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Cycling routes through “Iron Curtain Trail” project

South East Europe (SEE) “Iron Curtain Trail (ICT) – Sustainable mobility along the newest EuroVelo route” project consists an ecological and alternative suggestion for adopting a stance of a natural way of living, an attempt to support and promote sustainable tourism as well as an opportunity for intercultural exchange.

With the most ecological and cheap way to explore the world, cyclists will have the ability to follow a 9.000 km route that will combine cycling with the use of public means of transportation crossing 20 South East Europe countries including: Greece, Hungary, Austria, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, Serbia, FYROM.

Cycling tourism involves trips from one location to another for the purposes of leisure as well as excursions during spare time or excursions for amusement reasons from the place of residence or from the place where one is on holidays. Cycling consists an integral part of the touristic experience with visitors being more than encouraged to spend as much time as possible to learn about the cuisine, culture and heritage of the area they visit preferably traveling on foot, bicycle and public transport as this type of tourism offers greater experience for tourists while diminishing environmental damage.

European Cycling Tourism yearly counts 2,8 billions of displacements in Europe that cover 25,6 millions of overnight states while it is estimated that it consists around 3% of total tourist trips of Europeans with a total economic result of 54 billion euros.



“Iron Curtain Trail” project adds up to the promotion of cycling and use of means of public transport for strengthening sustainable mobility and exchange of experience and knowledge between the various cultures of the South East Europe countries.

“Iron Curtain Trail” presentation is going to take place **on Monday, May 27th in Drama (Amphitheater of Drama, time 18.15) as well as on Wednesday, June 5th in Orestiada (Cultural Center of the Municipality of Orestiada, time 18.15).**

Prefecture and municipality authorities, associations and organisations on environmental issues, tourism and cycling, hiking associations, representatives of NATURA protected areas, enterprises and services related to tourism, hotel associations and chambers of commerce, representatives of museums and other services with touristic interest (caves, agricultural associations, cooperatives for the commercial of local products etc.) are kindly invited to be present in the meetings so as to contribute to the creation of an action plan for promoting cycling tourism along borderline mountain areas of the prefecture of East Macedonia and Thrace.

For more information and/or clarifications please feel free to contact:

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