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USING EUROPEAN FUNDS FOR CYCLING

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The purpose of this presentation is to highlight that:

- There are EU funds can specifically be used for cycling projects.
- There are also lots of opportunities for using other EU funds for cycling-related projects.
- It is important to incorporate cycling measures in relevant non-cycling projects too.

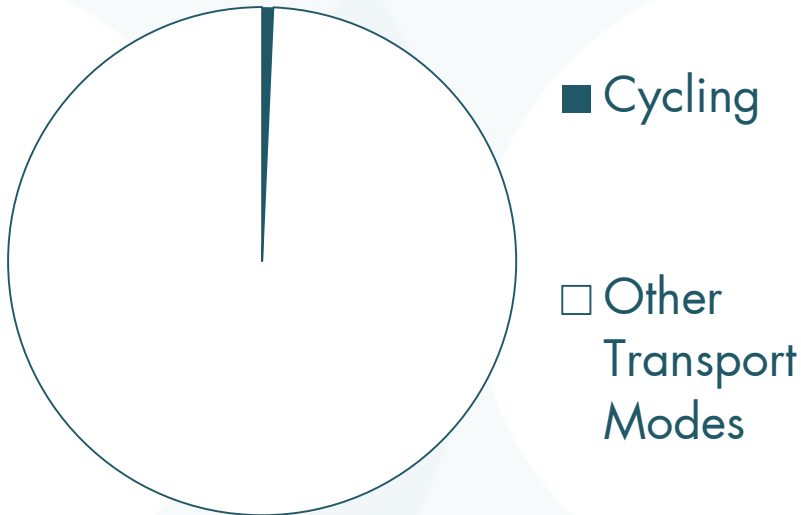


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Introduction to EU Funds

EU Spending on Transport



European funding of cycling-related projects between 2007 – 2013 was 600 million Euros.

Four countries spent over 100 million Euro each:







Bike 2 Work : Smart Choice for Commuters
Successful bid with IEE Steer projects









15 EuroVelo 15 Rhine Cycle Route Nederlands English Français Deutsch



EuroVelo 15 **Countries** Switzerland | Germany | France | Netherlands **Stages** **Services**

EuroVelo 15: From the source of the Rhine to its mouth in the North Sea

"The Rhine combines every quality a river can exhibit. The rapidity of the Rhone, the breadth of the Loire, the rocks of the Meuse, the sinuosity of the Seine, the translucency of the Somme, the historical reminiscences of the Tiber, the regal dignity of the Danube, the mysterious influence of the Nile, the golden sands of the glittering streams of the New World, the phantoms of some Asiatic stream" - Victor Hugo.

Open to cyclists of all capabilities, the Rhine cycle route runs along one of the largest rivers in Europe. From the Swiss Alps to the North Sea, the Rhine has fostered

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The different types of EU funds

