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This European ride will be part of a general movement for the success of The United Nations Climate Change Conference, **COP21**, which will take place in Paris as of the 30 of November 2015. CyclotransEurope has taken a number of initiatives to inform and sensitize people on alternative projects.

AN ALARMING REPORT

Each publication of the intergovernmental Group of experts on the evolution of the climate (GIEC) reveals an aggravation of the climatic disorders. Whether they talk about the atmosphere, the land or the seas, the reports are the same; the ongoing deterioration of the climate is relentless. The effects are already measurable, and the effects on the populations, on social systems, on economies are devastating.



PARIS2015
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE
COP21-CMP11

FROM FAILURE TO SUCCESS

Between Copenhagen and Paris there are peoples, cities, landscapes to discover, but also the gap between two major Climate conferences : The Copenhagen Conference of 2009 which was a total failure, and the upcoming Paris Conference of 2015. A big mobilization of public opinion is essential to press the decision-makers. Each can contribute to it.

TRANSPORT: AN ECONOMIC SECTOR LAGGING BEHIND IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

The transport industry is the one sector that not only does not reduce its CO² emissions, but increases them. The means of transport that has most developed in the recent years is the plane. Planes have replaced the train on distances that have become shorter and shorter. The announced transfer of freight from the road to the train has not taken place. On the contrary, in France, there has been a massive transfer from the train to the road, inducing a new development of motorway projects. With the Macron government project, coaches (more polluting than trains !) are planned to replace trains on a number of routes.

MOVING LESS AND BETTER

Our cities have been planned for the automobile. City-planning must be reconfigured to allow for shorter and more energy-saving daily commuting. Shops and services should be nearer to residential areas, traffic made less aggressive ; restrictions on the use of cars should provide large spaces for bikes, footpaths and public transports. All the better for the climate.

BIKES SHOULD BE MORE WIDELY USED

The bike is silent, non-polluting, little dangerous, energy-efficient, good for health. It is one of the solutions to face the danger of climatic disorders. A cycle policy would not be expensive, but requires a political will to be implemented.



INITIATIVES TO SENSITIZE AND MOBILIZE

CYCLOTRANSEUROPE INVITES CITIZENS TO TAKE ACTION FOR THE CLIMATE

- A bicycle ride "Cycling for Climate" Copenhagen-Brussels-Paris on Eurovelo3, involving groups of children and teen-agers
- Inauguration of the Climate Change Conference with a bike meeting in Le Bourget on November 30
- Creation of a cycle route between Paris and the seat of the **COP21** Conference in Le Bourget, to last until the end of the conference, with **COP21** marks all along the route.
- Stand in the village of civil society in the **COP21**, with a conference on the place of bikes in the fight against climate change.
- Meetings, press conferences, activities of different kinds...

1 600 KM OF BIKE FUN

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The long bike ride will be a touristic, cultural, ecological and family adventure



A ROUTE AWAY FROM CARS

The route to be followed will be mostly the "Eurovélo3", including small roads, forest lanes, towpaths, green ways... with the constant pleasure of cycling away from the road traffic.

STAGES FOR ALL

The distances covered daily are made to match everyone's capacities, requiring no initial training (although it can help !). They are therefore accessible to the young and the less young.



CHOOSING THE NUMBER OF STAGES

Everyone will be able to choose how many days they want to ride according to their wishes and possibilities. It will even be possible to join in for the day without any booking.

CAMPING OR ACCOMMODATION IN HOTELS OR GÎTES; IT IS FOR YOU TO CHOOSE...

You will be given the choice between camping or regular accommodation (hotels, gîtes or youth hostels...) Or even make a mix of the two in your bookings!

A RIDE FOR CHILDREN AND TEEN-AGERS

This ride is also meant for families with children. Will-be adventurers will love it ! It is a school for autonomy, effort management ... and the pleasure of riding.



DISCOVERING THE VISITED COUNTRIES

visits of architectural or historical sites in the cities or the countryside. We will see how Copenhagen has become the capital city of the bike, and what the Belgians and the Germans have done for the bike.

CYCLING IN PACK ?

You can cycle as you like, as long as you stay between the guide and the flag at the rear of the group. There will be guides at each cross road to direct you.

A SITE TO FIND INFORMATION

There is a lot of information to be found on the site of CyclotransEurope. Each stage is described on its own page together with practical information on tourist offices, cycle repairs, or how to join or quit the ride and about trains which accept the carriage of bikes.

CONVERGING IN BRUSSELS, FESTIVE ARRIVAL IN PARIS...

Celebrations with music and organic foods !

