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### **Transport Network for cyclists in Slovenia**



Jihlava, Czech Cycling Conference, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 **Gregor Steklačič,** Ministry of Infrastructure of Slovenia Cycling officer

### **Conference starting point**





#### Urban and active mobility that is

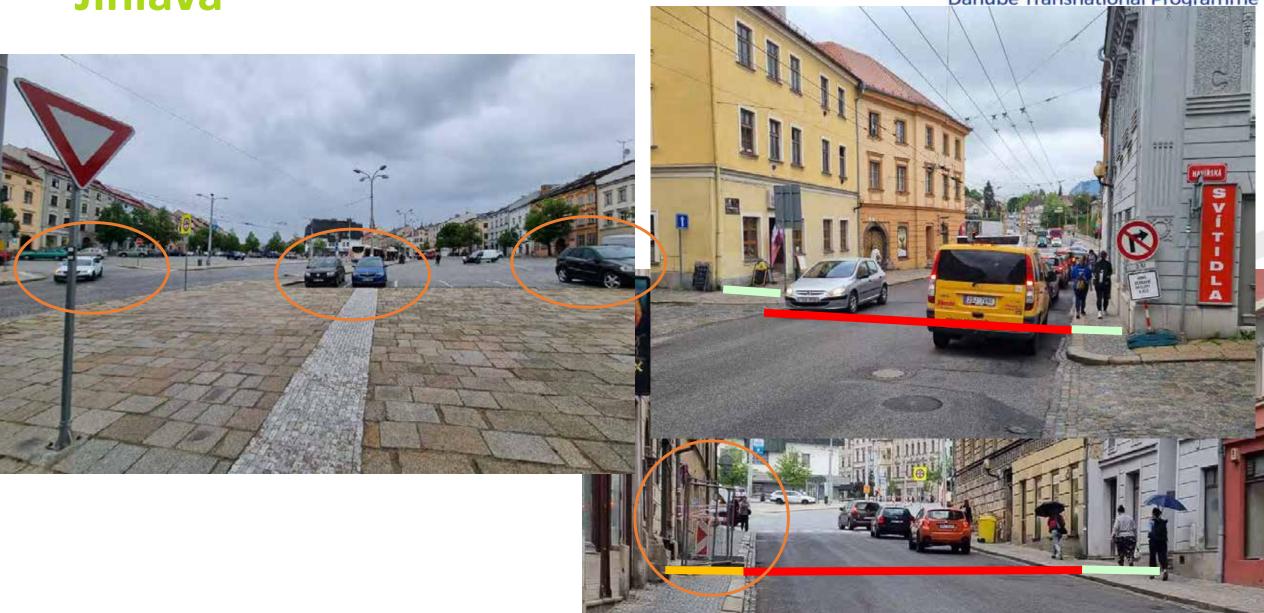
- climate-friendly,
- safe and
- fair for all,

whatever their preferred means of travel.

The conference aims to help break down the barriers.

**Jihlava** 





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## Ljubljana













### REALLOCATE THE PUBLIC SPACE

#### in favour of sustainable means of transport

- Allocate the public space used for transport according to the modal split you want to achieve
- Infrastructure should invite pedestrians and cyclist into the city

### What are we in Slovenia doing better?





#### 2022 UCI World Ranking April 2022

UCI	Rankii	ng	O Men O Riders O	
POS			NAME	POINTS
1		in	Tadej Pogacar UAE Team Emirates	5.783
2		ion.	Primoz Roglic Jumbo-Visma	3.820
3			Wout van Aert Jumbo-Visma	3.226
4	-1	-	Matej Mohoric Bahrain Victorious	2.855
5	<b>~</b> 1	11	Julian Alaphilippe Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl Team	2.768
6	8		Remco Evenepoel Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl Team	2.640
7	•	-	Richard Carapaz INEOS Grenadiers	2.502
8		=	Mathieu van der Poel Alpecin-Fenix	2.269
9	-4	0	Stefan Küng Groupama-FDJ	2.179
10	- 1		Joan Almeida	2.126