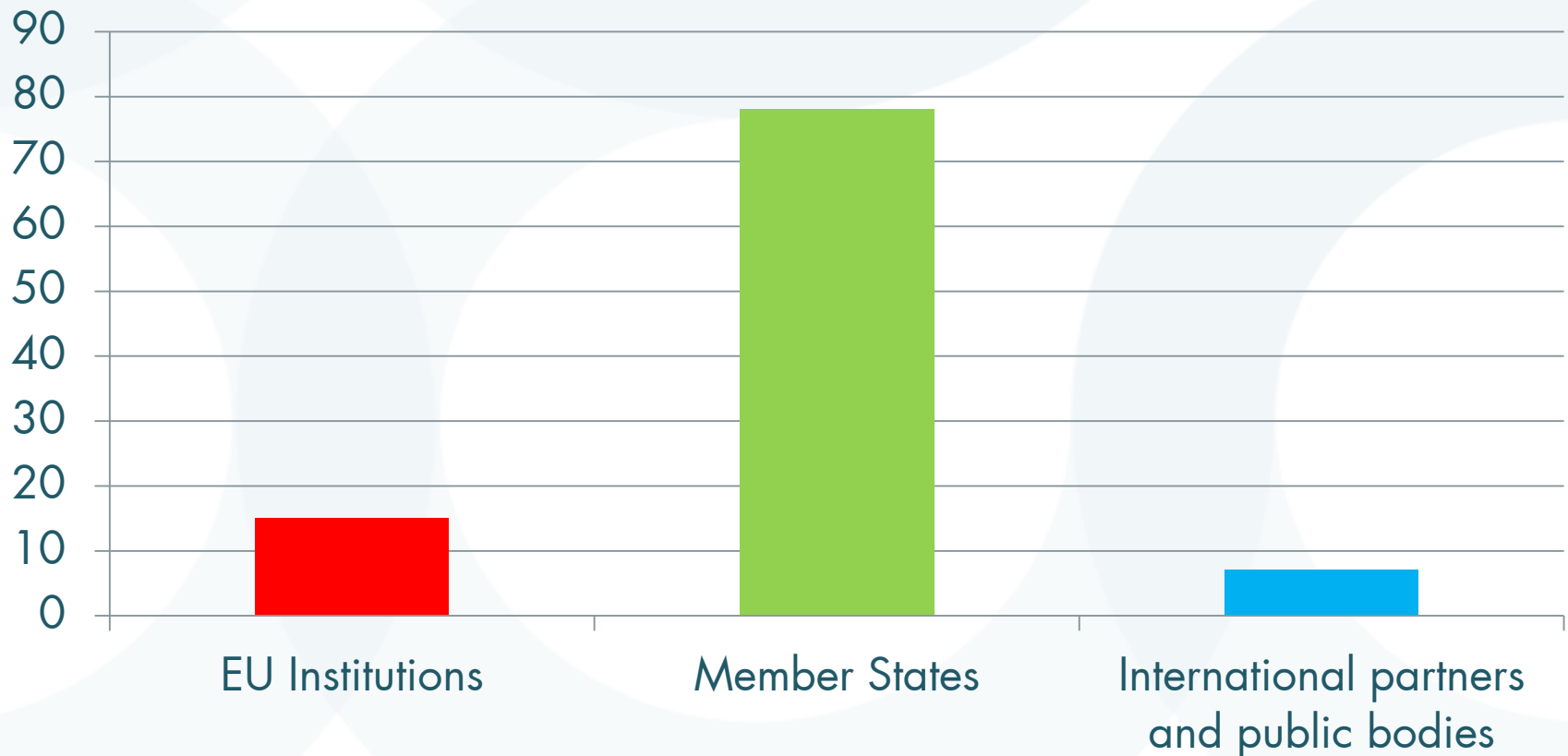
European-level programmes

Transnational and cross-border programmes

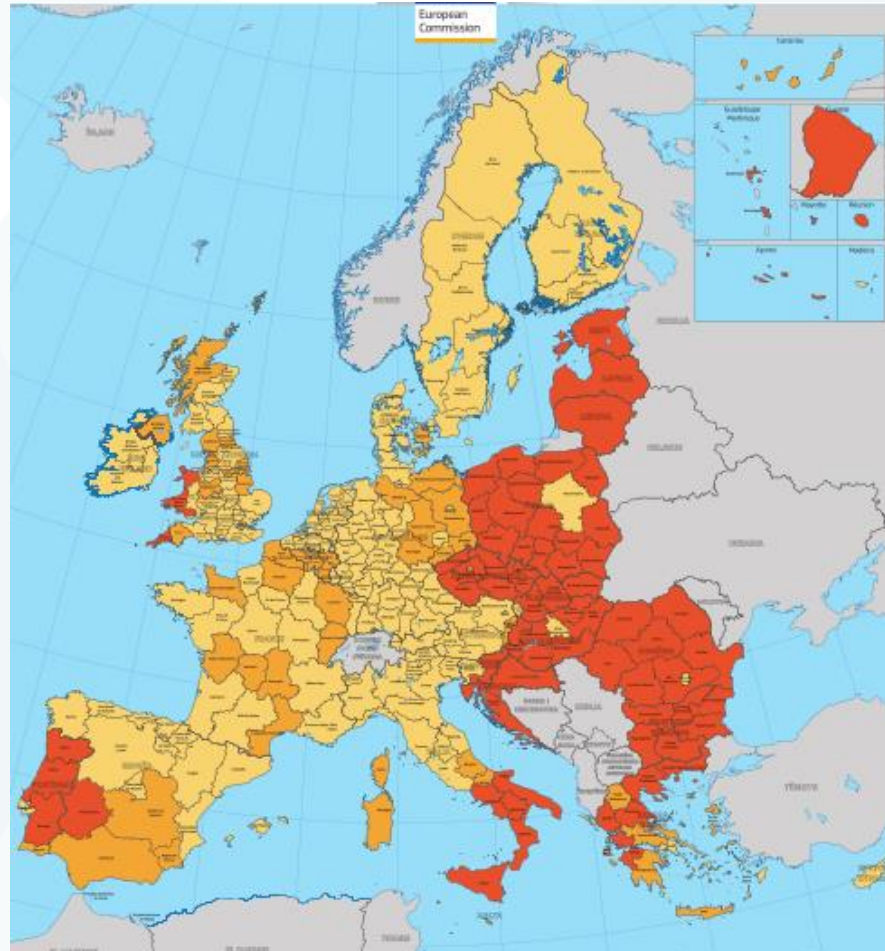
National and regional level programmes

How the funds are managed

Management modes in 2013



Funds coordinated at a national / regional level



Framework



- Partnership Agreements or regulations
- Operational Programmes or similar Programmes
- Calls for proposals

