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# 1 Summary

The "Trail Implementation standards" are developed within the DTP Interreg project Amazon of Europe Bike Trail (DTP2-002-2.2 AOE BIKE TRAIL) as a part of the Work Package "Nature Oriented Trail", Activity 4.1. The Work Package is coordinated by WWF Austria, whereas all project partners contributed to the content of this document with their input and feedback.

The document contains the nature oriented trail implementation standards for bike trails and the design of the infrastructure for the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail. The main focus of the standards is to communicate the high quality nature of the area along the three rivers Mura, Drava and Danube. The construction plans of the infrastructure describe all possible elements that can be placed along the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail.

# 1.1 Compact checklist of AoE Bike Trail Standards

This checklist offers support to the regional coordinators while planning the Amazon of Europe Bike trail to check if the itinery of the trail is in line with the standards laid down in this document.

Table 1-1: Compact checklist for the AoE Bike Trail Standards

Nr.	Main AoE Bike Trail standard summarized	considered
1	Existing national bike trail standards are checked and taken in consideration	
2	National legislations are checked before building the AoE Bike Trail infrastructure	
3	Current version of the AoE Bike Trail visitor guidance concept is respected	
4	Stage length not longer than 65 km and not shorter than 40 km	
5	At least two perfect river views are available per daily stage	
6	The nature zones of the visitor guidance concept are respected	
7	The vicinity to nature area is given while respecting the visitor guidance concept	
8	For the AoE Bike Trail only existing path/roads are taken into consideration; no new roads are being built	
9	At least one stop per daily stage is located directly at the river (main river, side arm, oxbow) and if possible, visitors can access the river	
10	Each stage provides a mixture of nature and culture, whereas the focus lays on the riverine landscape	
11	Roads with high number of traffic are avoided, if possible	
12	All common elements of infrastructure are constructed at each daily stage	
13	The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail is bikeable from 15th of April till 31st of October	

# Introduction

One of the most beautiful and pristine riverine landscapes in Europe covers the lower course of the Mura and Drava rivers with adjacent sections of the Danube river, flowing through Austria, Slovenia, Hungary, Croatia, and Serbia. The rivers are a treasure trove of high biodiversity, surrounded by rich cultural heritage and welcoming people – a perfect setting for a cycling adventure.

The river landscape of the Mura, Drava and Danube will soon be protected within the world's first five-country UNESCO biosphere reserve. In an effort to offer a sustainable way to experience almost 1,000,000 hectares of highly valuable natural and cultural landscapes, 15 project partners and 10 associated strategic partners of all 5 countries are working together on the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail project, to expand existing capacities for sustainable tourism.

Because of its' big size, the project area is divided into subsections, each with a responsible AoE Bike Trail regional coordinator. In total there are 11 regional coordinators who give input for their section of the bike trail, and are responsible for planning the route course and construction of needed infrastructure including obtaining the necessary permits and for coordination with relevant stakeholders.

The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail is the first project connecting five countries in creating a model for sustainable economic development of the region while at the same time preserving its unique natural heritage. Visitors can cycle through stunning natural landscapes carved by the three rivers, discover rich cultural heritage and appreciate local hospitality.

This document consists of the criteria that must be adhered to in the route selection, implementation, operation or extension of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail.

# **Project area**

The project area is defined by the planned Transboundary Biosphere Reserve Mura-Drava-Danube (TBR MDD), which will stretch along the rivers Mura, Drava and Danube spanning the countries of Austria, Slovenia, Hungary, Croatia and Serbia.

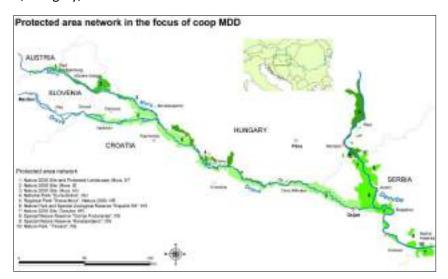


Figure 1: Overview of existing protected areas in the region of the future TBR MDD.

# 4 Development process

Based on the implementation concept of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail<sup>1</sup> that was developed in 2015 and 2016, and based on existing bike trail standards and experience in nature oriented implementation of infrastructure, a first draft of the transboundary standards for nature oriented trail implementation was worked out.

This first draft of the standards was presented to the project team on the occasion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting in Nagyatád, Hungary, on the 24th of January 2019. The project team gave a first feedback to the presented standards. They noted down what they liked and did not like. Open questions and missing content were discussed.



Figure 2: Discussion among the project team for giving feedback to the presented standards during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting in Nagyatád, Hungary.

After the workshop the feedback of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting was included in the first draft of the standards which was sent out to partners for a written feedback on 1st of March 2019. Partners provided written feedback which was incorporated into draft Nr. 2.

The second draft of this document was sent to the partnership on 24.5.2019 - prior to the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting. The results of the document were presented. The changed parts were highlighted during the workshop and the partnership agreed on the content of the document.

The trail implementation standards consist of the written standards on the one hand and the Annex (Infrastructure) on the other hand. It was elaborated in 2 parts, as it enabled giving feedback easier. After finalizing both documents, they were compiled into one document: Trail implementation standards.

The final version of the document, consisting of standards and infrastructure was sent to the partnership in November 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.amazon-of-europe.com/en/aoe-bike-trail/



# **Amazon of Europe Bike Trail standards**

## **Existing bike trail standards as precondition**

This document concentrates on the development of standards dedicated to the needs of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail. It will therefore avoid repeating national and international standards for cycling in general and will refer to existing documents, where applicable. These documents or links [ (Sustrans, 2014), (Eurovelo, kein Datum), (Department for Transport, 2008) ] for example contain information like:

- Surface conditions
- Design speed
- Visibility criteria
- Width requirements
- Crossings or junctions
- Cycle parking
- And so on

## 5.2 Legal preconditions, national legislation

The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail leads through the so-called Amazon of Europe, a natural river ecosystem and future 5-country UNESCO Transboundary Biosphere Reserve stretching over Austria, Slovenia, Hungary, Croatia and Serbia. These countries provide legal framework for the construction or operation as well as the safety of cycling paths. The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail leads through different types of protected areas such as Natura 2000 areas, nature parks, national parks and regional parks. The different types of protected areas and protection status underlay different legal framework. Be it for the course of the trail, possible swimming locations, construction of infrastructure, etc., the legal framework must in any case be respected by the regional coordinators responsible for the respective section of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail.

### 5.3 Amazon of Europe Bike Trail visitor guidance and behaviour

The bike trail leads (in many cases) through protected or ecological sensitive areas where cyclists have to pay special attention not to harm or disturb these areas. This is why for the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail, different guidelines for different areas were defined within the visitor guidance concept (a separate document). The bike specific visitor guidance concept needs to be respected while planning or extending the route. The visitor guidance concept shows 3 different areas:

- Nature area
- Visitor area
- Stop over

Each area and its rules are described in the nature oriented visitor guidance concept of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail. The rules are summarized as followed:

Nature areas are indicated as high valuable areas from ecological point of view, based on analysis



Figure 3: Example picture nature area.

results. The Bike Trail will only lead in some cases through the *nature area* (see chapter "Nature experience, connection to rivers") but cyclists will not be steered to stop within a nature area. They should not leave the path or bike lane and enter the floodplain forest, gravel banks or go swimming. It is volitional to lead cyclists close to nature areas along existing infrastructure such as dikes, in order to enable them to experience the beauty of the river corridor.

The *Visitor areas* are easy to reach or access and infrastructure may already exist (boat dock, picnic/ camp site, huts, swimming point...). The bike trail infrastructure is foreseen to be built only within visitor areas.



Figure 4: Example picture visitor area.



Figure 5: Example picture stop over.

Stop overs are similar to visitor areas, but infrastructure is not meant to be built. Cyclists are steered to stop overs in order to show them a certain spot, as e.g. a great river view, an existing bird watching tower, a perfect swimming spot, a cultural highlight, etc.

The Bike Trail standards for nature oriented trail implementation developed in this document will in some chapters refer to those 3 different areas.

In general cyclists are steered along the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail and informed about the project area through setting up signs, infrastructure (resting areas, info boards,...) or bike maps.



Additional to the Bike Trail visitor guidance concept, a visitor guidance concept from the project DRAVA LIFE was published in spring 2019, covering a big part of the project area, with recommendations or rules for cycling trails which are also valid for the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail. The DRAVA LIFE visitor guidance concept will be respected while planning the route for the Amazon of Europe bike trail in this part of the project area.



### 5.4 Stage length

The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail is divided into different stages, which represent daily sections. The length of the stages is chosen to be ridable with regular bikes as well as E-Bikes. The stages should not exceed a length of 65 kilometres for regular bikes (Scoutwiki, kein Datum) and 90 kilometres for E-Bikes (BOSCH eBike System, kein Datum).

To keep the stage attractive, it should not fall below a length of 40 kilometres.

The length of the stages may vary depending on the different surface conditions or the overnight accommodation offer in the start and end points of each stage.

Within the current project Amazon of Europe Bike Trail, the stages for E-Bikes will not be mirrored in the booking system developed within the project. Only stages conventional cyclists (40-65 km) will be incorporated in the booking system.

### 5.5 Route course

Despite the following criteria for the route course, the product "Amazon of Europe Bike Trail" needs to be sellable to tourists / cyclists. Therefore infrastructure such accommodation, restaurants, but also safety etc. are a crucial aspect in deciding the route course.

To keep the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail attractive, a good mixture of different kind of routes/landscapes should be offered to visitors, like e.g. dike roads or forest roads, but also roads via the forest.

## 5.5.1 Considering nature conservation aspects

The future 5-Country Transboundary Biosphere Reserve Mura-Drava-Danube consists of a chain of protected areas stretching from Austria to Serbia. Therefore in the decision phase of the routing nature conservation aspects need to be well considered. The conflicts between nature conservation and cyclists should minimized. The document for the nature oriented visitor guidance provides overview how to minimize these conflicts.

### 5.5.2 Nature experience, Connection to the rivers

The three rivers Mura, Drava and Danube and their riverine landscape of the future 5-Country Transboundary Biosphere Reserve Mura-Drava-Danube (TBR MDD) are the reason for the name "Amazon of Europe Bike Trail". Therefore the chosen route course will focus on the riverine landscape of the three rivers.

Mostly the rivers are Boundary Rivers, so the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail follows both sides of the rivers to include all countries. Several possibilities to cross the rivers, for example bridges or ferries, exist. To bring the cyclist as close as possible to the rivers this existing infrastructure should be used by the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail.

When choosing the route for the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail, the following aspects connected to the experience of nature should be considered:

At least two times per stage the cyclist has perfect river view (Main River, sidearm, oxbow or wetland) and/or can actually see the river while cycling.



This also includes the option of crossing the river (e.g. bridges, ferries).

Each stage has at least one stop for having a rest directly at the river (Main river, sidearm, oxbow or wetland).

Regional coordinators will find the best route as close as possible to, but not leading through nature areas<sup>2</sup>. The nature areas represent mainly the core and buffer zones of the future 5-country TBR MDD, but also go beyond. Leading the trail adjacent nature zones along existing infrastructure such as dikes enables cyclists to get the feeling of exploring nature and they are aware of being within the Amazon of Europe.

The bike trail will only lead in the following limited cases directly through the nature areas:

- 1. there are existing paths/roads that are already suitable for biking (e.g. dikes in Kopacki rit)
- 2. stop-overs are located within nature areas which are accessible via already existing and frequently used paths/roads suitable for biking.

In any case, the establishment of parts of the bike trail within nature areas should not contradict nature conservation goals.