# Slovenia vs. Czech Republic







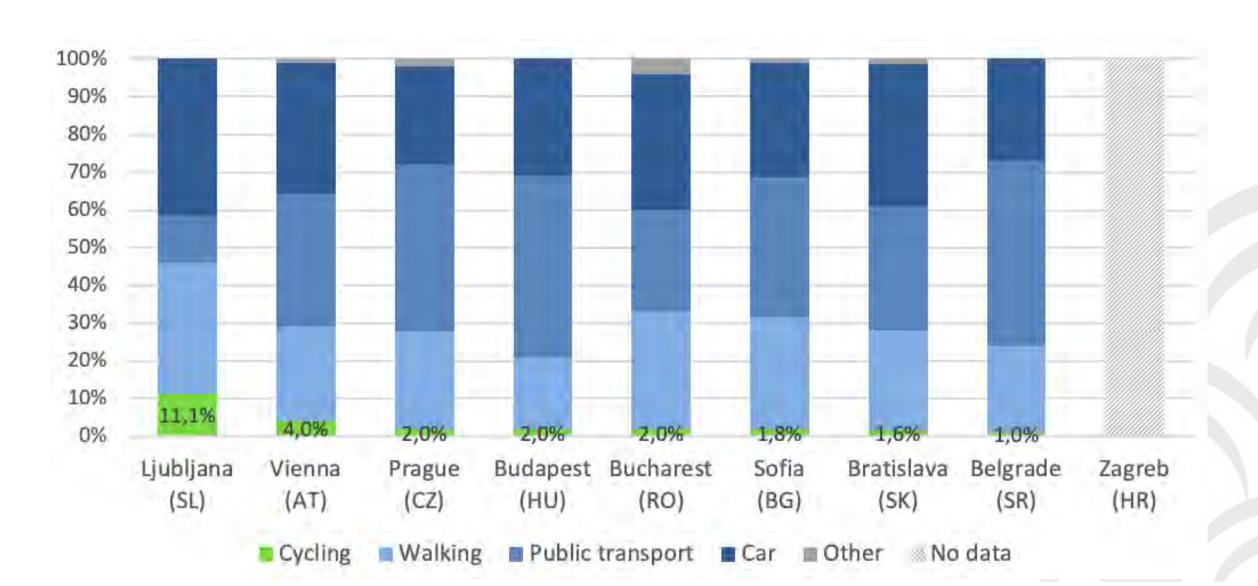


20.480 km <sup>2</sup>	Surface Area	78.870 km <sup>2</sup>
2.108.977	Population	10.701.777
\$ 29.193	GDP per capita	\$ 26.381
\$M 30.236,7	Expenditure	\$M 130.970,0
\$ 26.594	Average Wage	\$ 20.080
656	Vehicles / 1000 people	647
6.62	CO2 Tons per capita	8.66

## Slovenia vs. Czech Republic







### Fields of work



### **Orgware**

- Coordination
- Legislation
- Funding

#### Software

- Information
- Education
- Promotion
- Services

#### Hardware

- Network
- Infrastructure
- Construction

### **Orgware: coordination**

Interreg
Danube Transnational Programme
Danube Cycle Plans

- 2016: Ministerial commission on cycle routes
- 2019: cycling officer appointed, new employees (dedicated to implement and supervise cycling projects)
- 2020: National Eurovelo coordination centre (10 organisations)
- 2021: Interministerial working group for elaboration of cycling masterplan (45 members)



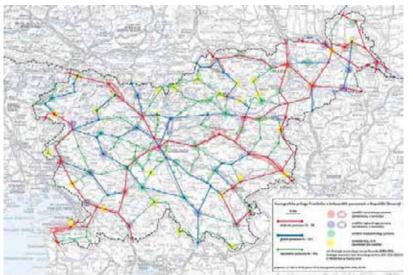




### **Orgware: legislation**

Danube Transnational Programme
Danube Cycle Plans

- Legislation: legal acts on cycling adopted
  - Rules on traffic signs and equipment on roads (2016)
  - Guidelines for building cyclists friendly infrastructure in urban areas (2017)
  - Rules on bicycle connections (2018)
  - Technical standards for cycling infrastructure (2018)





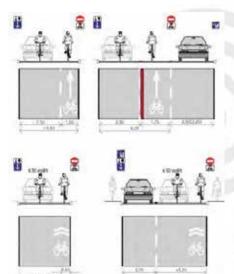




Diagram 1: Merila za izbiro kolesarske površine (vir. ERA 2010)

