

EuroVelo

The European cycle route Network





Introduction

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These basic principles

- define the most important general parameters of EuroVelo
- serve the coordinated implementation of EuroVelo
- improve the quality of EuroVelo routes
- are addressed to partners collaborating in the implementation of EuroVelo



Definition

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EuroVelo

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

Objectifs



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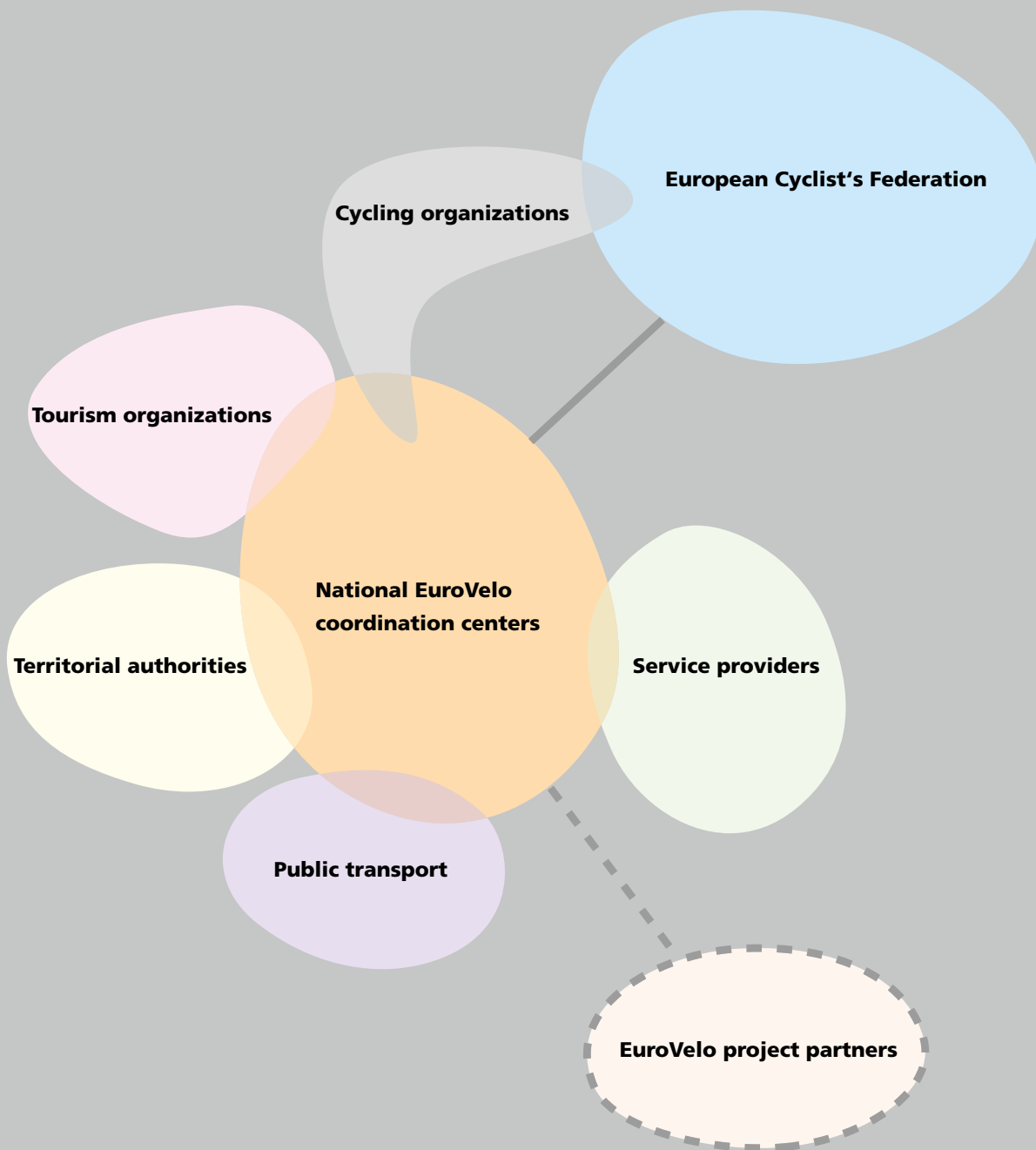
- promotes economically, environmentally and socially sustainable travel
- improves the quality of EuroVelo routes in all participating European countries
- promotes the uniform signing of EuroVelo routes in accordance with published standards
- provides Europe-wide information on EuroVelo routes and national long-distance routes in Europe in electronic (eurovelo.com) and printed form (EuroVelomaps)
- 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

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

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



European level EuroVelo coordination

- ECF members
- European Union Institutions and agencies
- national EuroVelo coordination centres (or the representative EuroVelo projectpartners)
- 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

- base 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 ECF signing manual



Communication

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ECF

- communicates EuroVelo throughout Europe and globally
- provides the potential user via eurovelo.com and in print with information on EuroVelo routes and services, such as international cycle transport, guide books and bookable offers, with links to detailed information on the websites of the respective national EuroVelo coordination centres
- 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
- ensure nationwide communication of EuroVelo routes, services, public transport, accommodation, cycle rental, route guides and bookable offers. Where possible this information provided as part of a national website showing the national routes of the respective country
- ensure the nationwide integration of EuroVelo routes in existing and new printed products such as maps and route guides

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