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Narrative report 2025

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1. Velo Rodeo Events

Velo Rodeo brought excitement to neighborhoods across Skopje, transforming parks into hubs of creativity, learning, and outdoor joy for all ages!

In Centar's Central Park, families enjoyed a sunny day filled with music and hands-on activities. Kids immersed themselves in science experiments led by experienced educators, while Dorro's art corner inspired colorful creations with easels, paints, and markers. Nearby, Čudna Šuma (The Strange Forest) invited little bookworms into a world of magical stories. Cair and Avtokomanda welcomed children with a touch of adventure—scouts showed them how to use a bow and arrow and pitch a tent, sparking curiosity for nature and camping life.

At Delfina Park in Vlae, the vibe was all about imagination. Children built wild and wonderful things with giant piles of LEGO bricks, while parents relaxed to good tunes in the warm atmosphere. And over at the Pump Track in Skopje Centar, the energy kept flowing with biking fun and community spirit, wrapping up the day with laughter and movement.

Velo Rodeo united neighborhoods across Skopje in a celebration of creativity, learning, and play—proving once again that outdoor fun brings people together!

Velo Rodeo Events 2023:

- **Central Park Skopje - Centar:** https://veloschools.mk/celtral_park_2023_vr/
- **Delfina Park, Vlae, Skopje:** <https://rb.gy/ltntqu>
- **Avtokomanda, Skopje:** <https://shorturl.at/O3nOe>
- **Chair, Skopje:** <https://shorturl.at/aFYBT>
- **Pump Track, Skopje, City centar:** <https://veloschools.mk/pump-track-natprevar/>
Learn more about the event through YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbmihGI3GNA>

Velo Rodeo Events 2024:

- **Velo Rodeo Central Park Skopje:** <https://veloschools.mk/velo-rodeo-2024/>
- **Pump Track, Skopje City Center:** <https://veloschools.mk/pump-track/>



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Velo Rodeo Events 2025:

- **Velo Rodeo - Avtokomanda - June 2025:** [Velo Rodeo Avtokomanda Event](#)
- **Velo Rodeo - Pehcevo - September 2025:** [Velo Rodeo-Pehcevo_Event](#)

2. Velo WorkShops

Velo Schools workshops are all about getting people excited and confident about cycling. We focus on both the practical and cultural sides of riding a bike. Participants get hands-on experience with things like basic bike maintenance and repair — learning how to fix a flat tire, adjust brakes, or keep their bike in good shape. We also talk a lot about cycling safety, how to navigate traffic, and the benefits of using a bike for everyday transport.

But it's not just about the technical stuff. We try to create a fun, interactive environment where people can really connect with each other and with the cycling lifestyle. We often organize group rides as part of the workshops, so everyone can put their new skills into practice and feel what it's like to ride with confidence. The goal is to build a community around cycling and to inspire more people to choose bikes as a sustainable and empowering way to move through the world.

- [Velo Workshop - Elementary School "Avram Pisevski" - Skopje](#)
- [Velo Workshop - Elementary School "Vlado Tasevski" Skopje](#)
- [Velo Workshop - Elementary School "Jan Amos Komenski" - Skopje](#)
- [Velo Workshop - Elementary School "Dimo Hadzi Dimov" - Skopje](#)
- [Velo Workshop - Elementary School "Petar Pop Arsov - Skopje](#)
- [Velo Workshop - Elementary School "Vojdan Chernodrinski" Skopje](#)
- [Velo Workshop - Elementary School "Lazo Trpovski" Skopje](#)
- [Velo Workshop - Elementary School "Bratstvo" Skopje](#)
- [Velo Workshop - Elementary School "Vera Ciritiviri Trena" Skopje](#)
- [Velo Workshop - Elementary School "Hristijan Todoorovski Karposh" Skopje](#)



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3. Educational Program

Educational program for teachers and adults

For teachers and adults, Velo Schools offers tailored educational programs that go beyond just learning to ride or repair a bike. These programs are designed to empower educators and community members to become ambassadors of cycling within their own environments. For teachers, we provide tools and methodologies for integrating cycling into their school programs — whether it's through physical education, environmental studies, or as part of a broader sustainability initiative. For adults, especially those interested in urban mobility or active lifestyles, our sessions focus on safe cycling practices, route planning, and how to confidently use a bike confidently for commuting. The idea is to equip participants not only with practical knowledge but also with the ability to inspire others to embrace cycling as a daily habit and a positive social change.

- Sustainable and circular cycling: <https://training.recycling.ibisprogetti.eu/login/index.php>
- Bike repair: <https://training.recycling.ibisprogetti.eu/login/index.php>
- Cycling safety and reuse: <https://training.recycling.ibisprogetti.eu/login/index.php>
- Educational Videos: <https://veloschools.mk/vidae/>

4. Projects

Trails for Change

A Sport Cooperation Partnership for Sustainable Mountain Biking and Outdoor Sports

Project Reference: 101243605

Project Acronym: Trails for Change

Start Date: 01.12.2025

Duration: 30 months

End Date: 31.05.2028

Project Coordinator: Suomen Latu (FL)



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Partner organizations: Velo Schools (MK), IMBA Europe (NL), National Park Tara (SRB), National Park Shara Mountain (MK), Mountain Bike Schladming (AT), Drustvo Gorskih Kolesarjev (SLO)

Project Description: Trails of Change is an international sport cooperation partnership that brings together a diverse network of outdoor sports and mountain biking organizations, including national parks, cycling advocacy groups, trail conservation experts, outdoor associations, and grassroots sports clubs. The project aims to promote sustainability, responsible trail management, and environmentally conscious outdoor event planning.