Strategic approach









• Financial resources: ECP, national budget, Climate change fund

Operation	Investment in MIO EUR	Source	Time period
Call for tenders JR UTM	13.1	CF, National participation, Beneficiaries cofunding	2017 – 2021
ITI mechanism ERDF	48.0	ERDF, National participation, Beneficiaries cofunding	2017 – 2023
Regional development agreements	297.0	ERDF, National participation, Beneficiaries cofunding	2018 – 2023
Slovenian Infrastructure Agency	37.0	National budget	2018 – 2023
Call for tenders MOP	10.2	Climate change adoption fund, SIA	2019 – 2023
SUM	392.9		

= 30.5 MIO cofinancing funds available per 1 MIO inhabitants annually

### Public tender, ITI mechanism measures



Cycling paths, tracks, lanes, parking facilities, BSS, cyclists counters













# Regional development agreement projects

Interreg
Danube Transnational Programme
Danube Cycle Plans

- Est. 620 km cycling connections up to 20 km out of cities with SUMP, 360 km new separated cycling inrastructure
- Min. 1/3 separated
- Up to 2/3 local roads with traffic calming measures





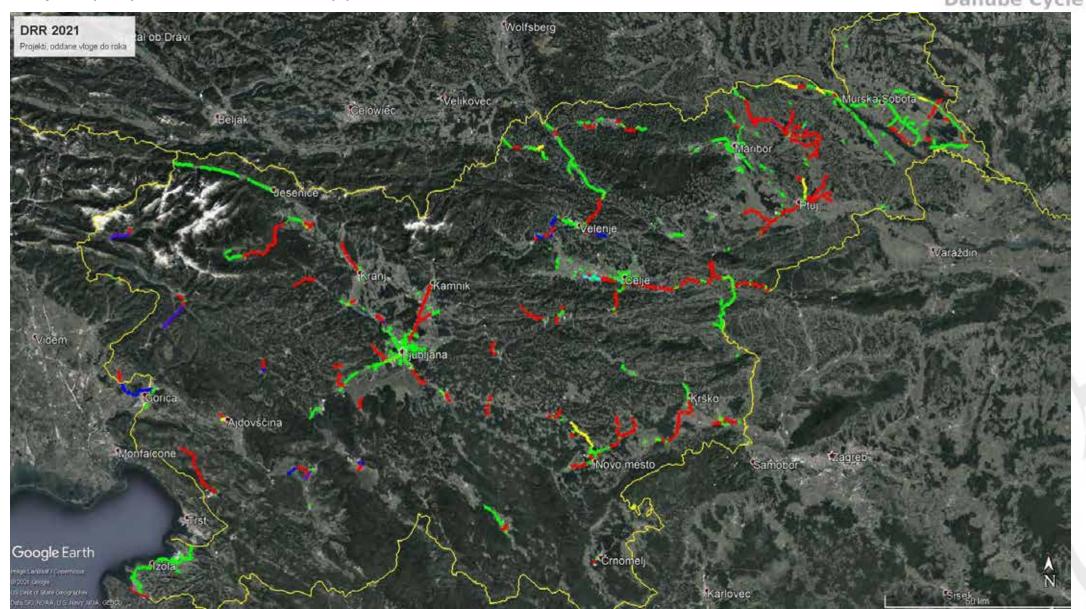




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Danube Transnational Programme
Danube Cycle Plans

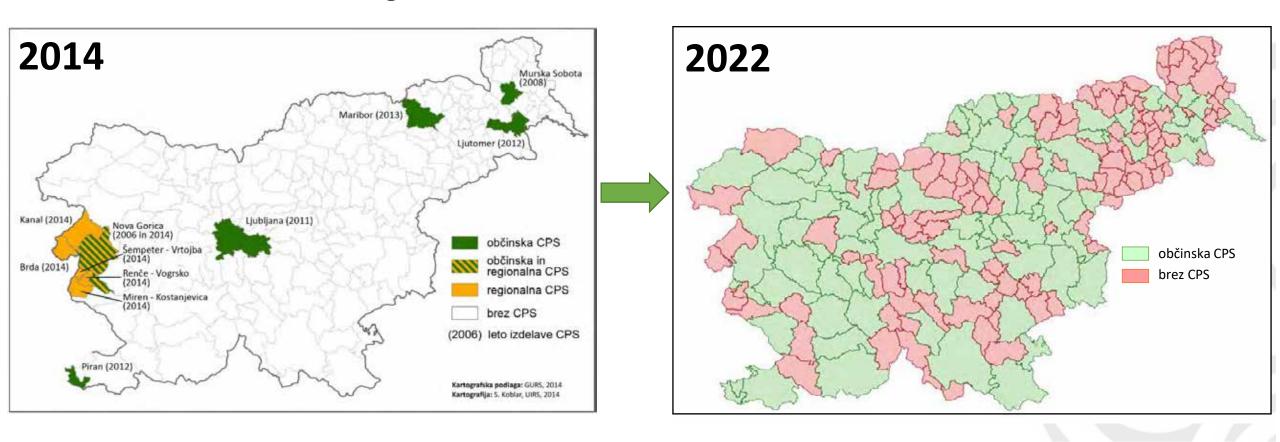
Project proposals Feb 2018, Applications Jan 2021, Construction 2020 - 2023