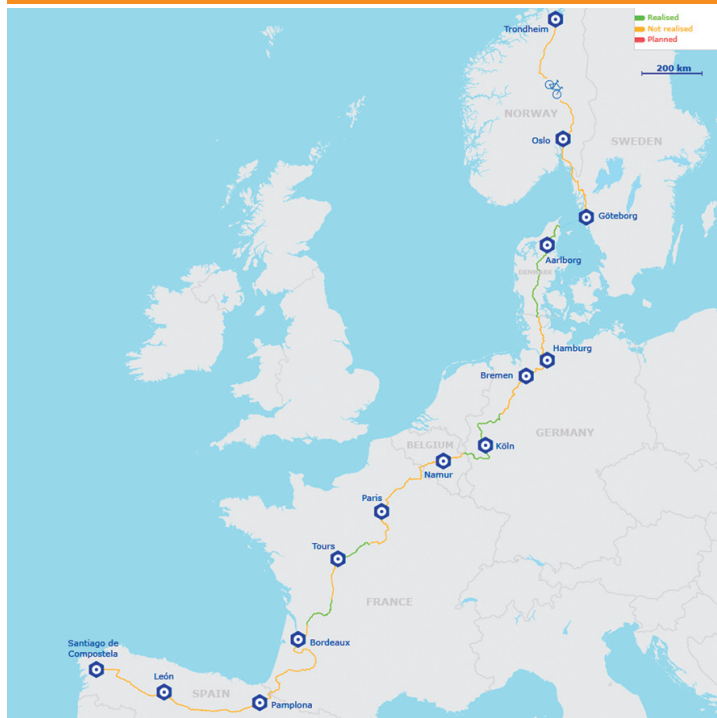
PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

This ride is co-organized by its participants. Your talents and ideas will be appreciated !



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PROMOTING EUROVELO3



Eurovelo3 is part of the 14 cycling roads which will radiate throughout the whole continent, as proposed by the European federation of cyclists, supported by the European Union;

These Euro-veloroutes aim to ensure safety, enjoyment, the use of easy to follow road-markings and to avoid as much as is possible, steep slopes. The Eurovelo3 has a length of more than 5 000 km.

It is more advanced in the countries of Northern Europe today, yet it has not been completed and does not always answer a "European" approach.

The route in Belgium is relatively easy. It follows the banks of the Meuse and the Sambre (Liège Charleroi). Some sections still remain to be constructed and road signaled.

It will connect Santiago De Compostela with Trondheim (Norway). CyclotransEurope proposes a variant to go to Moscow. It is the only cycling road crossing Paris and the Ile-de-France.

These cycleways will contribute to develop cycle-tourism, which is non polluting and respectful of natural sites. They are part of the possible solutions to reduce the emission of gases contributing to the green-house effect.



CYCLOTRANS EUROPE

AND ANIMATE THE TRANSEUROPEAN CYCLEWAY

CyclotransEurope was created in 1996 to link up the peoples of the East and West with a long cycle track running from Paris to Moscow. Then the association enlarged its action by taking charge of the French part of Eurovelo3.

STUDY

The association has achieved an important and recognized work by clearing the way for the EuroVeloroute 3 in France. It continues to make suggestions and to follow up with proposals for those parts of the velo-route that have already been established. It continues to be a "spokesperson" on behalf of all bicycle users especially in relation to bicycle tourism.

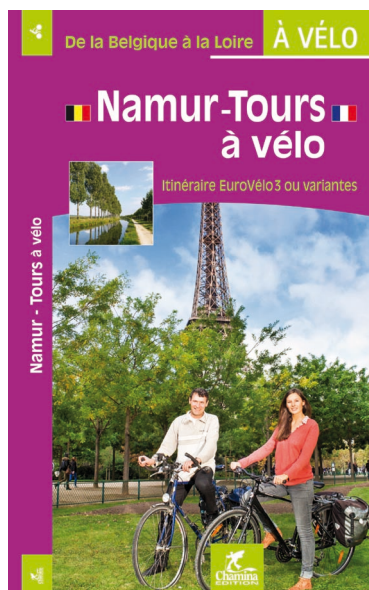
PROMOTE

It plays an important role in the promotion of Euroveloroute3, of cycle tourism and the combination of train + bike transport.

It has produced a road guide "from Namur to Tours by bike" which was published in June 2014. to be followed in 2016 by a guide on the following section from Tours to the Pyrenees.

ANIMATE

It organizes or takes part in fêtes, rides or long cycling journeys, (As for example from Tours to Bayonne, from Paris to Berlin, Spain, Maastricht to Paris...)



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