



Press release

The project **Iron Curtain Trail (ICT)** is supported by the **South East Europe (SEE) Programme with 1 404 441 euro** and aims to develop and promote and develop the route in a wide European partnership.

For almost half a century, Europe was divided into East and West by the "Iron Curtain", a border stretching from the Barents Sea to the Black Sea. The Iron Curtain Trail invites people to retrace and experience the former division of the continent on a 9000 km cycle track along the western border of the former Warsaw Treaty States. It runs through 20 countries of which 14 today are member states of the European Union. The track combines European politics, culture, history, nature and sustainable tourism.



The project aims to connect SEE regions along the ICT long distance cycling route, to improve accessibility of the SEE regions by bicycle, to connect cycling and public transport opportunities and to promote cycling and combined sustainable transportation as a means of sustainable mobility. It also provides opportunities to exchange experiences and transfer know how among partners involved.

At regional level, the project will contribute to future improvement of cycling, eco-mobility and tourism.

The partnership behind the project involves Regional Development Agencies from Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Republic of Macedonia and NGOs from Slovakia, Croatia, Serbia, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Greece. The project is also supported by the European Parliament as well as the European Cycling Federation since it is an initiative also contributing to the development and promotion of the EuroVelo network.



Further information on project events and results is available at the website www.ict13.eu in English.

Between the 17th and 19th of June, project partners met to participate on a study tour around Neusiedlersee (Fertő-tó) and to a partner meeting in Eisenstadt (Kismarton).

On the study tour, participants visited the venue of the Pan-European Picnic that contributed to the fall of the Iron Curtain and the reunification of Germany. Besides that, partners studied projects and initiatives implemented on both sides of the border in Eisenstadt, Sopron, Hegykő (Heiligenstein), Sarród (Schrollen), Wallern (Valla) and Mörbisch (Fertőmeggyes) in topics of cycling and nature friendly tourism as well as eco-mobility.





On the 18th and 19th of June, partners had a meeting reviewing and developing their common methodologies and work plan to be implemented until September 2014.





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Partners:

West Pannon Regional and Economic Development Nonprofit Ltd	Hungary
Regional Government of Burgenland	Austria
Ekopolis Foundation	Slovakia
Hungarian Cycling Alliance	Hungary
Regional Development Agency Mura Ltd.	Slovenia
Bulgarian Cycling Association	Bulgaria
ANTIGONE-Information and Documentation Center on Racism, Ecology, Peace and Non-Violence	Greece
South Transdanubian Regional Development Agency Nonprofit Limited Liability Company	Hungary
Greenways Methodology Association	Hungary
Association of South-western Municipalities	Bulgaria
Bulgarian Association for Alternative Tourism	Bulgaria
National Institute For Research and Development in Tourism	Romania
NGO My Bike	Croatia
Yugo Cycling Campaign	Serbia
Centre for development of the South-East planning region	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia