

# *More and better cycling for all*

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ECF promotes cycling as a **sustainable and healthy** means of transport and leisure.

We harness the power of the **European civil society cycling movements.**



- Established in 1983
- **70+ members** in over **40 countries**
- Global advocacy



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# Our Vision 2030

## More cycling

Double the number of km cycled in Europe by 2030

## Safer cycling

Reduce the rate of cyclists killed or seriously injured in road collisions by at least 50% - towards Vision Zero

## Stronger political support

Cycling to be treated as a fully fledged mode of transport and prioritised in the mobility mix

## Higher investment

Cycling should get 10% of national transport spend; EU should invest at least €20bn in cycling by 2030

## More and better infrastructure

At least 100,000 km of new cycling infrastructure to be built in Europe by 2030



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# Strong reach and credibility



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CYCLING.**

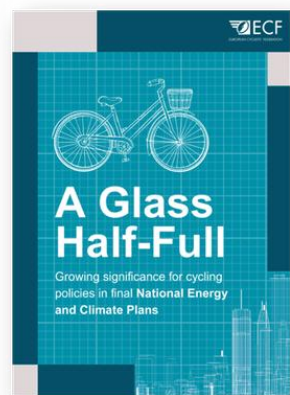


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Evidence-based advocacy, coalitions  
and campaigns

Innovative research and thought-  
leadership projects and initiatives

Provision of tools, resources and trainings



Coordination and development of the **EuroVelo Cycle Route network**



Organisation of **Velo-city**, the premier annual conference for cycling planning and promotion



ECF's mission in Brussels is to advocate for cycling in EU and European policies on mobility, transport and tourism.

We do this by:

- Engaging in **European Commission expert groups** (e.g. The Expert Group on Urban Mobility, the Expert Group on Road Safety Infrastructure)
- **Meetings** with EU stakeholders: DG MOVE, DG REGIO, Members of European Parliament
- **Proposing legislative amendments** on active legal files
- **Policy and legal analyses, conducting research** and sharing it with target audiences.
  - Examples: [National cycling strategies](#) / [Cycling and rail](#) / [road safety topics](#)
- Engaging in **projects**

## Social Climate Fund

- €87bn in targeted support to all EU Member States to address the social impacts of creating an emissions trading system (ETS) for the building and road transport sectors.
- Addresses transport poverty; National governments can budget for cycle infrastructure, bike sharing, social leasing, financial incentives, etc.

## Greening Corporate Fleets

- A proposal for Member States to ensure corporate fleets are electrified and thus contribute to transport emissions reductions.
- We think there is a strong case to create access to (e-) bikes, such as through bike leasing models.

## EU sustainable tourism

- The **Transport & Tourism committee** of the European Parliament (TRAN) [adopted a tourism report](#) recognising cycling as a “strategic European sector.”
- ECF worked with MEPs to ensure cycling was reflected in the text.
- In May or June, the Commission is expected to publish an **EU Sustainable Tourism Strategy**, and ECF has been advocated hard for cycling tourism to be recognised and included.
- ECF leads an **Active Tourism Coalition** to generate momentum and collective advocacy toward EU stakeholders.

## EU Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034

- A framework budget over just over €2 trillion, or just over 1% of the EU's Gross National Income.
- It covers major funding programmes: Agriculture, regional development, cohesion, civil society, culture and media, research – also transport.
- *ECF wants EU member states and regions to invest €8bn in cycling projects by the end of 2034.*
- To do that, ECF:
  - Is proposing legislative amendments to ensure ERDF/Cohesion fund files can support sustainable and active mobility
  - That 'National & Regional Plans' truly enable regions to use EU funds for active mobility projects, as before.

According to ECF's latest analysis, **€6.8bn has been invested in cycling projects** in Europe between 2014-2027 using EU funds (preliminary analysis).

