

EuroVelo from the past into the future

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Bicycle tourism is a growing mode of tourism activities. Many countries have recognised this and have made significant efforts to develop cycling infrastructure. Summer 1995 was a very significant time. European Cyclists Federation created a working group to develop European bicycle tourism network. The chair of this working group was Jens Erik Larsen. One of the first tasks was to name the project EuroVelo. At this time several countries as Denmark, The Netherlands, Germany etc. had well developed bicycle routes networks but there were no connections at borders.

Most of East and South European countries did not have anything. It was a great opportunity to develop high quality longdistance cycling routes through Europe, so that all countries should be involved. At the same time, it was a wonderful new chance to develop National Bicycle Routes Networks in East and South European countries. For example, the EuroVelo idea was warmly welcomed in many east and south European countries.

According to different studies bicycle tourism has a significant economical impact especially in countryside. Several reports of research indicate this. You can find the reports at www.EuroVelo.com.



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