With a particular focus on mountain biking (including e-bikes) and outdoor sports such as hiking and trail running, the project strengthens cross-border cooperation and equips sport organizations with innovative tools and approaches to maximize the social and economic potential of outdoor sports while minimizing their environmental impact, especially in mountainous and ecologically sensitive areas

Objectives: The general objective of the project is to establish a sustainable framework for outdoor sports that balances recreational use with environmental protection and social inclusion.

The specific objectives are to:

Foster cross-border collaboration among European sport organizations through the exchange of best practices, skills, and knowledge, and through the joint development of sustainable trail policies.

Develop skills, knowledge, and attitudes related to environmentally responsible trail creation, use, maintenance, and classification, ensuring safe and inclusive access while reducing soil erosion, trail degradation, and ecosystem damage.

Strengthen the image and perception of mountain biking and other outdoor sports by improving sustainable event planning practices and promoting ecological preservation.

Empower stakeholders with advocacy and digital storytelling skills to effectively promote sustainable outdoor sports, influence policy development, and engage the wider public.

Key Activities and Expected Outcomes

- Development of five tailored training modules covering Trail Management, Trail Building, Trail Classification, Trail Conservation and Maintenance, and Sustainable Outdoor Event Planning, including "Train the Trainers" components.
- Delivery of three international Train the Trainers courses and eight national training courses for key stakeholders across participating countries.



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- Development of a comprehensive framework and policy guidelines for sustainable trail management, applicable to mountain biking (including e-bikes), hiking, and trail running.
- Organization of eight eco-friendly outdoor sports events involving 320 athletes and recreational users, promoting responsible trail use and sustainable event practices.
- Organization of an international online conference on sustainable trail management and environmentally friendly outdoor sports events, with participation from over 100 stakeholders.
- Implementation of one awareness-raising campaign highlighting the environmental, social, and regional benefits of sustainable outdoor sports.
- Production of 24 multimedia stories showcasing best practices in sustainable mountain biking and outdoor sports across participating countries.
- Establishment of an open-access online digital knowledge hub (OER) for outdoor sports stakeholders.

School Street - Enjoy Your Journey to the School



Project Reference: 2024-1-HU01-KA220-SCH-000245303

Project Acronym: School Street

Start Date: 01.11.2024

Duration: 24 months

End Date: 31.11.2026

Project Coordinator: Vuelta Sportegyesület (Hungary)

Partner organizations: Velo Schools (MK), FUNDATIA COMUNITARA MURES (Romania), Voetgangersbeweging vzw (Belgium)

Project Objective

The overall goal of the project is to implement a brand-new initiative in Hungary, Romania and North Macedonia that can contribute to the partners' goals in the field of improving everyday cycling. Utilising the huge experience of the Belgian partner in the field of designing and implementing school streets, partners will develop guidelines for planning and implementing



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school streets for primary schools and municipalities that can be implemented in every European country.

Project Activities

The project's main goal is to develop guidelines for planning and implementing school streets for primary schools and municipalities. Local activities aim to organize pilot events (for eg. car free day), 'side events' (for eg. pedibus, bicibus), etc.

Communication activities of partners aim to disseminate project results.

Project meetings will help partners to discuss in person regularly every aspect of the project and the next steps of the development as well.

Project Results

The main goal is to develop guidelines for planning and implementing for primary schools and municipalities that can be shared in every partner country and can be adapted in every European country. Local pilot projects will show that it isn't impossible to organise school streets in Hungary, Romania and North Macedonia. The project contributes to capacity building of the partner organisations on local, national and international level by gaining experience in the field of designing school street.

Education on Traffic Safety and Active Mobility for Educational Staff and Primary School Students in the Municipality of Karpoš

Reference Number: 203-1122/2

Start Date: 01.03.2025

End Date: 31.06.2025

Project Coordinator: Velo Schools (MK)

The project Velo Schools – Safe and Active Routes to School aims to strengthen traffic safety culture and promote active mobility among pupils and teachers in primary schools in the Municipality of Karpoš. Although the municipality is considered one of the most urban areas in Skopje, school surroundings remain insufficiently safe for walking and cycling, which directly affects children's safety.

The project focuses on educating and engaging teachers and pupils through a combination of theoretical and practical activities, with an emphasis on promoting sustainable, healthy, and safe modes of movement. Through innovative approaches, including educational games and



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interactive workshops, the project aims to build the capacity of schools and raise awareness of the importance of active and responsible participation in traffic.

Key Activities

A1: Teacher Training

A comprehensive training programme was organized for 20 teachers from 10 primary schools. The training included 8 hours of theoretical sessions (presentations and online learning) and 4 hours of practical activities. The focus was placed on physical education teachers from both lower and upper primary education levels. The trainings were delivered in dedicated training spaces and school yards.