It's difficult to determine because not all projects are reported correctly.\*



Figure 1 - Map of projects that do not correspond to the nomenclature of CI 090

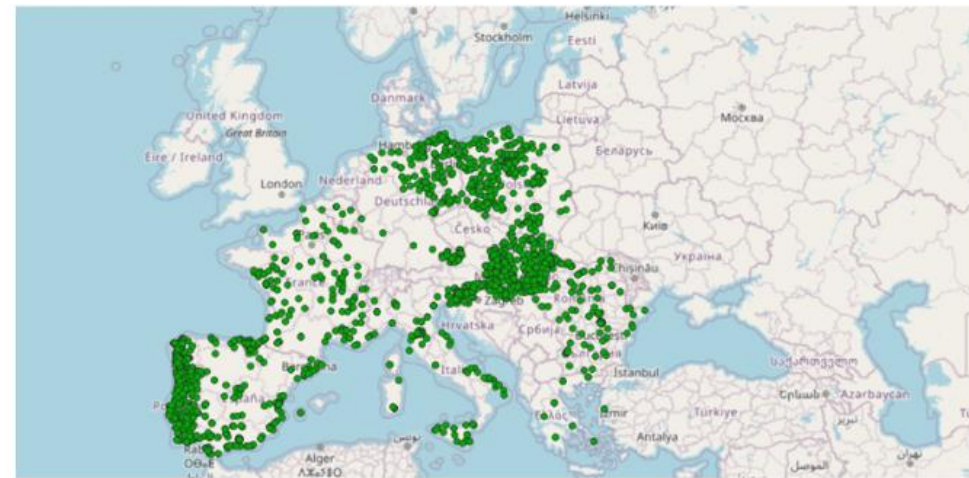
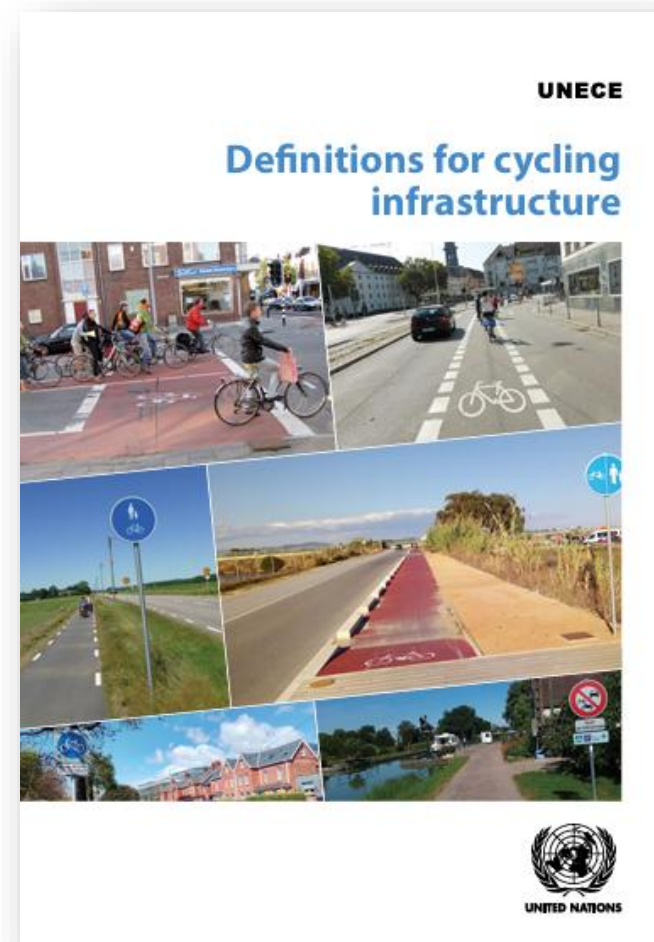


Figure 2 - Map of cycling and/or pedestrian oriented projects reported under CI 090