### **Software: promotion > SUMP**

Danube Transnational Programme
Danube Cycle Plans

- National guidelines 2012, pilot projects
- Public tender 2015 for municipalities
- 82 SUMP elaborated, cycling as special pillar
- Revision of national guidelines 2021



### **Software: promotion**



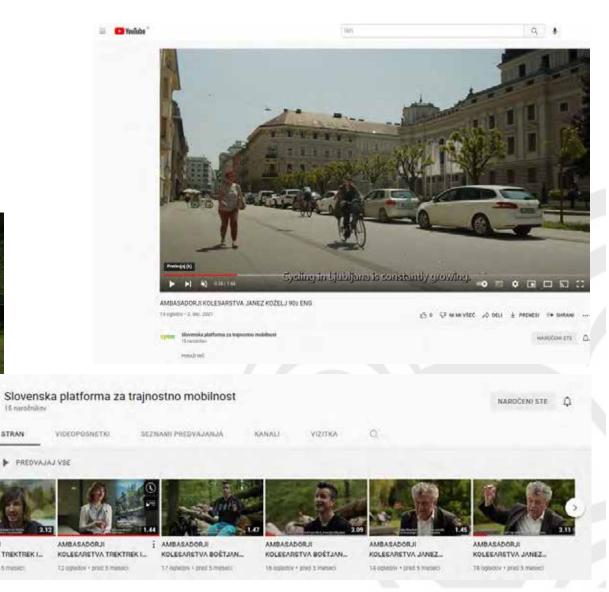
#### Awareness raising:

- workshops for different stakeholders,
- participation at cycling events
- Promotional videos cycling ambassadors

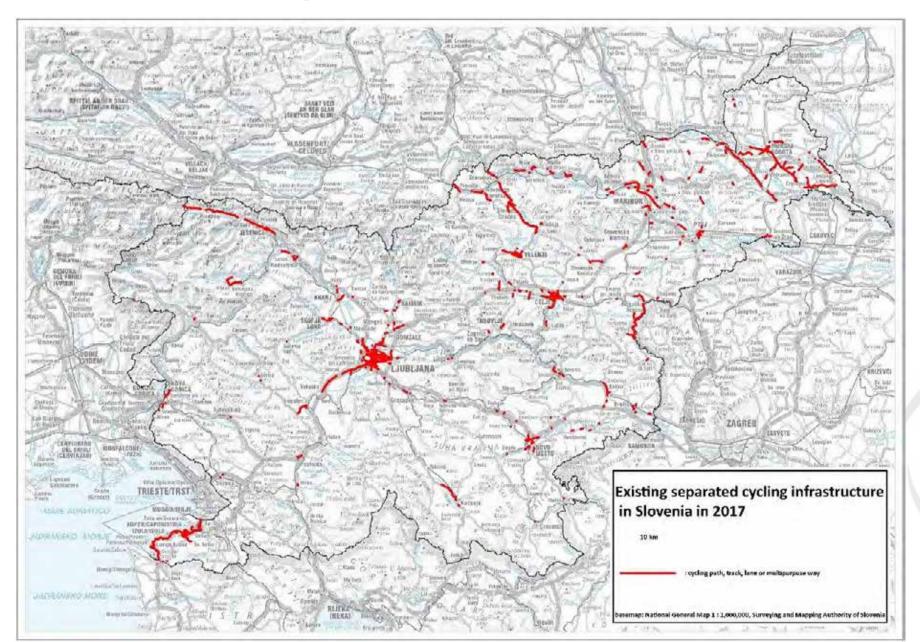








### Hardware: Cycle route network

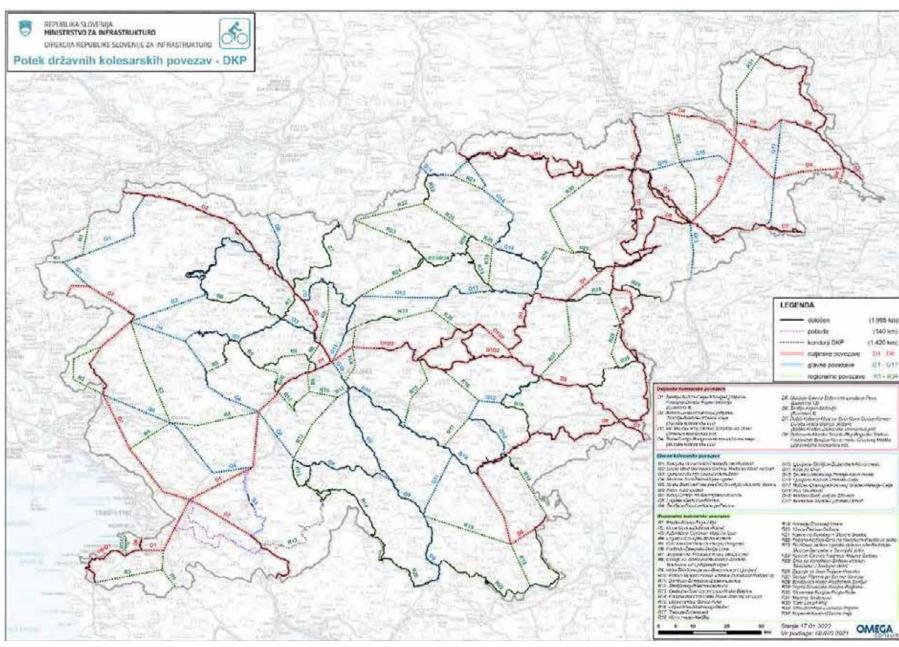




#### State of art 2017

#### Challenges:

- No existing database on cycling infrastructure
- Missing links
- Incoherent network
- Standards?





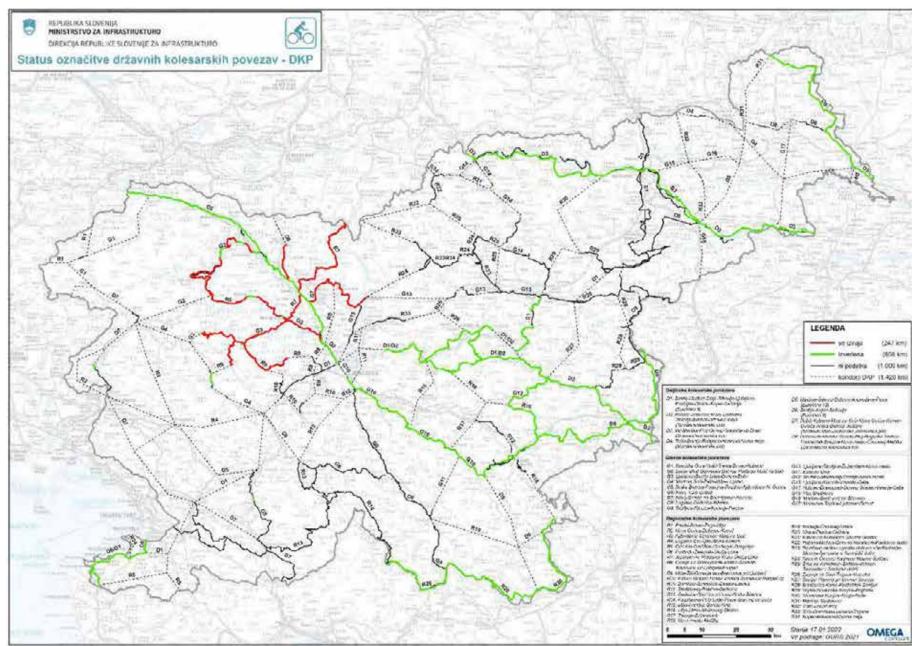
### Defined routing of national cycle route network

status feb 2022:

long distance

——— main

\_\_\_\_\_ regional

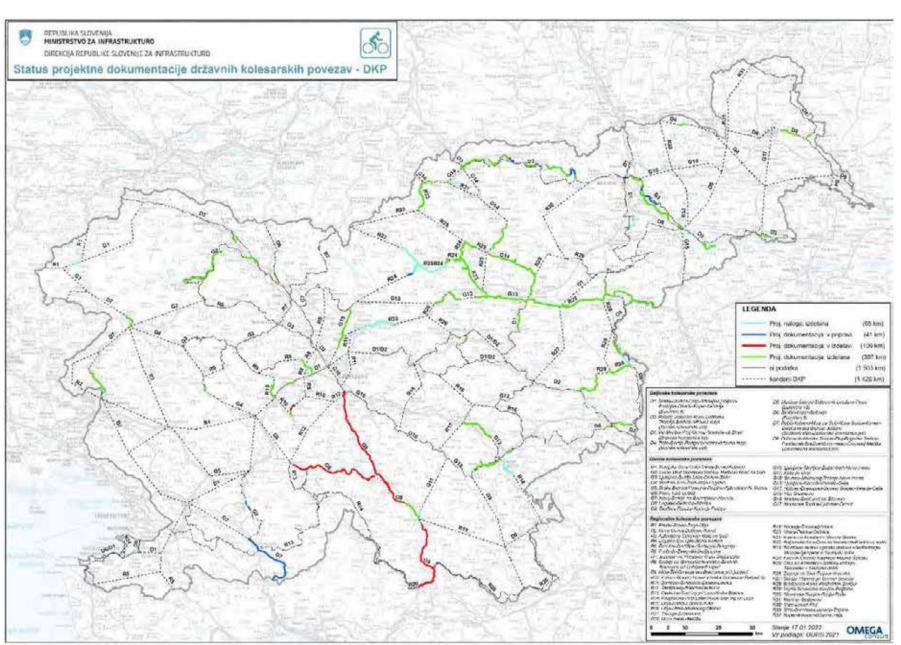




Signposted routes of national cycle route network status feb 2022:

in elaboration

implemented

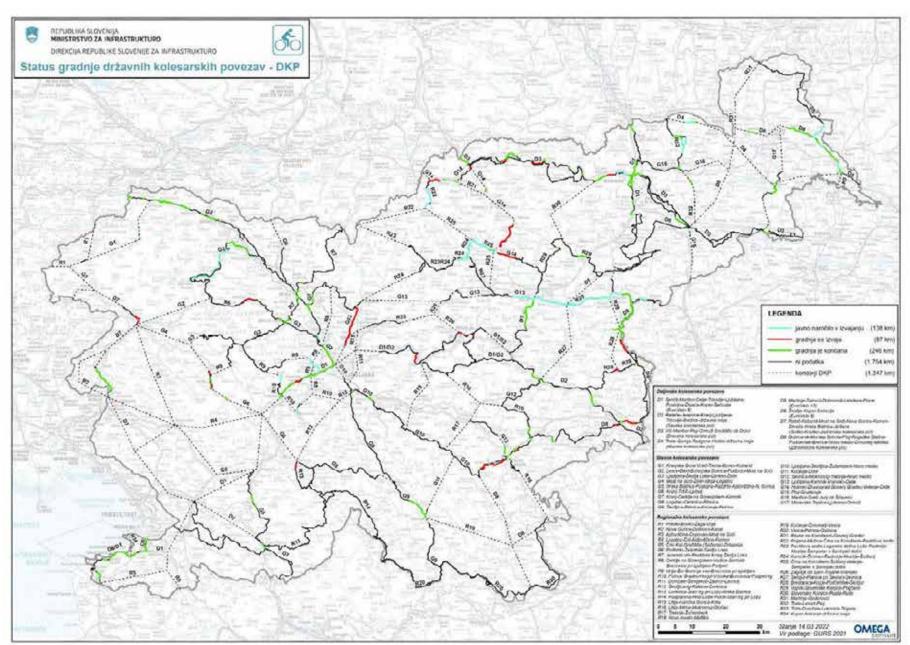




Project documentation of national cycle route network status feb 2022:

prepared
in elaboration
tender in
elaboration

proposed tender





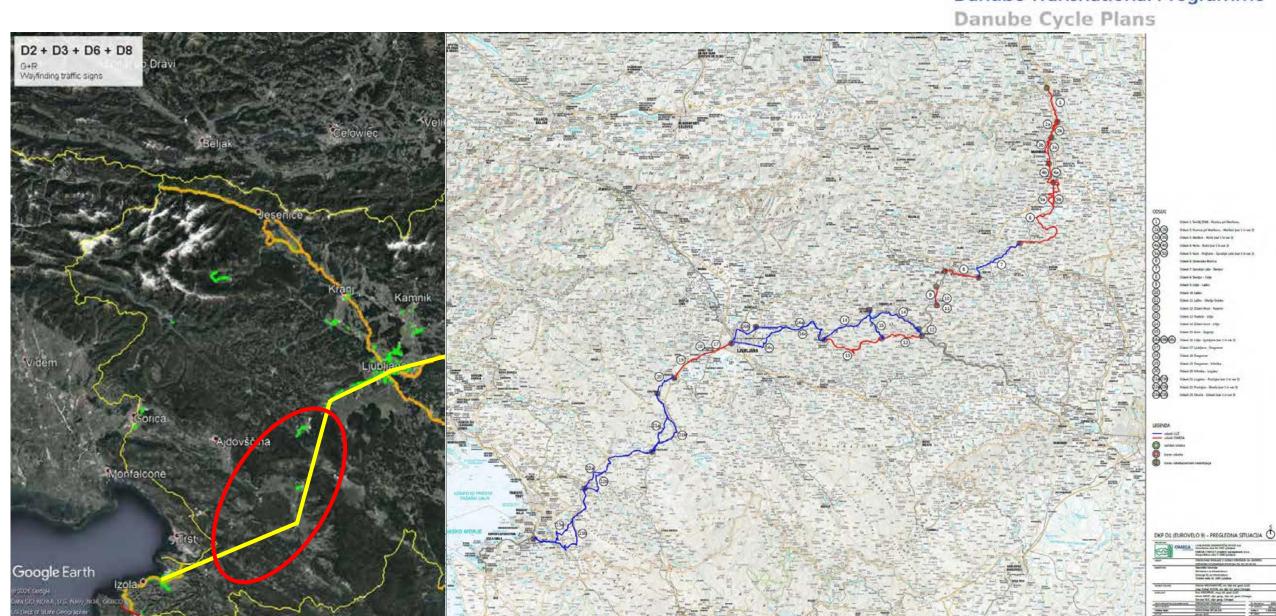
## Constructed separated cycle infrastructure,

status feb 2022:

- ---- realised
- in construction
- public procurement
- defined routing, no cycling infastructure

# Wayfinding – (D1) Eurovelo 9





### **Core Cycle Route Network in 9 countries**





#### **COOPERATE ON:**

- MUNICIPAL
- REGIONAL,
- STATE and
- INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

### Wayfinding – signposting criteria

• No official criteria for signposting at the moment















## Wayfinding – signposting criteria













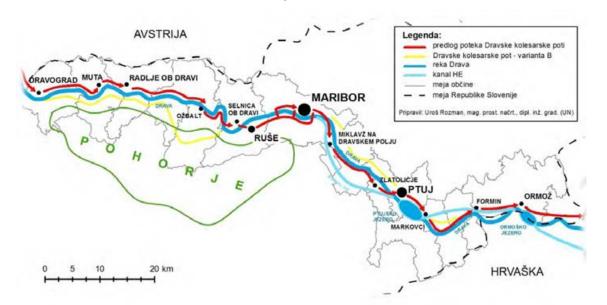


### Specific target groups - tourism



- National's Strategy for sustainable growth of Slovenian Tourism >> Slovenia Outdoor
- Cyclist friendly accomodation certificate

 Drava bike path (cluster of municipalities, cluster of service providers)



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### Cycling as a tourism in Slovenia

Danube Transnational Programme
Danube Cycle Plans

Active tourism is one of the main directions of Slovenian tourism. Cycling in Slovenia is very attractive.



















#### Exploring Scenic Plateaus by Bike or on Foot

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https://www.slovenia.info/sl/dozivetja/aktivne-pocitnice/kolesarjenje

### **Lessons learned -> mid term goals**



- Coordination body is "must have"
- **DATA:** National database on cycling infrastructure ongoing project
- National strategic plan on cycling DCP (End of 2022)
- Comprehensive Transport Planning Act
- Revision of Technical standards on cycling infrastructure
- Proposals for revision of legislation relating agriculture lands, forest, water, spatial planning
- Financial resources for construction of (national) cycling network
- Education on cycling thematics for traffic infrastructure designers and construction site managers
- Audits of signposted cycle routes >> improvements

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