

Defining national cycle route networks and linking them in the Danube region

THE DANUBE REGION TRANSPORT DAY 2021

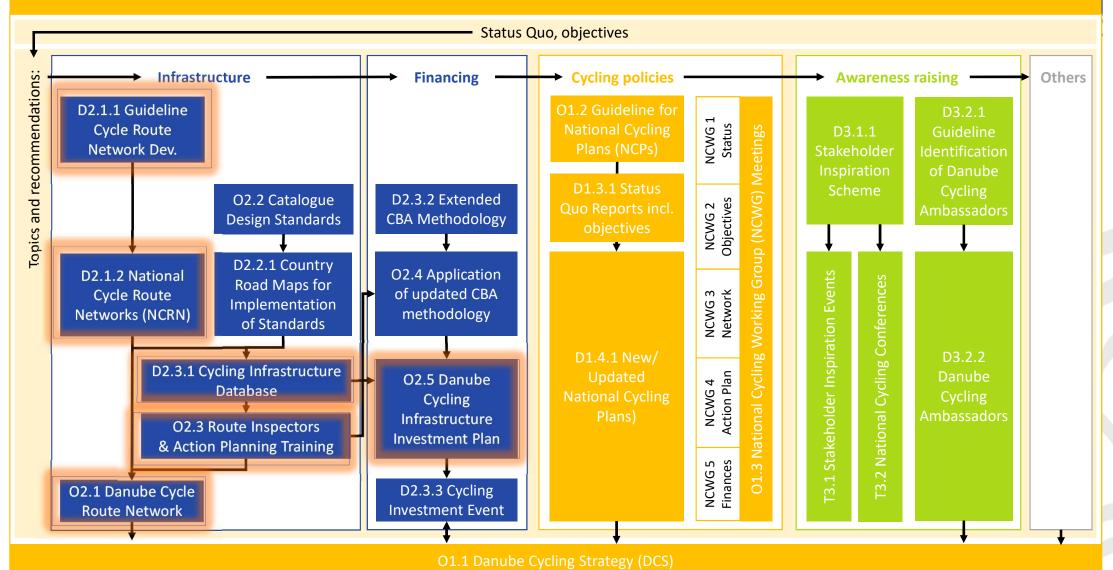
Gregor Steklačič Republic of Slovenia Ministry of Infrastructure

17.12.2021





Draft Danube Cycling Strategy (DCS)





Danube Cycle Route Network - DanuVelo

The DCRN will be a macro-regional network of cycle routes of different categories that connects the participating countries in the Danube region. The DCRN will consist of the EuroVelo routes and the highest level of the national cycle routes. It will consider the requirements of both, leisure cycling and bicycle commuting. Special focus will be given to cross-border sections linking national cycle route networks leading to a consolidated transnational cycle route network. Defining the DCRN will help national and regional governments to identify, design and prioritize main cycling corridors. The DCRN will be delivered as a set of GIS shapefiles of the routes and the necessary attribute data, which can easily be included in different mapping and analytical tools.

(Danube Cycle Plans Application Form, page 45)

How?

- Project Guidelines, based on Slovenian study *Development* of a model to connect Slovenia with cycling routes
- 7 steps methodology, easily transerable to other coutries

STEP 1: Defining the methodology

Definition of key concepts, activities and specifications for cyclists that support the development of the cycle route network, based on literature studies and existing legislation.

STEP 2: State of the art

Analysis of the current state of the cycle route network at national level. The level of analysis of the actual state depends on the administrative organization of each country. In Slovenia, for example, there is no administrative regional division, so the state also assumes tasks related to the development of infrastructure at regional level.

STEP 3: Defining network criteria

Selection of criteria for the establishment of a comprehensive cycle route network at national level.





Danube Cycle Plans

Guidelines to Define National Cycle Route Network







http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/danube-cycle-plans

PP4 SL: Republic of Slovenia Ministry of Infrastructure

WP T2.1 Version 13.0 Date: 9, 4, 2021



https://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/danubecycle-plans/section/outputs-methodologies-and-guidelines

Slovenian example

STEP 4: Drafting the cycle route network

Elaboration of a proposal for the concept of a comprehensive cycle route network at national level with links to the international cycle route network.