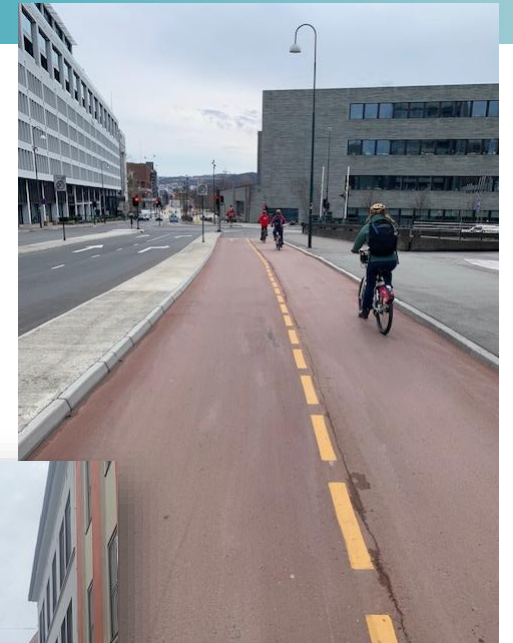
\*Code 090 projects for “cycle tracks and footpaths”

- ECF has worked within the UN Economic Committee for Europe (UNECE) for many years on the creation of cycling infrastructure guidelines and definitions.
- The pictured report was published in January 2026 and contains significant contributions from the ECF infrastructure and cycling tourism team.



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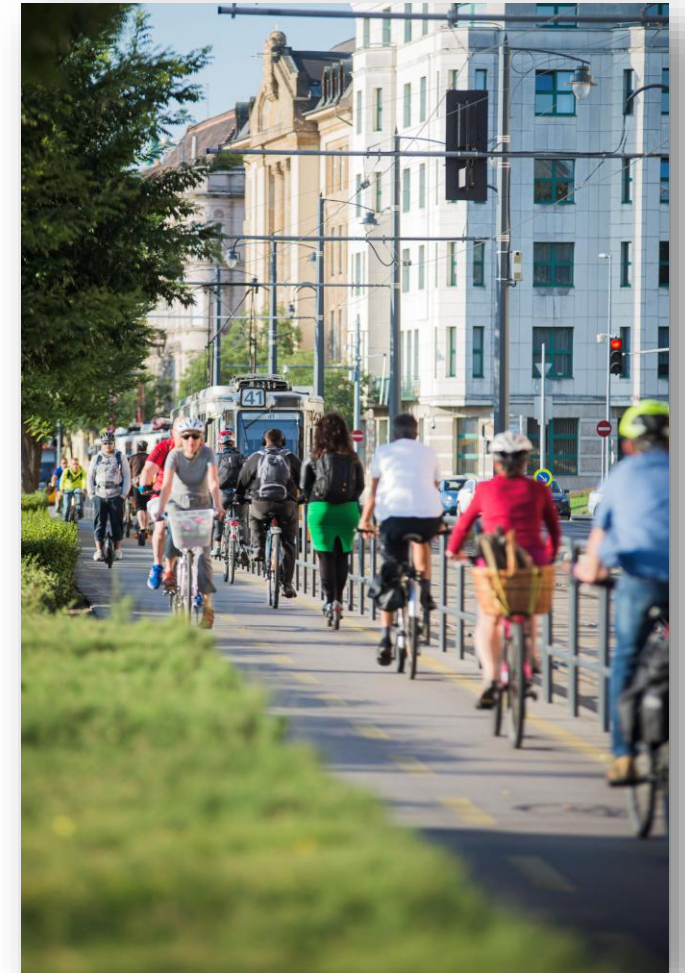
- Oslo has had a cycling strategy for the last 10 years.
- In 2024, they invested ~€60mn in cycling infrastructure.
- They also removed 6,000 car parking spaces from the centre.
- They act first with tactical urbanism, then permanent projects.
- Focus on completing an urban cycle network with cycle lanes & tracks, greenways, & cycle streets



- Invested €1.5mn in cycling with EU funds during 2014-2020 (ERDF)
- Created a 9.5km cycle network
- Also invested in bike share
- An example of how EU funds can be used in a city dominated by cars, but wanting to make changes to the modal split.



- Their mobility plan sets a 10% cycling modal share target for 2030.
- More than €1.5mn investments planned in 2026 for cycling.
- The city bike share system, Bubi, is popular and the city is making improvements to the fleet and services.
- 20% of Budapest's adult citizens cycle at least once per week.



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## THANK YOU!

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