Q & A

References to cycling in the programming documents

Explicit references

“Implement projects concerning the construction of linear infrastructure of cycling transport”
“Cities, towns developed to be cycling friendly: 38 town”
Length of the realized cycling infrastructure: 970km”

Implicit references

“Clean urban transport infrastructure and promotion”
“Sustainable tourism”

Indirect references

“Investments for the accessibility to the local cultural heritage, which contributes to the valorisation of the local cultural heritage, to the promotion of the rural tourism”

Current status

Based on the explicit references to cycling we estimate that

1.325 billion Euros

of EU Funds are available for cycling between
2014 – 2020.

With implicit and indirect connections:

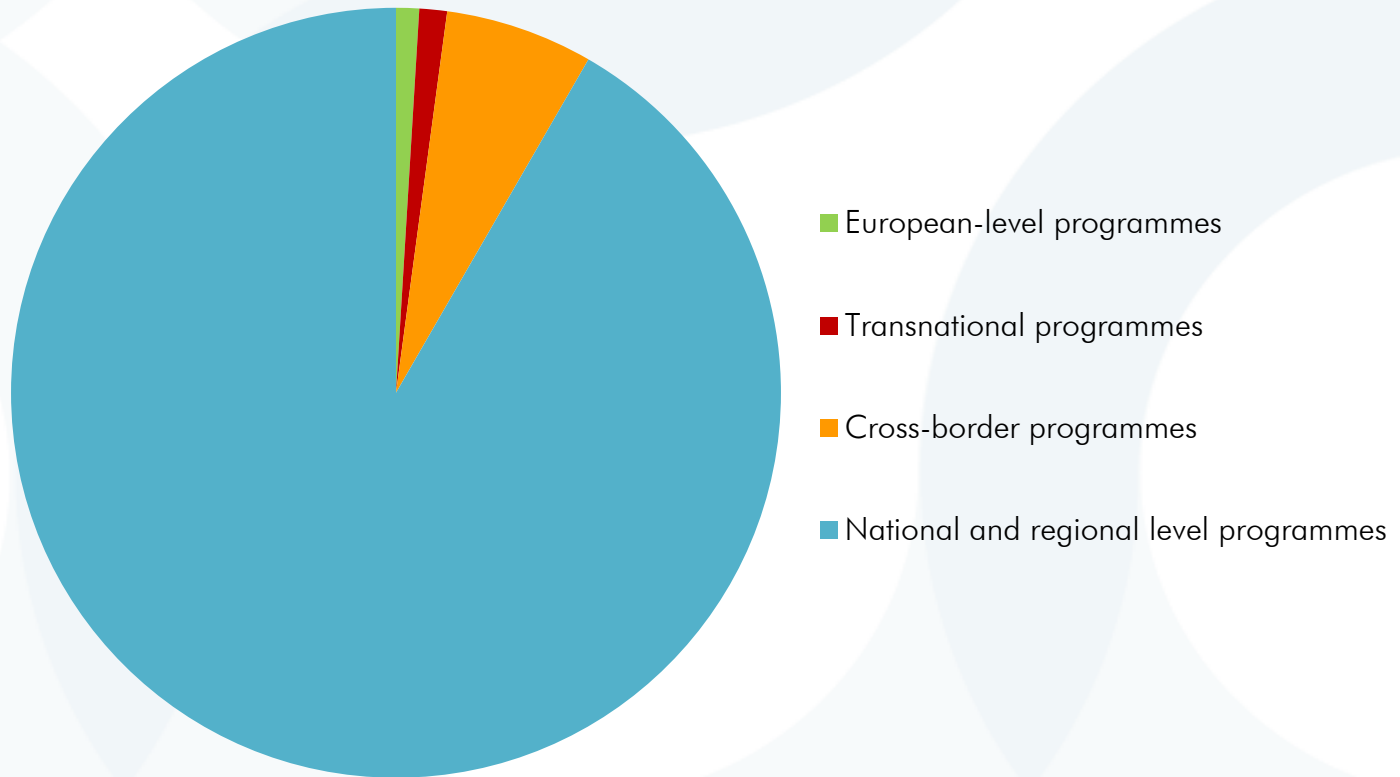
2.041 billion Euros

Current status

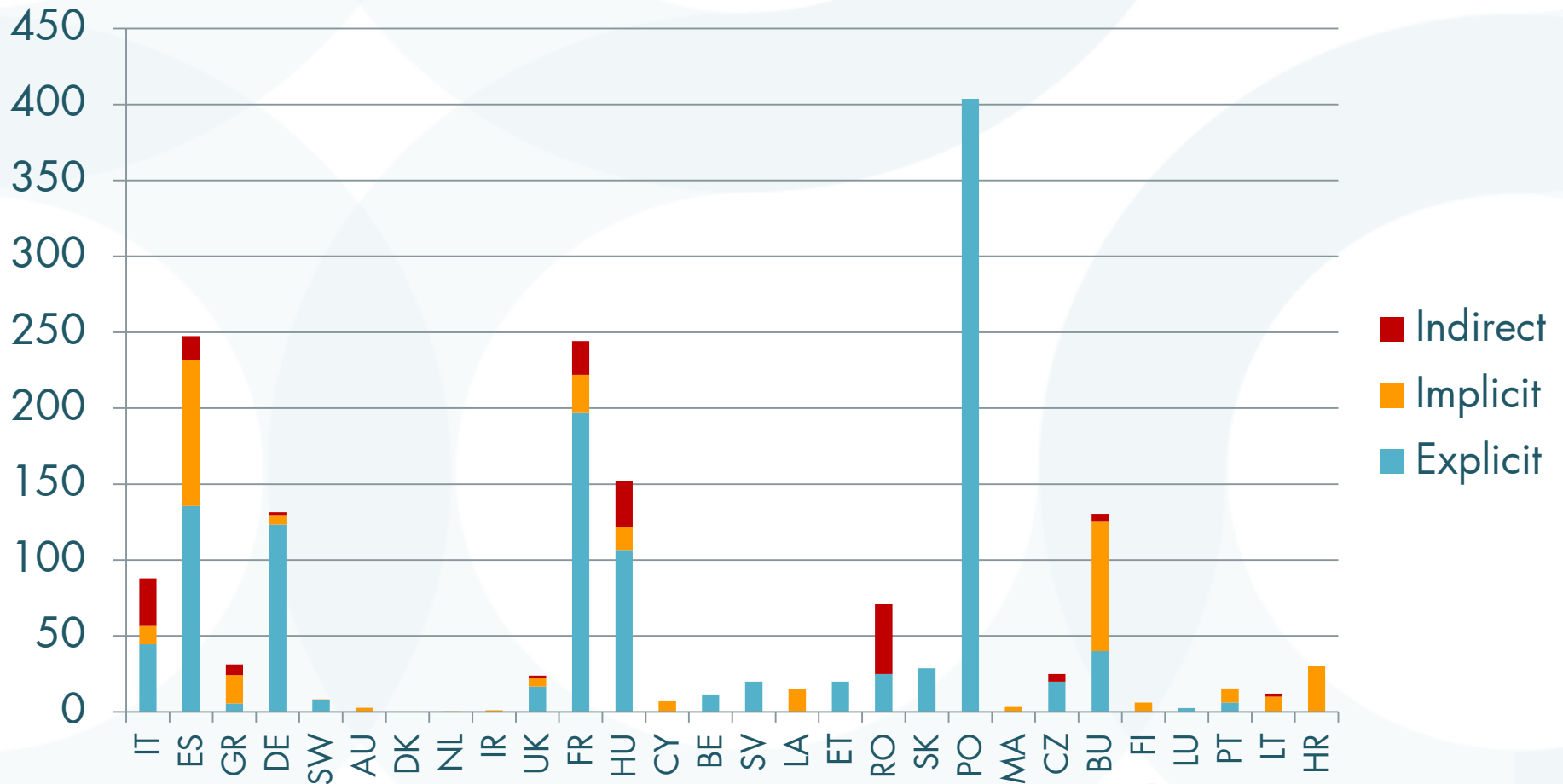
Type of fund	Estimated amount of funding available (€ million) based on:			Total
	Explicit references	Implicit references	Indirect references	
European-level programmes	12.8	0.0	131.3	144.1
Transnational programmes	15.4	22.8	1.0	39.1
Cross-border programmes	82.2	36.2	8.3	126.8
National and regional level programmes	1,214.4	349.1	167.8	1,731.3
Summary	1,324.8	408.1	308.3	2,041.2