STEP 5: Public consultation

Communication with all stakeholders involved, such as administrative bodies at national, regional and local level, cycling organizations and associations, tourism organizations and others lead to a wider acceptance of the network.



STEP 6: Detailed planning

The next step is more detailed planning of cycle routes with the possibility of temporary routes and facilities in line with existing infrastructure until the missing infrastructure is built.



STEP 7: Follow up activities

In the final phase, responsibilities, guidelines and measures for the planning, construction and maintenance of the cycle routes should be defined horizontally by each department and vertically between the national (and regional) and local levels.

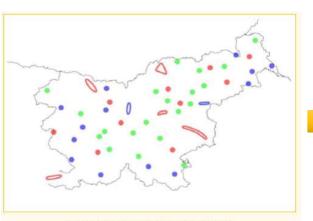
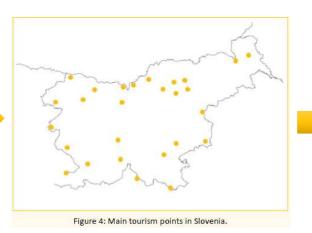
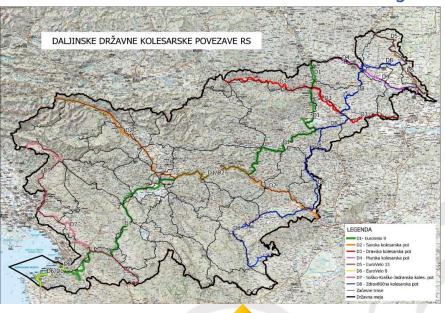
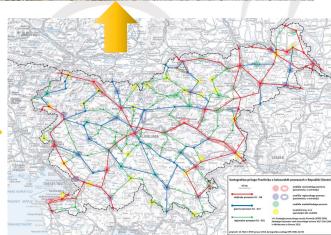


Figure 3: Hierarchy of settlements in Slovenia.





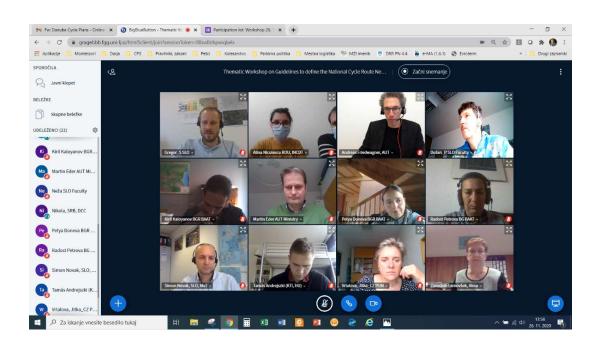


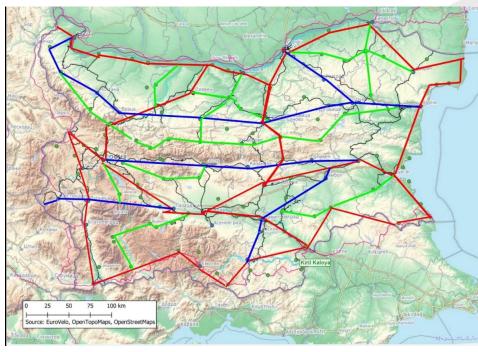


Process

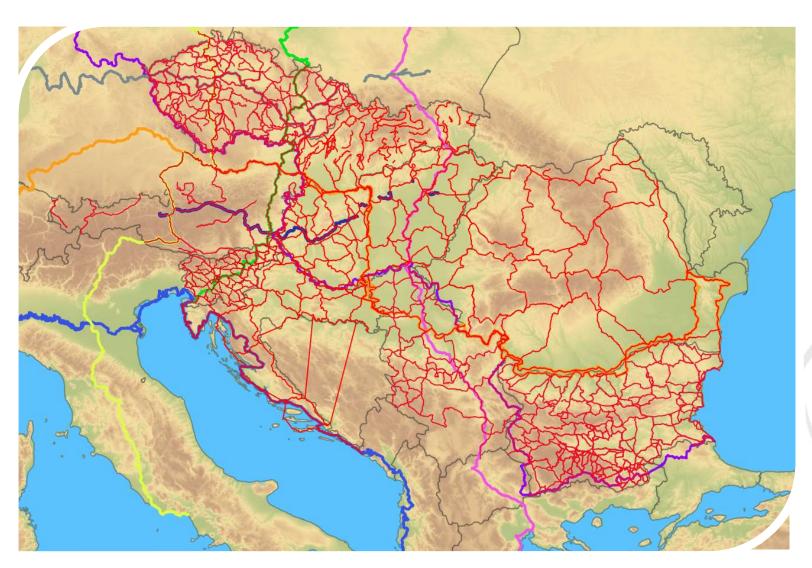


- Draft of Guidelines presented at the Online workshop at the end of 2020
- Final version in April 2021
- 9 National cycling working group with the facilitation of cycling experts elaborated a draft of the NCRN / reviewed their NCRN





