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**REVISION OF THE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION
ON ROAD TRAFFIC (R.E.2)**

Signing for cycle routes

Note by the secretariat

1. This document is submitted in conformity with the mandate of the Working Party (WP.1) as defined in document TRANS/WP.1/100/Add.1 (item c), which aims to develop, update and circulate recommendations R.E.1 and R.E.2, as well as the programme of work for 2008-2012 of the Inland Transport Committee, adopted at its seventieth session in 2008 (ECE/TRANS/200/Add.1, item 2.3 (b)).

2. The members of WP.1 will find below the text of the draft recommendation regarding signing for cycle routes known as “EuroVelo routes”, revised by the small working group consisting of Denmark, Israel, Laser Europe and the European Cyclists’ Federation (ECF), on the basis of WP.1 proposals at its fifty-fifth session. The original proposal was transmitted by the ECF in collaboration with the Foundation “Cycling in Switzerland”.

To be incorporated into Part I of the Resolution R.E.2 (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/112), as section 1.14

1.14 Signing of EuroVelo cycle routes

1.14.1 Context

The past 20 years have seen immense growth in both national and international cycling tourism, which has developed into an economically important branch of tourism. At the same time, all the experts consider that European cycling tourist traffic has a high growth potential and provides promising opportunities for the future.

A number of international, long distance cycle routes form a network called "EuroVelo". The network currently consists of 12 routes. The routes were defined by the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) together with the national and regional authorities. The further development of this network will continue to be coordinated by the ECF.

However, the effective promotion of cycling tourism in Europe demands for signposting of the routes in a manner that can be understood by national and international users in order to serve the safe behaviour of the cyclist in traffic. For this purpose, the signposting of cycle routes has to be consistent and clearly recognizable.

The below recommendations therefore aim at defining the signs to be used on the EuroVelo routes.

1.14.2 Recommendations

In order to identify EuroVelo routes, it is recommended to use an easily recognizable EuroVelo route information panel. This route information panel is a signing element already widely used in a number of European countries to signpost cycle routes.

1.14.2.1 Route information panel

The basic version of the route information panel should contain three information elements, of which one is optional (see Annex 1a-A).

These different elements are as follows:

- (a) Background (Council of Europe blue colour): Display a European aspect;
- (b) Route number (white colour): Essential for quick route identification ;
- (c) Council of Europe stars (yellow colour): Display a European aspect (optional).

This basic version can be complemented by the additional following elements:

- (d) Route names;

- (e) Name of Route network (for further information about the cycle network, i.e. “EuroVelo” within Europe).

1.14.2.2 Ways to incorporate the EuroVelo route information panel into the signposting

It is recommended to integrate the route information panel in the same manner as other route information panels and according to national or regional standards (see examples given in Annex 1b).

It is possible to combine the EuroVelo information with other route information, using the frame version (see Annex 1a-B). This version could be used as an interim solution on existing signposts where the space for an additional panel is missing.

The technical design information about the colours and style of lettering are given in the Annex 1a-C. These technical details support the consistent implementation of this recommendation.

Also for countries which have not foreseen route information panels in their cycle signing system, it is recommended to incorporate the proposed elements into their cycle signposting. However, it belongs to national, regional or local authorities to decide the best manner to proceed at the practical level. In particular, there is normally no need to change the country specific design of signposts (colour, shape, etc.) for the incorporation of this panel.

Annex 1a (future Annex 9a of R.E.2)

Route information panel

A. Basic version

Standard version with stars



Version without stars



Versions with route name



Versions with route name and network name

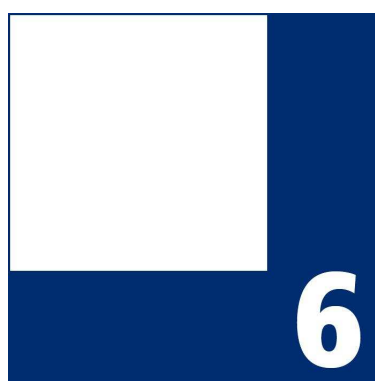


B. Frame version for combined usage

Standard version with stars



Version without stars



Versions with route name



Versions with route name and network name



C. Technical information

Background



Pantone: Reflex blue
Cmyk: 100/80/0/0
RGB: 0/51/153
www: 003399

Stars



Pantone: yellow
Cmyk: 0/0/100/0
RGB: 255/204/0
www: FFCC00

Lettering



Frutiger 87
ExtraBlackCn

Annex 1b (future Annex 9b of R.E.2)

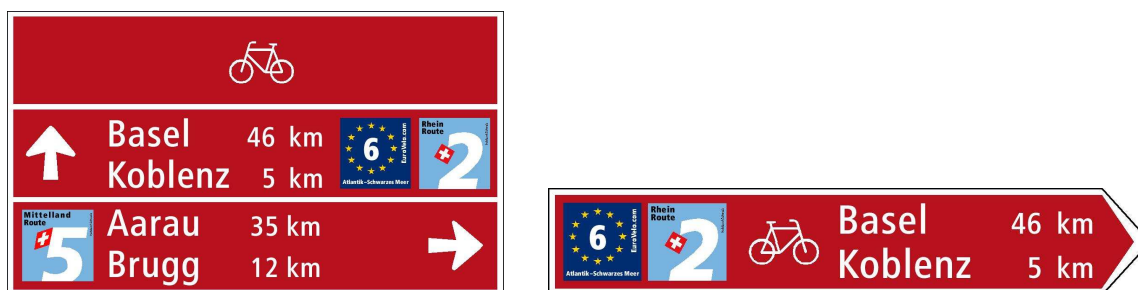
Examples for incorporation of the EuroVelo route information panel

The following examples illustrate the existing signposting of the EuroVelo Route 6 in France, Switzerland, Germany, Hungary and Serbia.

France



Switzerland



Germany



Hungary



Serbia