

The European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) is the umbrella organisation for cyclists in Europe.

ECF coordinates EuroVelo, the European cycle route network: more than 70,000 km of high-quality long distance cycle routes that connect the entire continent.

As a MedCycleTour project partner, ECF is the work package leader on communications and promotion and is supervising the project content.

20 EuroVelo Coordinators

15 EuroVelo routes

70,000 km Length of EuroVelo network

ECF's budget € 285,000

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**Project partners:**

- Regional Government of Andalusia (ES, lead partner)
  - European Cyclists' Federation (BE)
  - Cluster for Eco-Social Innovation and Development CEDRA (HR)
  - Croatian National Tourist Board (HR)
  - Cyprus Tourism Organisation (CY)
  - Conseil Départemental des Alpes-Maritimes (FR)
  - Region of Western Greece (GR)
  - Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia (IT)
  - Consorzio Oltrepò Mantovano (IT)
  - Regional Development Centre Koper (SI)
  - Regional Government of Catalonia (ES)
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**EuroVelo 8  
Mediterranean Route**



Sparkling emerald seas, kilometers of golden sand, mysterious islands, wonderful food and ancient cities – it's not hard to find reasons to travel along the Mediterranean! And what better way to do it than by bike!

EuroVelo 8 – Mediterranean Route is a 5,900-km long cycle route connecting the whole Mediterranean from Cádiz to Athens and Cyprus. It includes many destinations that are popular tourist attractions.

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## Objectives

The objective of the three-year **MEDCYCLETOUR** project is to use the EuroVelo 8 - Mediterranean Route as a tool to influence regional and national policies in favour of sustainable and responsible tourism, providing transnational solutions in coastal areas across the Mediterranean.

In most of the countries covered by this project, the potential of cycling tourism had not yet been realised, even though it prolongs the tourism season, reduces the environmental impact of travelling and can bring tourists to less visited areas.

## Sustainable Tourism

Cycling tourism is a perfect tool for developing sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean area by reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions during holidays, increasing the consumption of local products, raising average spending, encouraging longer stays and diluting the impact of concentrated tourism flows.

## Project Outputs

The project's main outputs will be the development of action plans and policy recommendations (to generate investments in the route conditions); pilot actions (to test the proposed developments); and updated information and promotion related to EuroVelo 8 in order to attract visitors.



## Transnational Cooperation

In this way, the project will benefit national, regional and local authorities, service providers and, ultimately, cycle tourists.

Taking a transnational approach will enable common challenges (e.g. lack of route infrastructure, missing cycling-friendly services, weak branding and promotion) to be tackled together and best practices to be shared, thereby avoiding duplication and increasing the effectiveness and positive social, economic and environmental impacts.

**€2.5 M**

PROJECT  
BUDGET

**11**

PROJECT  
PARTNERS

**23**

WORLD  
HERITAGE SITES