Result:





Challenges:

- Legislative framework
- Administrative governance
- Density
- Cross border routes



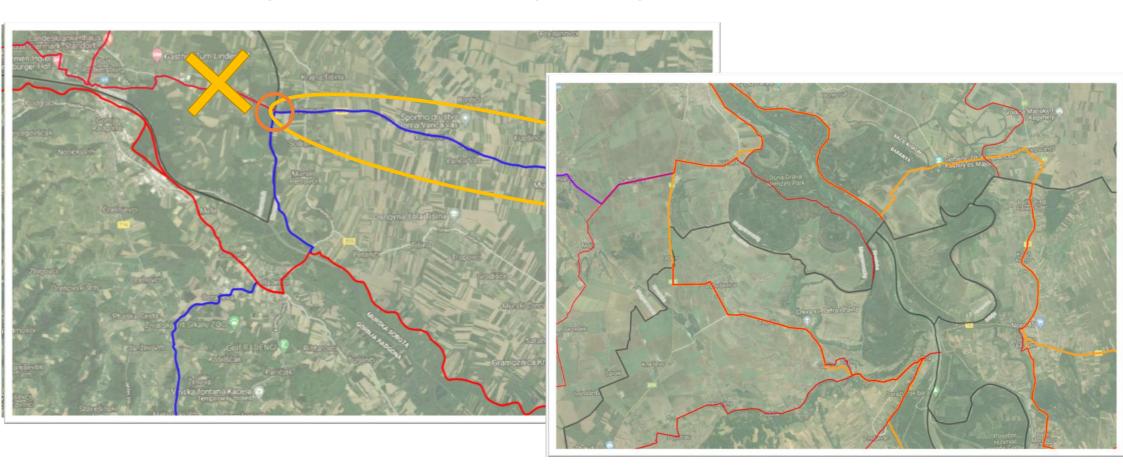
Getting from NCRN to DCRN

- Selection of routes out off each national cycle route network to be used for the Danube Cycle Route Network a.k.a. DanuVelo
- DCRN connecting partnering countries' "Core Networks"
 - EuroVelo routes and
 - highest (long-distance) level of national cycle routes
 - Other levels of cycle routes networks used to have coherent cross border connection
- Proposal to have < 100m of core network per 1 km2 of the total area of the country

Cross border cycle routes connections

- Regional connectivity across the border
- Bi(or tri)-lateral agreements with the neighbouring countries

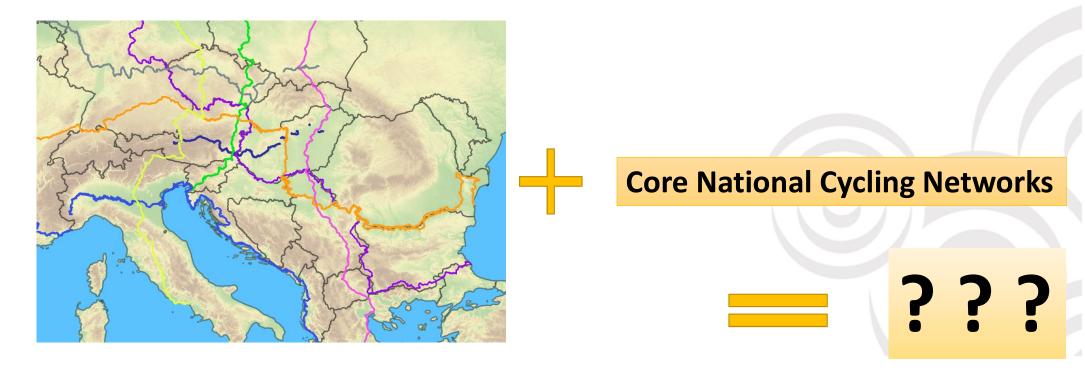




DanuVelo



- Defined by end of March
- Included in national and Danube Cycling Strategy as a priority
- Funding opportunities



