

## More Walking and Cycling Please: Growing Active Mobility Through EU Funds

<b>Date:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	<b>Location:</b>	Permanent Representation of Romania to the EU
<b>Registration:</b>	9 am		107, Avenue de Cortenbergh –
<b>Main event:</b>	9.30 am – 13.00 pm		1000 Brussels, Belgium
<b>Lunch:</b>	13.00 pm – 14.00 pm		
<b>Bike ride:</b>	14.00 pm – 17.00 pm		

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Venue capacity is limited, register now to avoid disappointment, deadline 29<sup>th</sup> March:

### Event Registration

The Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) and the Interreg CHIPS project, kindly invite you to join us for a high-level stakeholder event, discussing the place of Active Mobility in the next Funding Period, 2021 – 2027. The key challenge we will address is: **How can we unlock larger and better EU investments in walking and cycling?**

In addition to hearing from a number of high level speakers, a practitioner session will highlight best practice examples from West Pomerania, Navarra and Flemish Brabant, representing high quality cycling projects that deliver first class infrastructure with huge benefits to EU citizens. After the main event and lunch, there will be the opportunity to obtain first-hand experience of the showcased Flemish example, by cycling along stretches of the Brussels – Antwerp F1 cycle highway, co-funded by the ERDF fund.

600 million Euro was invested into walking and cycling from EU funds during the Multi-annual Financial Perspective 2007 – 2013. Thanks to the ECF '6bn campaign' we activated many regional authorities to submit projects, bringing the total EU investment in Active Mobility to an estimated 1.5 billion Euro during 2014 – 2020. Yet tremendous challenges that effect our transport systems call for even higher investments: for the 2021 – 2027 funding period **we have raised the bar to 3 billion Euro.**

# Agenda

- Moderation:** Raluca Fiser, ECF/Green Revolution
- 9.00 – 9.30** Registration & Tea/Coffee
- 9.30 – 10.00** Introduction & Welcome
- Florin Biban, Secretary of State for Road Transport, Ministry of Transport, Romania
  - Dana Berinde, Communications Advisor in the Cabinet of Corina Crețu (tbc.)
  - Christophe Najdovski, ECF President, Deputy Mayor of Paris
- 10.00 – 11.30** Session 1 – Why and how to obtain EU funds for active mobility
- The view from the European Parliament**
- Bogusław Liberadzki MEP, Vice President of the European Parliament
- Using EU Structural Funds to invest in active mobility**
- Vincent Leiner, Team Leader Transport, Directorate Smart and Sustainable Growth, DG REGIO
- More Euro for Velo: A success story from France**
- Camille Thomé, Director, Vélo & Territories
- A practical guide to include cycling into operational programmes**
- Adam Bodor, Advocacy Director, ECF
- Investing into humanity's first mode of transport: Walking**
- Heather Allen, Trustee, Walk 21
- Panel discussion – Vincent Leiner, Camille Thomé, Adam Bodor and Heather Allen**
- Investing into humanity's second mode of transport: The socio-economic benefits of cycling**
- Holger Haubold, ECF
- 1.30 – 11.50** Coffee Break
- 11.50 – 12.45** Session 2 – Ensuring The Best Quality EU Investments
- Presenting three case studies on investments in active mobility by regional authorities using EU funds**
- Regional Cycle Route Network, West Pomeranian Voivodship, Poland
- Wanda Nowotarska, Secretary of the Cycle Mobility Team, Convention of Marshals
- Cross-Border Cycle Route Network, Navarra-Pyrenees-Basque Country
- Ana Lizarraga, Marketing Director, Chartered Community of Navarra, Spain
- Cycle highway F1 Brussels - Antwerp, Belgium
- Wietse Hermanns, Project Manager, CHIPS project, Vlaams-Brabant
- Universal principles to keep in mind when investing in cycling**
- Aleksander Buczynski, ECF
- Q & A**
- 12.45 – 13.00** Closing
- Matthew Baldwin, Deputy Director-General, DG MOVE
  - Florin Biban, Secretary of State for Road Transport, Ministry of Transport, Romania
- 13.00 – 14.00** Lunch
- 14.00 – 17.00** After Programme – Bike Ride – Stretches of the Cycle Highway F1 Brussels/Antwerp
- Bus Shuttle and bicycles will be available, departing the main venue at 14.00, returning at around 17.00
  - Start & end point Bike Ride: Schoolstraat 23, Zemst, 1980 (19km from the venue)
  - 10 km Bike Ride, starts at 15.00 in Zemst, finishes around 16.30