Current status

European funds available for cycling
between 2014 and 2020



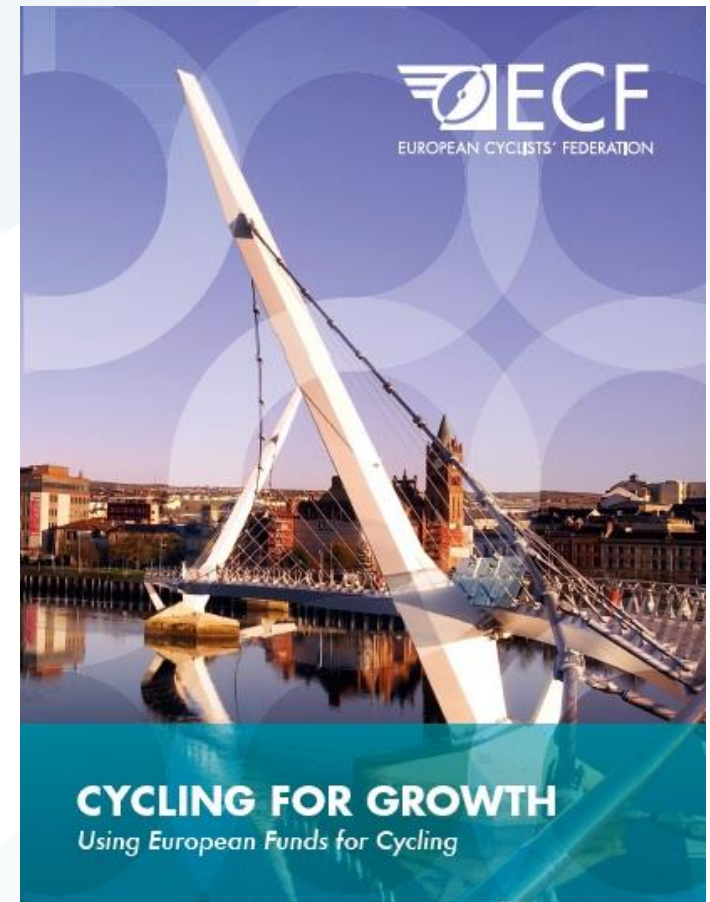
Current status



Cycling for Growth

For more information:

<http://www.ecf.com/advocary/eu-funding-2/eu-funding-opportunities-for-cycling-2014-2020/>



Q & A

ECF's new EU Funds Observatory

Monitoring Observatory

Select a country

Spain

- None -

Apply



> Explicit references > Implicit references > Indirect references

> No references > Related projects

Regional programs

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Q & A

“I have seen what the Cohesion Funds and Structural Funds have done for cycling, for example in my own country. We now have some incredible cycling routes, and we use them really well. So I hope that this culture of cycling will be part of our culture as well.”

Violeta Bulc, European Commissioner for Transport

Next Steps

- Make best use of EU funds dedicated for cycling.
- Realise the potential of the other EU funds for cycling-related projects.
- Ensure the integration of cycling measures in relevant non-cycling projects too.



Calls for proposals

- Clearly describe the objectives (greening transport, create jobs etc.) and activities (awareness raising campaigns, construction of a bike path, feasibility studies etc.)
- Define the eligible costs (staff cost, services, goods, works, in-direct etc.)
- Define the level of EU subsidies (in 30-100% of eligible costs) and min.-max. subsidy per project.
- Define the type of subsidy (refundable or not)

Keep in mind!

- Other funding sources available
 - EU Funds – for development only, fixed objectives, activities for 7 years
 - National, regional, local funds – for maintenance operation as well, yearly / biannual budget with more flexibility
- You'll need to contribute your own resources (0% - 70%).

Keep in mind!

- Be prepared for paper work
 - Application phase – detailed proposal and administrative requirements depending on the type of the call
 - Implementation phase – strict procedures (e.g. public procurement) and evidences about all activities and costs (timesheets, invoices etc.)
- Sustainability
 - 3-5 years long obligations to sustain the project results

What ECF will do in 2016

- Finish EU Funds Observatory
- Run Webinars on project development and preparing successful applications
- Collect and share good practices.
- Apply for EU funds!

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