A2: Educational Toolkits for Schools

Each participating school received six copies of the educational game Velo Path, designed for pupils aged 10–14. The game includes educational cards, missions, a user guide, and game platforms. The objective is to develop knowledge and awareness of traffic safety and sustainable mobility through play-based learning.

A3: Practical Activities with Pupils

Games and practical exercises were organized to address traffic participation, balance, cycling skills, and movement on uneven terrain. Activities were carried out in school yards and nearby green areas, encouraging healthy habits through fun and physical activity.

A4: Support for Curriculum Integration

Project themes related to traffic safety and active mobility were integrated into curricular and extracurricular activities. Teachers received support to continue applying the acquired knowledge and methods beyond the project duration.

Formulation of Integrated Action Plan for Urban-Rural Mobility

Reference Number: 26-638 (sub-contractor)

Start Date: 01.06.2023

End Date: 31.12.2025

Project Coordinator: Creacció Agència d'Emprenedoria of Vic - Spain

Project Organizations: Santa Maria da Feira - Portugal, Machico - Portugal, Hradec Kralove - Czech Republic, Szabolcs 05 - Hungary, Tartu - Estonia, Bram - France, Bucharest-Ilfov



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Intercommunity Development Association for Public Transport - Romania, Treviso - Italy,
Municipality Of Kocani - North Macedonia, Velo Schools, North Macedonia, external collaborator of
Municipality of Kocani

Project Aim

The "Beyond the Urban" project seeks to transform the dynamics between urban and rural areas in Europe by addressing the challenges of mobility and connectivity. It recognizes that the current transportation systems often prioritize car dependency, which creates barriers to equitable access, sustainability, and inclusivity. By fostering innovative solutions, the project aims to provide sustainable alternatives that reduce environmental impact, improve accessibility for all demographics, and bridge the gap between urban centers and rural communities.

This initiative brings together ten municipalities and regions across Europe to collaborate on shared challenges and opportunities. The project emphasizes the importance of multi-level governance, intermodality, and the integration of cutting-edge digital tools to optimize mobility systems. It also highlights the need for inclusive approaches, ensuring that mobility solutions serve diverse groups, including women, the elderly, and low-income populations.

Through the development of innovative action plans and pilot projects, "Beyond the Urban" aspires to create a model for sustainable urban-rural mobility that can be replicated across Europe. The project underscores the critical role of policy alignment, community engagement, and knowledge exchange in achieving long-term impact.

Project Goals

- Improve Urban-Rural Connectivity: Facilitate seamless movement between urban and rural areas through sustainable transportation options.
- Promote Intermodality: Encourage the integration of various transport modes to provide efficient and flexible mobility solutions.
- Foster Inclusive Mobility: Ensure that mobility solutions are accessible to all individuals, regardless of gender, age, or socioeconomic status.
- Leverage Digital Tools: Utilize technological innovations to enhance mobility services and user experience.

Expected Results

- Development of Action Plans: Each partner city will create a tailored action plan addressing its unique urban-rural mobility challenges.
- Implementation of Pilot Projects: Test and refine innovative mobility solutions in real-world settings to assess their effectiveness and scalability.



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- Knowledge Exchange: Facilitate the sharing of best practices and lessons learned among partner cities to promote collective growth and improvement.
- Policy Recommendations: Formulate guidelines and strategies that can inform and influence regional and national mobility policies.

By focusing on these objectives, the "Beyond the Urban" project seeks to transform urban-rural dynamics across Europe, moving beyond car dependency towards more sustainable and inclusive mobility solutions.

5. Publications

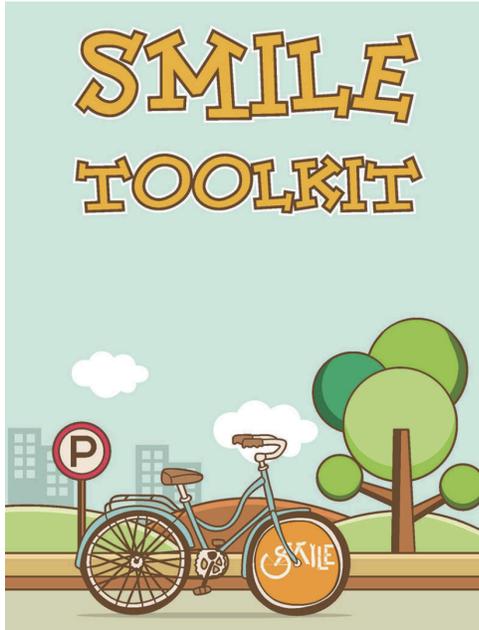


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ЗА ДЕЦА ВО ОСНОВНО
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6. Evaluations

Traffic Safety Evaluations in School Zones, Assessment of School Capacity to Implement Cycling Activities, and Evaluation of Infrastructure in and around Schools:

- Evaluation - Schools - [link](#)
- Evaluation - Municipalities - [link](#)
- Evaluation - Parents - [link](#)

7. Educational Games



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