



Sava River Bike Route



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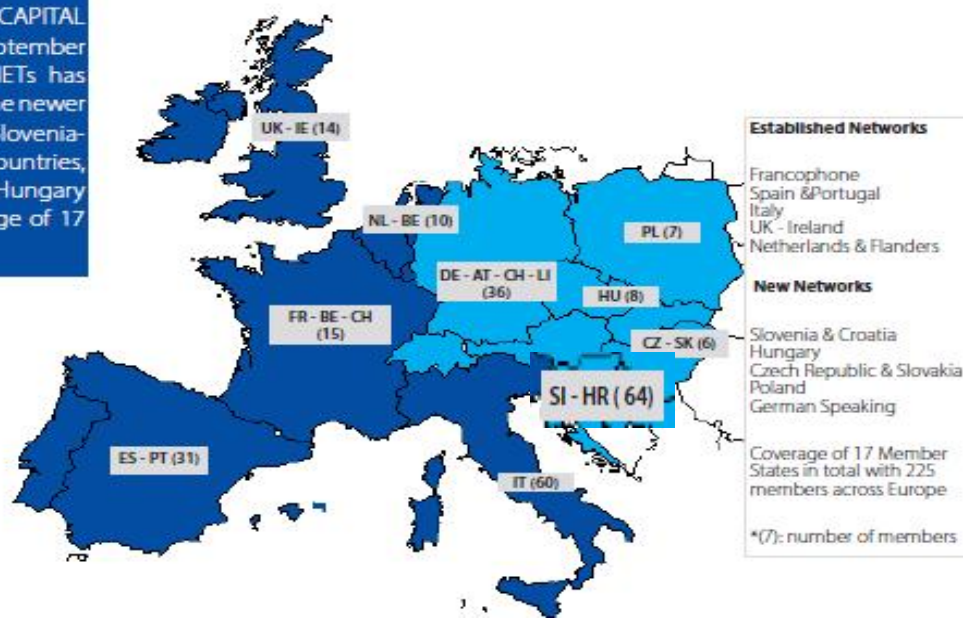
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CIVITAS National/regional Networks (CIVINETs) expand further across Europe

The CIVITAS National/regional Networks (collectively known as the CIVINETs) bring together cities and other stakeholders to share CIVITAS lessons and experience in their own language.

Since the start of the CIVITAS-CAPITAL Support Action on 1st September 2013, the number of CIVINETs has now doubled from 5 to 10. The newer CIVINET networks include Slovenia-Croatia, German-speaking countries, Czech Republic & Slovakia, Hungary and Poland, giving a coverage of 17 Member States in total.



Danube and Sava River Basin

From the spring to the mouth of the Sava River – about 960 km



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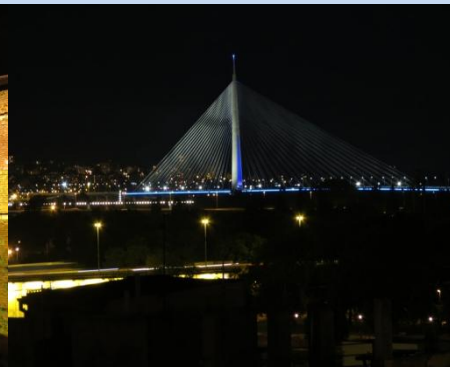
- Connecting **4 countries** (*Si, Cro, B&H, Srb*) and **3 national capitals**: *Ljubljana, Zagreb* and *Beograd* plus *Banja Luka* - the capital of *Republika Srpska* (a part of the B&H federation)
- **It is mainly parallel to highway and railway corridor** Jesenice – Belgrade with important lateral transport corridors to the South (access to Adriatic-Ionian Region)
- Not a „cycle path“ but a **cycling route on different types of infrastructure**:
 - existing regional and local **road** infrastructure,
 - **maintenance roads** on anti-flood and hydro PP accumulation dams.
 - existing and new **cycling paths**
- It should **avoid high risk conflicts with other users** of the infrastructure: Identifying and solving of so called „black spots“ is of crucial importance!



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Tourism potential

- **Tourism is one of the few branches that grow even in times of crises.**
 - 14 millions of registered „trekking“ cyclists in Germany and 9 millions in the UK
- The route passes through **attractive cities and towns** of different size and protected **areas of natural and cultural heritage.**
- The route is envisaged as a main „cycling corridor“ that **connects existing and developing local cycling networks**
- it should provide a possibility for **development and marketing of different regional and local cycling tourism products** not only aside the Sava river but also in hinterlands.



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Goals:

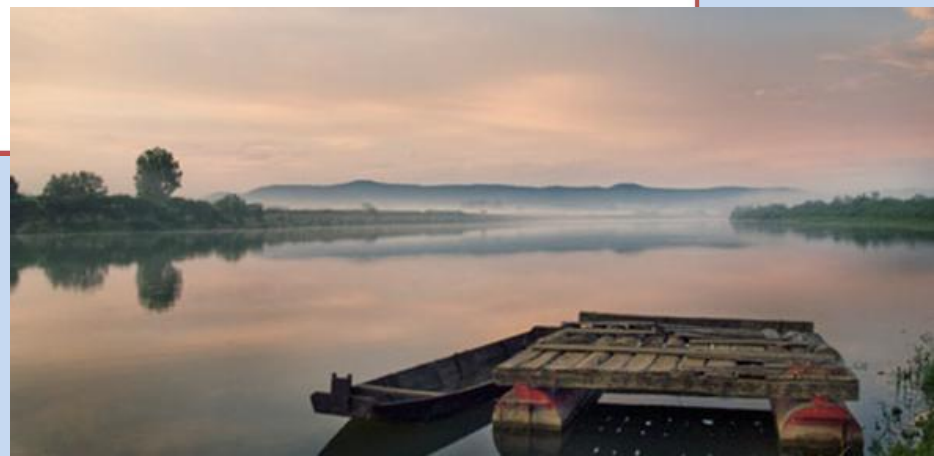
- **Increased share of cycling in urban, suburban and tourist transport** by improved access to and from urban centres by bike.
- **Improved access of *recreation* and *tourist* cyclist to natural and cultural heritage spots and attractive landscapes** by improved infrastructure, signposting and ICT support.
- **Improved co-modality** of cycling, rail, bus and river boat transport.
- **Development of cycling tourism** by setting standards, certification schemes and promotion tools.
- **Promotion of cycling** as a:
 - ***Healthy and environmental friendly daily activity*** even when carried out for utility purpose
 - ***Accessible form of recreation and tourism*** that enables high quality free time activities and experiences of open spaces, nature values and cultural heritage.



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Guiding principles:

- **Unified concept** based on requirements and best practices of long-distance tourist cycling routes regarding **planning of infrastructure and services for cyclists**.
- Understanding of **cycling as a system** that consists from spatial and transport planning, infrastructure, services and communication, promotion & marketing
- **Safety, Attractiveness, Comfort** and **Directness** of cycling connections.
- **Balanced and complementary approach** to cycling as a part of **transport system and cycling tourism**.
- Recognisibility and visibility based on **corporate identity** of the product.
- **Cetification of the products** based on ADFC certification principles and standards.



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Slovenia:

- **High quality cycling path in upper Sava valley** - 30 km financed by Phare 98/CBC Slovenia-Austria as a part of regional „Three Countries Cycling Paths“ project - very positive impact on tourism development in already tourist developed area
- Potential of **low density traffic local roads** from Žirovnica to Litija.
- **Bottleneck**: narrow valley between Litija and Hrastnik (30 km): no feasible solution unless the chain of PP on „middles Sava River“ will be constructed (within 10 – 20 years)
- **Construction of hydro PP dams in Posavje region** (lower Sava from Slovenian perspective) as an opportunity for direct, safe and comfortable cycling infrastructure.



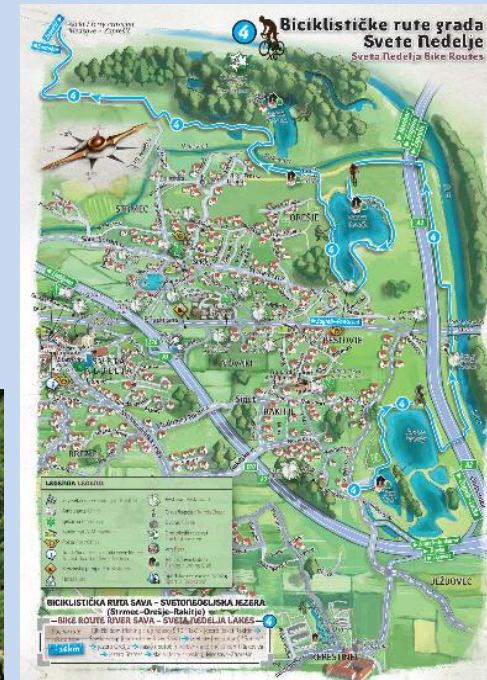
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Croatia:

- Few km of **cycling paths along the Sava river** as a part of 16 km long Svetonedeljska cycling path north of Zagreb.
- Large **project** of cycling routes around the city of Zagreb
- **80 km of signed cycling routes** on low density traffic local roads at Lonjsko polje natural park.
- Large **potential of low density traffic local and field roads** along the whole route.
- NGO compiled **registry of cycling connections along the Sava river**:

http://biri.rute.hr/?region_id=2&entry_route_type_id=&entry_surface_type_id=



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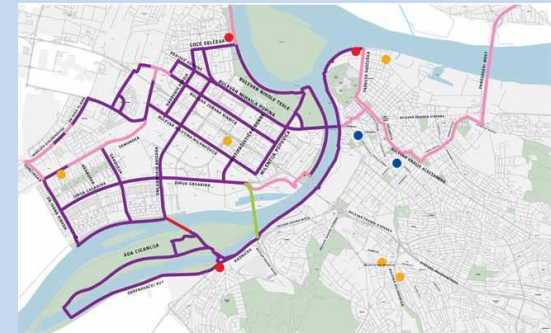
Bosnia & Herzegovina (Republika Srpska):

- *Centre of Protection of Living Environment* from Banja Luka is coordinating EMW and EuroVelo activities on the national level
- CPLE under umbrella of *the International Sava River Bassin Commission* carried out **Sava River Bike Demo Tour**



Serbia:

- **7,5 km of a cycling path** along the Sava River in Belgrade
- **Annual cycling promotion event** along the Sava River: cycling from Belgrade to Obrenovac



Demo-tour Sava 2013



Demo-tour Sava 2015



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRQvAOVhTGk&feature=youtu.be>

Thank you for your attention!

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