### 5.5.3 Culture experience

The area, the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail passes through, offers a wide range of cultural and historical diversity.

Especially at the start and endpoints, which are located in towns, cities or bigger villages, cyclists will be able to experience the culture of the area. Therefore these start and end

points have to be well considered to present these high valuable attractions like cultural heritage, churches, museums, exhibitions, spas and so on. These attractions offer a welcome alternation from cycling.

Additionally, stop overs and smaller detours of the main cycling route can be offered to cyclists in order to show cultural attractions and to provide a mixture of nature and culture. Regional coordinators are collecting information on these attractions within WP5 "Methodology and handbook for route planning" as well as within WP4 visitor guidance concept. The main route of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail should be focused on the vicinity to the riverine landscape.

### 5.5.4 Leisure attractions / activities

Each daily stage of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail should offer, if possible, at least **one river** access with the possibility to go swimming or enter the river or riverine landscape within a visitor area or stop over (defined in the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail visitor guidance concept).

It has to be taken into consideration that swimming might only be allowed in official swimming areas or swimming points. It is in the responsibility of each regional coordinator to make sure respectively to find out, if it is legally allowed to enter the river at those spots. If cyclists are not allowed to enter the river officially, they will not be encouraged.

Along the area of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail leisure attractions already exist. If these attractions are situated nearby the rivers or the riverine landscape, they should be considered to be included in the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "nature area" as defined in the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail visitor guidance concept, based on the analysis results



Regional coordinators collecting are information on these attractions within WP5 "Methodology and handbook for route planning".

In case a RIVERS'COOL facility is located at one stage, it should be connected to the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail - in consultation with the responsible of the respective RIVERS'COOL. 8 RIVERS'COOLs were developed in the course of the Interreg project coopMDD. It is a network of special outdoor learning places along the three rivers Mura, Drava and Danube.

#### 5.5.5 Safety

The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail exclusively follows existing roads, no new roads are built.

The used roads should be in proper condition, which means they should be ridable by bike from 15<sup>th</sup> of April till 31<sup>st</sup> of October.

Roads with high number of traffic and high speed should be avoided, wherever possible. Ideally there is a separate bike lane where no other (motorized) vehicles are allowed to drive. If there are not separate bike lanes available, low traffic public roads should be chosen.

In some areas the Amazon of Europe Bike trail may run through mine suspicious areas (e.g. in Osijek - Baranja County) where it is crucial to steer visitors along safe roads.

## 5.6 Target groups

Target groups are described in the document Output O3.4 AoE Bike Trail strategic marketing plan.

#### 5.7 Maintenance

To keep the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail attractive, frequent maintenance of the trail and its infrastructure (clearing the trail from fallen trees/branches, maintenance of signing, keeping the trail free from garbage, etc.) is needed. The details are defined within the output 03.2 Bike Trail international organisational structure.

### 5.8 Public transportation network

The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail is favouring to be reachable by public transport and should be connected to the public transportation network. If possible, there is a train station with sufficient train connections in the start and endpoint of the stages. Otherwise public transportation by bus should be possible or offered.

It is important that the cyclist has the possibility to come back to the starting point of the bike trip with public transportation. Therefore the transportation for bikes, also for rented bikes, has to be possible.

If the arrival to the Amazon of Europe Bike trail is not possible with public transportation, sufficient parking possibilities should be available at the start and endpoints of the stages.

To facilitate the arrival with public transportation, the possibility to rent or return high quality bikes is offered at each stage.

At the moment the public transportation network within the area of the Amazon of Europe Bike trail might not be developed as described above. The public sector and the partners of this bike trail project can work to improve the situation of the public transportation in future.



### 5.9 Accommodation

It is crucial to have adequate accommodation offers, with at least two different categories (e.g. Hotel \*\*\* and bed and breakfast), in each start and endpoint of the stages. If a start or endpoint only offers bed and breakfast, there has to be the possibility for the cyclist to get dinner (restaurant, guesthouse, shop etc.).

The offered accommodation should not be farther away than 5 km from the start or end point of each stage.

The start and endpoints of the daily stages within the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail therefore depend on the availability of accommodation offered. The availability of the following categories of accommodations are taken into consideration when deciding for the start and endpoints of the daily stage:

- Comfort Accommodations (\*\*\*\*)
- Classic Accommodations (\*\*/\*\*\*)
- Basic Accommodations (B&B, pensions etc.)
- Agro tourism (farm house accommodations)
- Camping

# 5.10 Amazon of Europe Bike Trail Infrastructure

Bike Trail infrastructure is meant to be built within the visitor area indicated in the visitor guidance concept for the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail or in the centre of the start and endpoints of the stages. The regional coordinators decide, in agreement with the nature oriented visitor guidance concept, and the work package leader where to position infrastructure.

Before the infrastructure is built, it must be ensured that the requirements of the national legislation - especially of the Protected Areas (PAs) - and the nature oriented visitor guidance concept for the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail are respected. If the infrastructure is constructed within protected areas, the protected area administrations are to be consulted.

The regional coordinator decides how many infrastructure is needed for equipping the trail and they also decide for the location of infrastructure – in harmony with the rules laid down in this document and in the Amazon of Europe visitor guidance concept. Beside this, the "common elements" are mandatory to be constructed in each daily The infrastructure should stage. constructed only at spots, where they are offering an added value for the cyclists.

Within the project area, some areas are already better equipped with information for visitors, some are less. In areas that are equipped very well, regional coordinators are advised construct not to infrastructure which would not bring an added value to the spot respectively would rather have a negative effect on the appearance of the location.

Cyclists need to be steered with signs along the whole trail. Regional coordinators will take care, that the track is sufficiently signed and as a result - cyclists are well informed about the route course. Cyclist should not be forced to stop in order to check for the correct route because of lack of signing.

Ideally bikers have the possibility within the visitor area to refill their water bottles with drinking water.

The construction plans of the infrastructure can be found in chapter 7 (Bike Trail infrastructure).



### 5.11 Educational infrastructure

Within the TBR MDD, infrastructure, like bird watching towers, info centres, education paths or RIVERS'COOLs already exists. There are also a lot of guided tours available in the region.

Existing infrastructure or touristic (nature oriented) offers should be considered to be included in the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail route or concept. This means, the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail passes by this infrastructure or includes special offers.

# 5.12 Amazon of Europe Bike Trail product partnership

One output of this project is the output 5.2 Amazon of Europe Bike Trail Academy. This output describes the quality standards for Amazon of Europe Bike Trail product partners.

# 5.13 Future extension of the Bike Trail or adaption of the route

In case, the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail is extended or the route is adapted in the future, all standards written in this document and the specification of the nature oriented visitor guidance concept need to be fulfilled. If the new trail sections, stages or service providers are not in line with the provisions stated in this document the brand owner of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail will not accept the adaption.

The possible extension or adaption also has to follow national legislations, especially the existing Natura 2000 management plans, (if applicable) or a possible management plan of the 5-Country TBR MDD.



# 6 Recommendation

### 6.1 Alternative route

To find the optimal route for the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail it might be necessary to create 2 routes:

- One that can be implemented within this project (the realizable route)
- One that can be implemented only after some issues, for example road conditions or border issues, were solved: "optimal route".

### 6.2 Best time for cycling the trail

The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail is cycleable from 15th of April to 31st of October. In this time all services, that are needed to run the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail (e.g.: accommodation, bike rental, maintenance, and so on), are open or running.

# 6.3 Bikers equipment

### Bikes:

To ride the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail a trekking bike or mountain recommended. The lengths of the different stages were chosen to be manageable with a regular bike or an E-bike.

# Recommended packing list: (Adventure

Cycling association, kein Datum)

- Cycling shorts (short or long)
- Jersey short
- Long jersey
- Arm / Leg Warmers
- Bicycle helmet
- sports glasses
- **Bicycle Shoes**

- cycling socks
- rain pants
- slicker
- Rain cover for helmet
- Rain overshoes
- Bicycle gloves
- safety vest

# 6.4 Physical and technical conditions

The stages lengths range from 40 km to 65 km respectively 90 km for E-bikes.

The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail is recommended to be cycled from 12 years onwards, due to different road conditions (dirt road or gravel roads might be included) and due to the stage length.

### 6.5 Further documents

For more information concerning the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail and the connection to the current document the following documents, developed within this project, are recommended (selection):

- Nature oriented visitor guidance and mapping: in order to apply mentioned standards laid down in this document, it is crucially to respect the "nature oriented visitor guidance and mapping".
- Valorisation programme: The valorisation programme is a core output of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail project and defines the methodology how revenues coming from the booking of the Bike Trail products will be used for nature protection within the planned 5-Country Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (TBR MDD).
- The "Amazon of Europe Bike Trail strategic marketing plan" has connections



to the current document in terms of visual identity that is important to respect while planning the infrastructure for the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail.

- The Bike Trail international organisational structure as well as the guidelines for regional trail management aims to ensure sustainable and durable trailmanagement.
- The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail route plan shows all the stages, start and end points as well as cultural and natural highlights along the three rivers Mura, Drava and Danube.



# 7 Bike Trail infrastructure

# 7.1 Introduction and general description

This chapter describes the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail Infrastructure (like benches, tables, bike racks, info boards or resting areas) and builds upon a concept developed in the years 2015 and 2016 (Implementation Concept).

It is essential to follow a common design that is recognized all along the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail.

The concept for the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail infrastructure is based on a modular system. This means, that the infrastructure elements can be built upon simple basic elements. Furthermore, as described in the implementation concept of the AoE Bike Trail, these elements should be simple, easy to build and should have a recognition value.

The frame in square shape was chosen as the basic element.

With a square element the following associations are connected:

Protection, Security, Organization, Planning, Whole, Closeness, Connection

The square element also has a strong symbology, the four sides indicate the four directions or the four elements (air, fire, water and earth). Since none of the four sides is preferred in the square, it is also considered a symbol of justice.





The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail follows the three rivers Mura, Drava and Danube through the 5 countries Austria, Slovenia, Hungary, Croatia, and Serbia. The frame also stands for different cultures and different types of landscapes of these countries.

The frame as basic element should not compete with the landscape and nature, it should be a counterpoint, a geometrical form that is significant but does not distract from the surrounding. Infrastructure as described in this document is build along the whole Amazon of Europe Bike Trail. They all consist of the frame as the basic element.

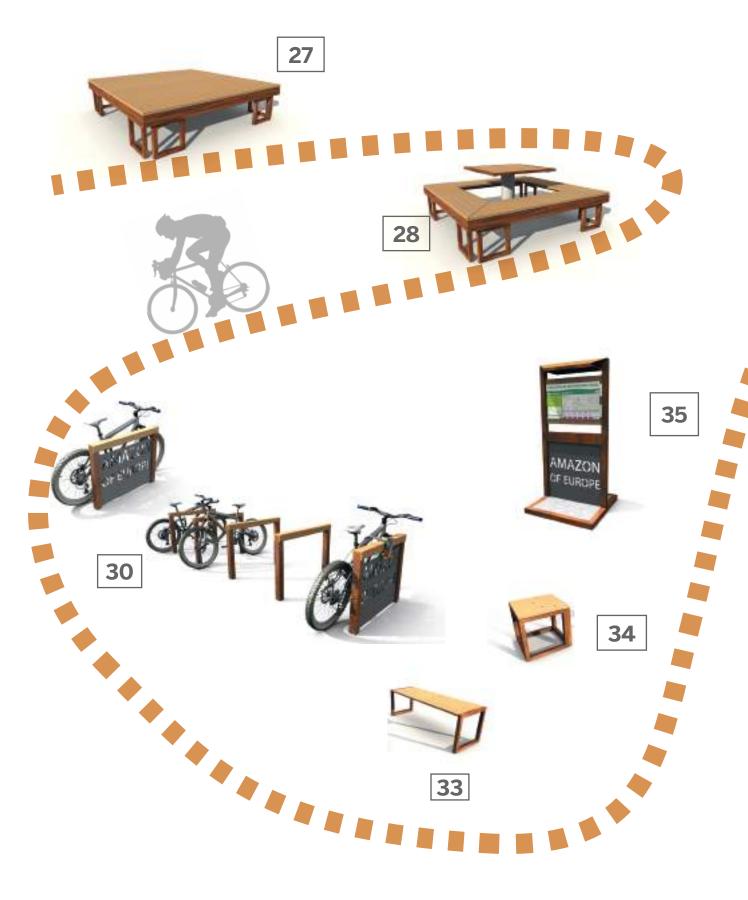
This document describes the dimensions and construction plans of the different elements. The montage has to be adjusted to the final location. Safety aspects, static calculation, footing, roof construction and needed permissions (nature conservation, water management, etc.,...) have to be achieved by the regional coordinator who is responsible for building the infrastructure.

If not stated, all measures are in "cm".





## 7.2 Overview











### 7.3 Common elements

In order to recognize the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail as one connected bike trail, "common elements" were chosen.

These "common elements" have to be found in each daily section of the Bike Trail. The responsible regional coordinator will make sure that all common elements are constructed in a daily stage.

The common elements are:

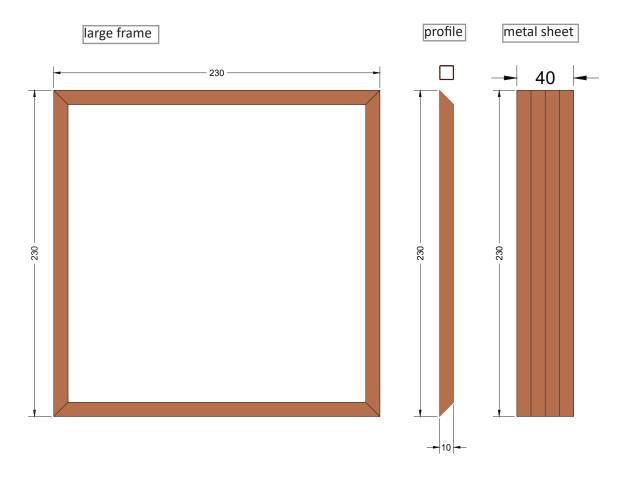
Common element	Description
Information on the daily stage	At least one big information board (see chapt. 7.12) at the start
	point and one information board at the end point of each daily
	stage. Regional coordinators will coordinate among each other the
	responsibility of constructing the information board in cases where
	the end point of regional coordinator A is overlapping the start
	point of regional coordinator B.
Bike rack	Regional coordinators will choose among the offered variants
	of bike racks (see chapt. 7.7 and chapt. 7.8) and they will decide
	about the amounts of bike racks needed per stage. A minimum of 3
	bike racks should be offered.
Sitting possibility	At least one possibility to be able to sit down. Regional
	coordinators choose among the offered variants: sitting/lying
	element with or without table (see chapt. 7.5 and chapt. 7.6), bike
	rack with bench (see chapt. 7.8), info board with bench (see chapt.
	7.12) or resting area with bench (see chapt. 7.16)
"Amazon of Europe" lettering	The words "Amazon of Europe" should appear at least once in
	the infrastructure elements at each stage. Either in the form of
	the lasert metal plate (see chapt. 7.13) (in combination with info
	board or resting area) or in the form of the "AoE" bike rack in
	combination with the bench (see chapt. 7.8).
Interreg DTP Visibility	Interreg DTP visibility requirements have to be fulfilled.

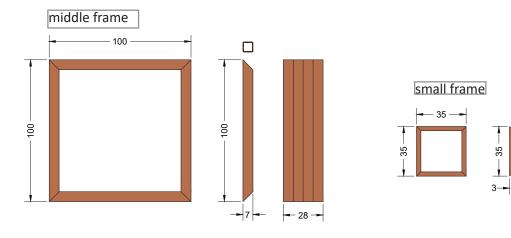


### 7.4 Basic element

The basic element is the frame in three different sizes (shown below). Each frame is made out of 4 metal square-profiles, material: steel, powder coated, colour: RAL 8023 8023

Out of this three frame- element sizes the infrastructure elements are built.







The frame consists of 4 steel elements. These elements are built out of metal sheets, bended to profiles and then welded together on the open edge. The frame consists of 4 steel elements as shown below.

The steel elements can be made in 2 variants:

- 1. variant: Metal sheets are bended to profiles and welded together on the open edge. Both open sides are cut on an angle of 45° so that they can be put together to achieve a closed frame.
- 2. variant: usage of standard metal profiles that are cut in an angle of 45° on both sides. Steel profiles (10x10 cm, length 2,10m) are used for sub construction elements.

#### dimension:

large frame: 4 pieces, length: 2,30m

middle frame: 4 pieces, length 1m

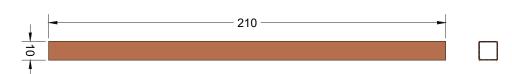
small frame: 4 pieces, length: 35 cm



The ends of these elements are cut at an angle of 45° and welded on the edges to get a closed frame



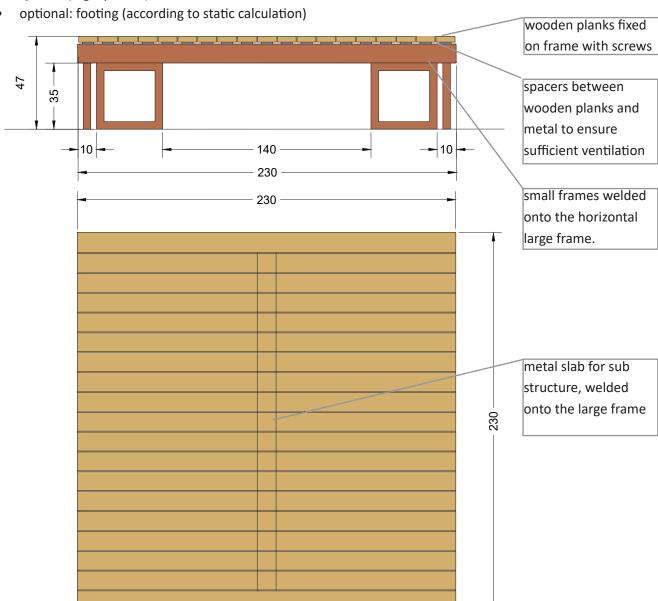
### sub construction element

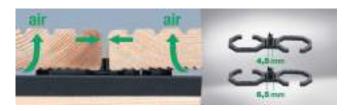


# 7.5 Sitting-, lying element

### needed elements:

- 8 small frames
- 1 large frame
- 1 sub construction element (10x10x 210 cm)
- 22 wooden planks (10x3cm), space between planks: 0,5cm
- screws (self-cutting metal screws, e.g. PIAS drilling screw)
- spacers (e.g. Spax Air)





Example spacers: Provide sufficient ventilation between the fixing points to prevent stagnant water (source: www.spax.com)



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# 7.6 Sitting element with table

needed elements, part 1 - sitting element:

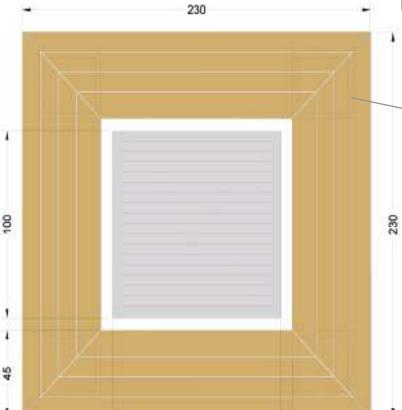
- 12 small frames
- 1 large frame
- wooden planks (10x3 cm) cut 45° on the edges
- space between planks: 0,5cm
- screws (self-cutting metal screws, e.g. PIAS drilling scre
- spacers (e.g. Spax Air)
- footing (according to a static calculation)



wooden planks fixed on frame with screws

spacers between wooden planks and metal frame, to ensure sufficient ventilation

small frames welded onto the horizontal large frame.



4 small frames welded in the inner corners of the horizontal large frame. Wood plans are fixed on the sub construction

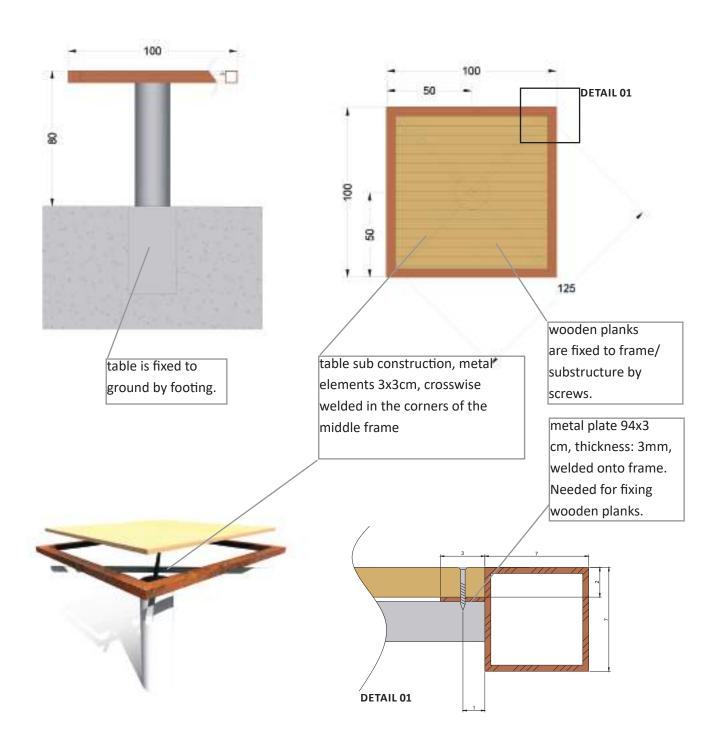


Example self cutting drilling screw. By using this type of screws, it's not necessary to drill holes into the metal frame because this screws are self cutting. (source: wuerth.at, PIAS drilling screw)



## needed elements part 2 - table:

- 1 middle frame
- 2 sub construction elements (3x1x125 cm)
- 1 metal pipe (d=20 cm, length: 100 cm)
- wooden planks (5x2x86 cm), space between planks: 0,5cm
- screws (self-cutting metal screws, e.g. PIAS drilling screw)
- footing (according to a static calculation)





# 7.7 Bike rack, frame

### needed elements:

- 1 middle frame
- 1 lasert metal plate (see chapt. 7.13)
- 1 wood covering for protection of the bikes
- screws (self-cutting metal screws, e.g. PIAS drilling screw)
- footing (according a static calculation)





## wood covering:

option 1: 1 wooden plank, dimensions 11x9x100cm

cut out a groove along the length on the 11cm wide side of the plank

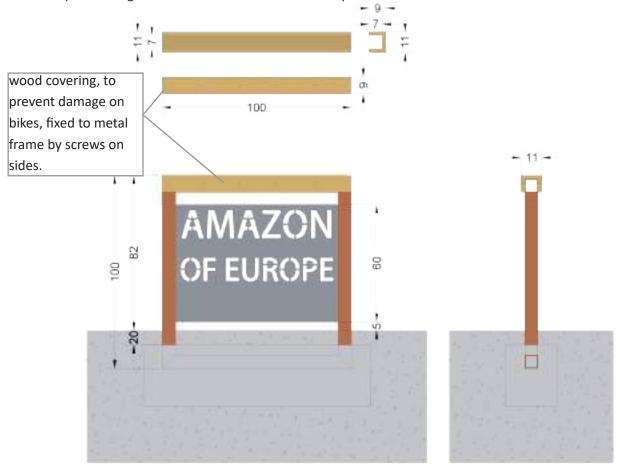
option 2: 2 wooden planks, dimensions 7x2x100cm

1 wooden plank, dimensions 11x2x100cm

put the three wooden planks together to an U-shape (see drawing below)

and glue them together on their edges

the U-shape covering is screwed onto the metal frame by screws.





