (without VAT)</p>



La Campiña Greenway : In The Search for Green Transition



Highlights

Diputación de Córdoba

- **Converting Campiña greenway into a green infrastructure.**
- One of the most important agricultural regions of Spain : the Guadalquivir Valley.
- **Improvement of biodiversity.**
- **Vegetation control to planting, grazing or mechanical clearing, once it has finished its ecological role as pollinator's habitats.**
- **Planting by mechanical hollowing.**
- **Native species with 1 or 2 sap for a better acclimatisation.**
- **Using mulching to avoid evapotranspiration and protectors or stakes to limit damages caused by herbivorous animals.**
- **Eventually irrigation to increase the survival of the seedlings.**

- **6,000 trees planted alongside 11 km.**
- **Planting and irrigation contract for 2021-2023.**
- **Agreement with the University of Córdoba (UCO) to study biodiversity in (2021-2022).**
(results not included)
- **NGOs and foundations have cooperated in reforestation several years from 2009.**
- **Diputación de Córdoba could compensate a sizeable portion of its CO2 emissions thanks to these reforestations (carbon sinks).**
- **Connecting natural areas of interest.**
- **Enhance local employment by strengthening alliances with local companies.**



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La Campiña Greenway : In The Search for Green Transition



Diputacion de Córdoba



Vía Verde de la Campiña: estudio de los efectos de la restauración vegetal sobre su capacidad de absorción de carbono y la biodiversidad animal.

Intervención: Dr. Joaquín Reyes

Auditorio Municipal de Guadalquivir (Parque Huerta del Convento, s/n)

20 de junio de 2023

20:00 h.

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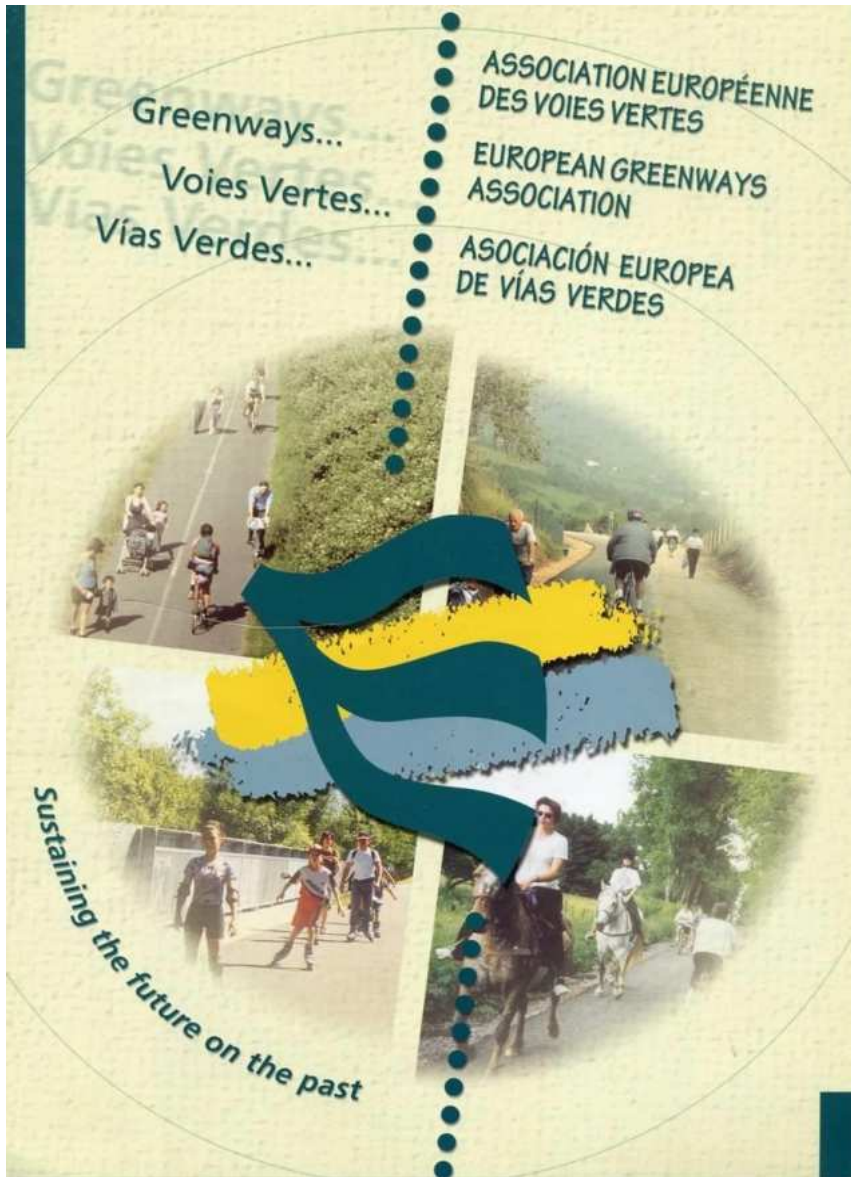
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European Greenways Association



- Created in 1998 in Namur (Wallonia, Belgium).
- Aim: inventory and encourage the creation and promotion of Greenways in Europe
- 50 members from 16 countries + 4 honorary members
- Secretariat and executive seat in Madrid (Spain)



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What are Greenways?



*“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, September 2000

- For daily mobility, active tourism, healthy leisure, and exercise for everyone in urban or rural settings.



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Family picture in technical visit : “Parco lineare”, an urban greenway in Rome.

- A cycle path for the Catholic Church’s 2025 Jubilee Year.
- From the railway line to cycle-pedestrian path.