

## MEDCYCLETOUR Good Practice

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Good practice general information	
Title of the practice	<b>Bikes &amp; Ferryboat</b>
Does this practice come from an Interreg Europe Project?	no
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Category of the practice	Please select the category of the practice (you can mark the category in bold): 1. Cycling tourism route infrastructure 2. Cycling-friendly services solutions 3. <b>Solutions for combining bike and public transport</b> 4. Promotion / Marketing 5. Sustainable organisational or financing solutions	
Geographical scope of the practice	Select National/Regional/Local: Local	
Location of the practice	Country	ITALY
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Detailed description													
<b>Short summary of the practice</b>	A permanent public transport ferryboat service between the regional capital Trieste and the neighbouring municipality of Muggia offers bike&boat intermodality with the carriage of 15 bicycles on the boat.												
<b>Detailed information on the practice</b>	<p>To reduce road congestion and increase sustainable mobility, a ferryboat PT service was introduced to connect the regional capital Trieste and the neighbouring municipality of Muggia, which is in Istria, close to the Slovenian border. The service, run all year round, targets both commuters and tourists. The development of cycle touring boosted by the popular Parenzana cycle route from Muggia to Porec created a growing demand to carry bicycles between Trieste and Muggia as there was not a viable cycling connection. While the cycling infrastructure is yet at the planning/designing stage as part of the EuroVelo 8 - Mediterranean Route, it was faster to provide an intermodal solution via ferryboat.</p> <p>The bike&amp;boat solution was provided by upgrading the design and furniture of the back of the boat, creating a flexible zone where either passengers can take a seat on an outdoor bench or two foldable bike racks can be opened and accommodate 15 bikes. Additional equipment was added at the entrance of the boat's internal space to accommodate heavier electric bikes.</p> <p>The solution was introduced by Delfino Verde, the company running the ferryboat service, together with the PT operator Trieste Trasporti and the Province of Trieste. Today the PT operator is TPL FVG and the Region Friuli Venezia Giulia is supporting it. The beneficiaries are the cycle tourists / users and a variety of commercial activities related to the development of cycle tourism in the affected area (Italy, Slovenia, Croatia), as well as European tour operators.</p>												
<b>Resources needed</b>	In 2014, the new intermodal service was added in the general local public transport (LPT) contract and the cost to upgrade the boat was shared among the Province of Trieste (50%) and the LPT company Trieste Trasporti as well as the company operating the boat service Delfino Verde (together 50%). No additional personnel were required.												
<b>Timescale (start/end date)</b>	The intermodal service has been operating all year round since summertime 2014.												
<b>Evidence of success (results achieved)</b>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <table border="1"> <caption>Trieste-Muggia Bicycles carried</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Bicycles carried</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2015</td> <td>2,477</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td>2,744</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>3,655</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>4,337</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> <p>The number of passengers rose 9% year-on-year in 2019, from 94,827 to 103,619.</p> <p>The number of bicycles carried on the ferryboat rose twice as fast (19%) in the same period – a clear sign that the bike carriage is a trigger factor for the service's success.</p> <p>The number of transported bikes rose 75% over a period of five years.</p>	Year	Bicycles carried	2015	2,477	2016	2,744	2017	-	2018	3,655	2019	4,337
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<b>Challenges encountered</b>	<p>The pier where the ferryboat lands in Trieste cannot be used when a cruise ship is docked at the neighbouring pier, as a large area is being fenced and reserved for the cruise ship. No info is provided about it and users may find the way to reach the boat at the last minute.</p> <p>A growing share of heavier electric bikes may require some redesign in the future.</p>												
<b>Potential for learning or transfer</b>	<p>This intermodal bike&amp;boat service is the only permanent LPT service of its kind available in Italy. Its value also lies in the flexible design solution of the two modular bike racks that can be unfolded when necessary or left folded, with the room being used by passengers who can sit on the bench.</p> <p>Following this success, the service is already planned to be extended along the Slovenian coast, targeting both commuters and cycle tourists.</p> <p>The ferryboat actually has capacity for 20 bicycles but the service is only authorised to carry 15 bikes.</p>												
<b>Further information</b>	<a href="https://www.triestetrasporti.it/orari-e-percorsi/servizi-marittimi/trieste-muggia/">https://www.triestetrasporti.it/orari-e-percorsi/servizi-marittimi/trieste-muggia/</a>												
<b>Keywords related to your practice</b>	Intermodal bike & boat public transport service; intermodality for commuting; intermodality for cycle tourism; bike carriage on boats.												
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