# 7.8 Bike rack, Amazon of Europe

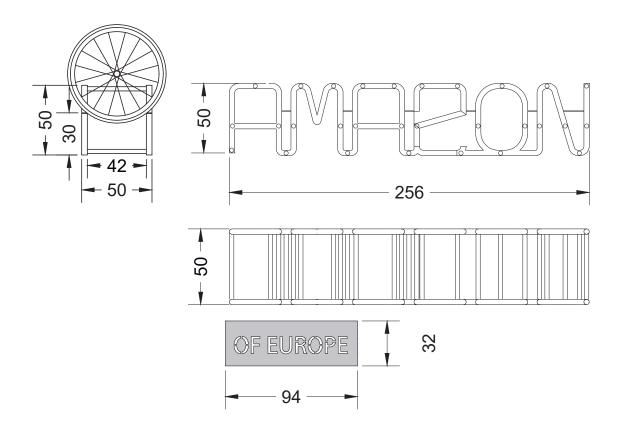
#### needed elements:

- 2 metal pipes, d=4 cm, approx. 10m each
- metal pipes d=3 cm, approx. 6,5m total
- metal plate 3x1 cm, approx. 1m total
- bench element with the length of 105 cm
- lasert metal plate (see page 32)



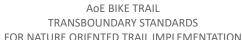
This AOE Bike Rack only appears in combination with a lasert metal plate to get the "Amazon of Europe" lettering. The "AMAZON" Bike Rack is never used without the "OF EUROPE" lasert metal plate on the bench.

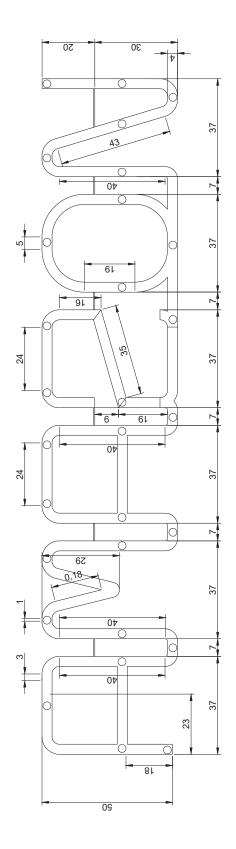
The metal pipes are bended to the form shown in the drawings (2x AMAZON). These 2 bended pipes are then welded together by distance holders (metal pipes d= 3cm, length: 22cm). In the height of 30cm from the bottom of the bended pipes, small metal plates (3x1 cm, length variable) are welded between the letters.

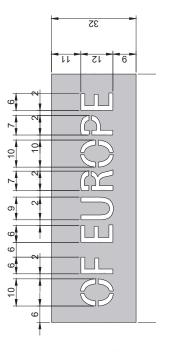




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lasert metal plate font: Arial

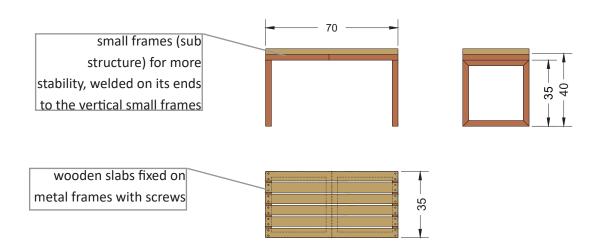
dimensions: see drawing

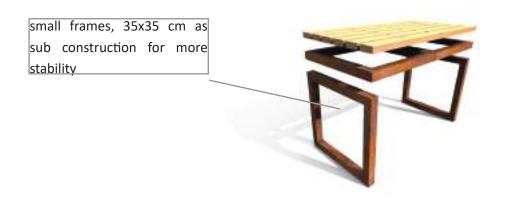


### 7.9 Small bench

needed elements (example with a length of 70cm):

- 4 small frames
- wooden planks (5x2cm), space between planks: 0,5cm
- screws (self-cutting metal screws, e.g. PIAS drilling screw)
- the length of the bench can be adapted to the needs on spot and depends on the number of small frames welded together as sub construction:
  - 1 frame 35 cm
  - 2 frames 70cm
  - 3 frames 105 cm, etc.
- optional: additional spacers between wooden planks and metal frame if bench is not protected from rainfall





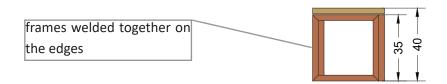


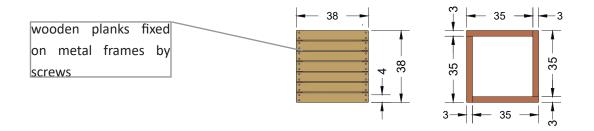
# 7.10 Small table

### needed elements:

- 4 small frames
- wooden planks (4x2cm), space between planks: 0,5cm
- screws (self-cutting metal screws, e.g. PIAS drilling screw)
- optional: additional spacers between wooden planks and metal frame if bench is not protected from rainfall