Assessment of investment necessities of the DanuVelo network



- Mainly desk research analysis
- Dividing cycle route in sections
- GIS software to create the common database
- Rough estimation, based on average investment cost in the country for each type of "investment"



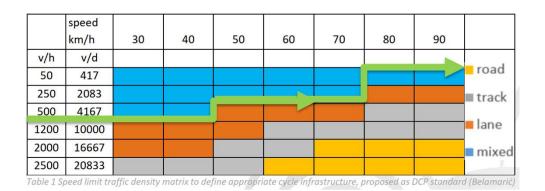
https://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/danube-cycle-plans/section/outputs-methodologies-and-guidelines

Assessment of the route condition levels of the proposed DCRN



4 categories for classifying the status of current cycling infrastructure

- GECI Good enough cycling infrastructure
- AEAR Adjusting existing adequate roads
- CINE construction improvement needed for existing service, forest and field roads
- NECI New cycling infrastructure needed





Investment necessities

By mid 2022 we will provide the calculation of:

- Common investment necessities for DanuVelo
- Investment necessities for each separate cycle route
- Investment necessities for each country
- Investment necessities for each road manager in the country

Cycle Route SI1 - Eurovelo 9	150km			
Investment necessities	LENGHT (in m)	INVESTMENT COST per m2	WIDTH	INVESTMENT PLAN
Good enough cycling infrastructure – GECI	31.572	1,00 €	1,00	31.572,00 €
Adjusting existing adequate roads - AEAR	48.297	10,00€	1,00	482.970,00 €
Construction improvement needed – CINE	25.847	50,00€	1,00	1.292.350,00 €
New cycling infrastructure needed - NECI	44.284	188,00€	3,50	29.138.872,00 €
	150.000			30.945.764,00 €

Cycle Route SI2 - Savska cycle route	180km			
Investment necessities	LENGHT (in m)	INVESTMENT COST per m2	WIDTH	INVESTMENT PLAN
Good enough cycling infrastructure – GECI	64.827	1,00€	1,00	64.827,00€
Adjusting existing adequate roads - AEAR	51.982	10,00€	1,00	519.820,00€
Construction improvement needed – CINE	28.579	50,00€	1,00	1.428.950,00€
New cycling infrastructure needed - NECI	34.612	188,00€	3,50	22.774.696,00€
	180.000			24.788.293,00€

Table 3 Example of infrastructure investment needs for 2 CCR for Slovenia

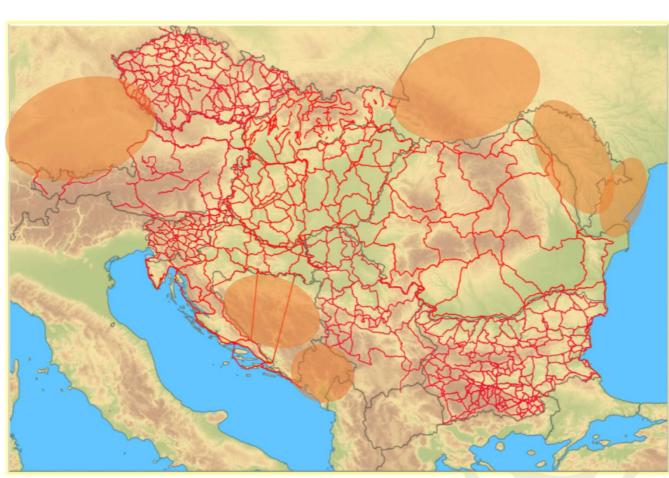


Invitation to collaborate



- Bosnia and Hercegovina
- Montenegro
- Moldova,
- Ukraine:
 - Chernivetska Oblast,
 - Ivano-Frankiviska Oblast,
 - Zakarpatska Oblast and
 - Odessa Oblast
- Germany:
 - Bavaria
 - Baden-Wüttemberg









- Gregor Steklačič, Katarina Sladoljev

 Ministry of Infrastructure, Slovenia
- https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-infrastrukturo/
- gregor.steklacic@gov.si, katarina.sladoljev@gov.si
- 00 386 30 487 831