





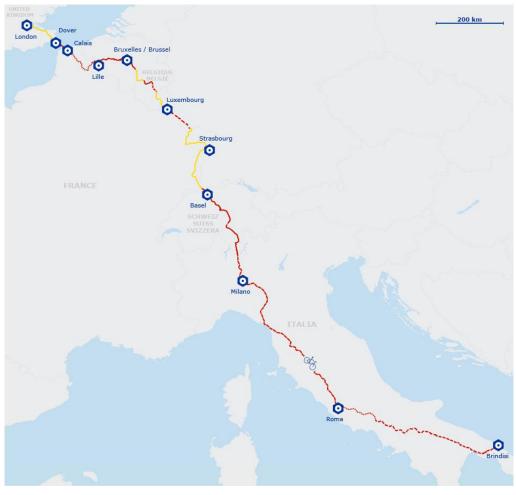
#### The Route

**Sigeric the Serious**, Archbishop of Canterbury, travelled all the way to Rome in 990 to receive his symbols from the Pope. The 3,900km long EV5-VR(F) follows his route (with a 'small' diversion).

From Canterbury Cathedral in the UK, through the political centres of the EU and the breath-taking St. Gotthard Pass (alt. 2106 m) to the Eternal City and then following the Via Appia to Brindisi.







**EuroVelo 5 – Via Romea (Francigena)** 

http://www.viaromeafrancigena.com/





## The EV5 – VR(F) Project

- Supported by the COSME programme of the EU "Diversifying the EU tourism Offer and products Promoting transnational thematic tourism products.
  - Defining the route
  - What's ready/What's not?
  - Action plan for the bits that are not?
  - Promotion photos, websites,, experienced based App, study tours, ITB Berlin
  - Signing of the route
  - Involvement of cycle tour operators and local tourism officer in developing 'offers'
  - Study on the benefits of cycle tourism in local economies (and a method for estimating this)





## **European Certification Standard**

- Improve the quality of EuroVelo, ... by identifying critical deficiencies in the network and ... to invest in solutions ...
- Motivate different target groups with varying levels of experience to use the certified trans-national routes by providing quality control.





## **Key Elements**

- Continuity
- Route infrastructure
- Surface and width
- Gradients
- Attractiveness
- Signing
- Public transport

- Public transport
- Accommodation
- Food & drink
- Bike shops/repair
- Other services
- Offers





# **Cycle Tourism & Rural Areas**







## **Spending in the Local Economy**

Direct spending

+

Indirect Spending

+

Induced spending

=

The Multiplier





### **How it works**

	Direct spending	1 <sup>st</sup> round	2 <sup>nd</sup> round	3 <sup>rd</sup> round	Total	Multiplier
20%	€10.00	€2.00	€0.40	€0.08	€12.48	1.2
80%	€10.00	€8.00	€6.40	€5.12	€29.52	2.9





## Final thoughts

- Plan to go through villages, towns (and even cities).
- Leave time to stop and spend.
- Involve local businesses and communities.
- Encourage local businesses to work together to develop local supply chains.