# 7.11 Infoboard small (roof optional)

#### needed elements:

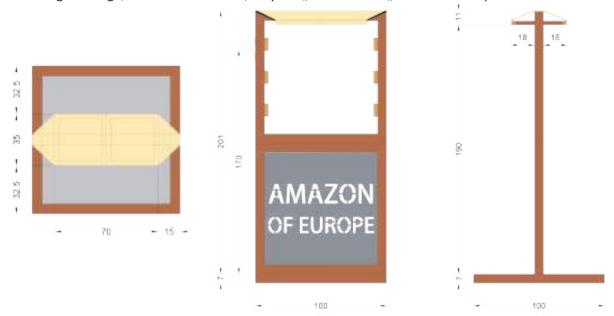
- 3 middle frames
- 2 small frames (sub construction roof)
- 1 metal sheet (100x50 cm, base covering roof)
- roof covering (e.g. reed or local wood)
- 3 wooden planks (10x3 cm)
- screws (self-cutting metal screws, e.g. PIAS drilling screw)
- 1 lasert metal plate
- flooring: concrete or gravel
- dimension for infopanel 80 x 50 cm



This version of the info-board can be used along the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail. It is NOT meant to display the same information as the Infoboard large, as the space of the info plot is too small to show the daily section.

Suggestions on using the small info-board:

- at Y-Crossing in order to explain the reason for a detour/alternative route. This is recommended especially for longer detours such as e.g. in Repas forest or in Vizvar.
- along the stage, in order to describe, why the "must see" or "discover river" point is worth to see.



wooden planks fixed on metal plates by screws.

metal plates positioned in the middle of the frame element (5cm).

Dimension of the metal plate: 10x3cm thickness: 3mm

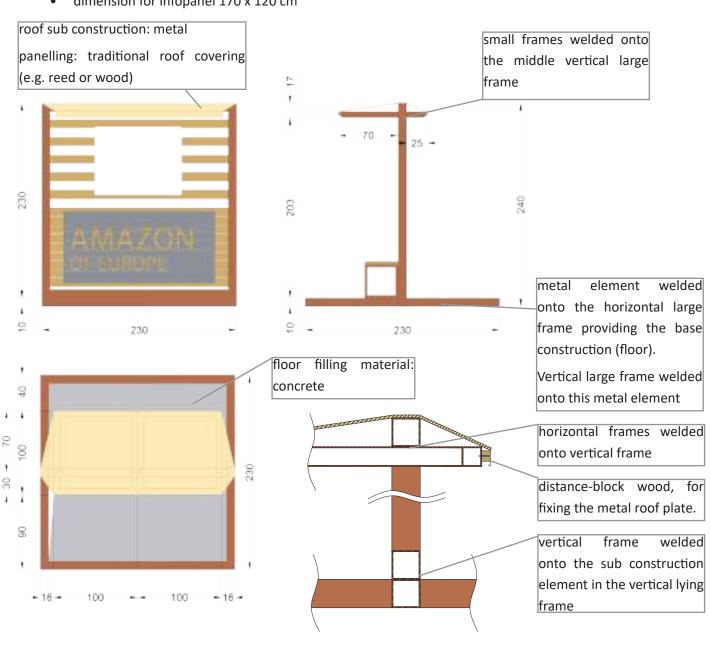




# 7.12 Infoboard large

needed elements info board and flooring:

- 2 large frames
- 2 middle frames
- 1 metal slab (10x10x210 cm, sub construction for vertical large frame)
- wooden planks (10x3 cm), number of planks depending on the needs
- screws (self-cutting metal screws, e.g. PIAS drilling screw)
- metal sheet for roof (130x230 x0.4 cm)
- roof covering (e.g. reed or wood)
- footing (optional, according to a static calculation)
- 2 distance blocks for roof construction
- flooring: concrete or gravel
- dimension for infopanel 170 x 120 cm





## 7.13 Lasert metal plate

A part of the infrastructure elements are laser metal plates with the lettering "AMAZON OF EUROPE". These plates appear in different sizes shown below. The lettering is lasert out of a 4mm thick metal plate.

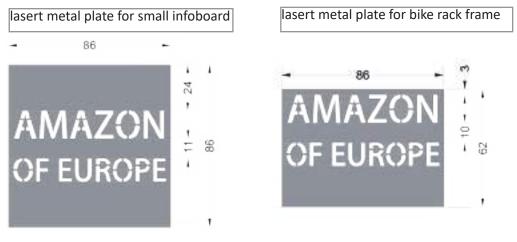
The middle parts of the letters: A, O, R and P have to be connected to the metal plate.

Text: Arial, letter size depends on the size of the metal plate

- metal plate for large infoboard: "AMAZON": 27cm, "OF EUROPE": 17cm
- metal plate for small infoboard: "AMAZON": 15cm, "OF EUROPE": 12cm
- metal plate for bike rack frame: "AMAZON": 15cm, "OF EUROPE": 12cm

metal plates are fixed on wood planks by self cutting drilling screws







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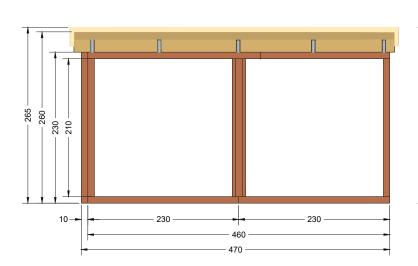
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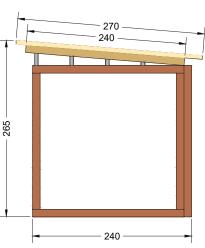
# 7.14 Resting area, basic construction

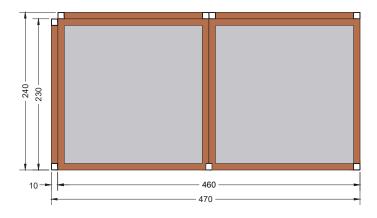
#### needed elements:

- 7 large frames (2 floor, 2 roof, 3 sides)
- 2 sub construction elements (stabilisation, length: 210 cm)
- wooden planks (10x10 cm, roof construction)
- metal pipe for roof construction (d=5cm, sub construction)
- screws (self-cutting metal screws, e.g. PIAS drilling screw)
- Flooring: optional: concrete, gravel



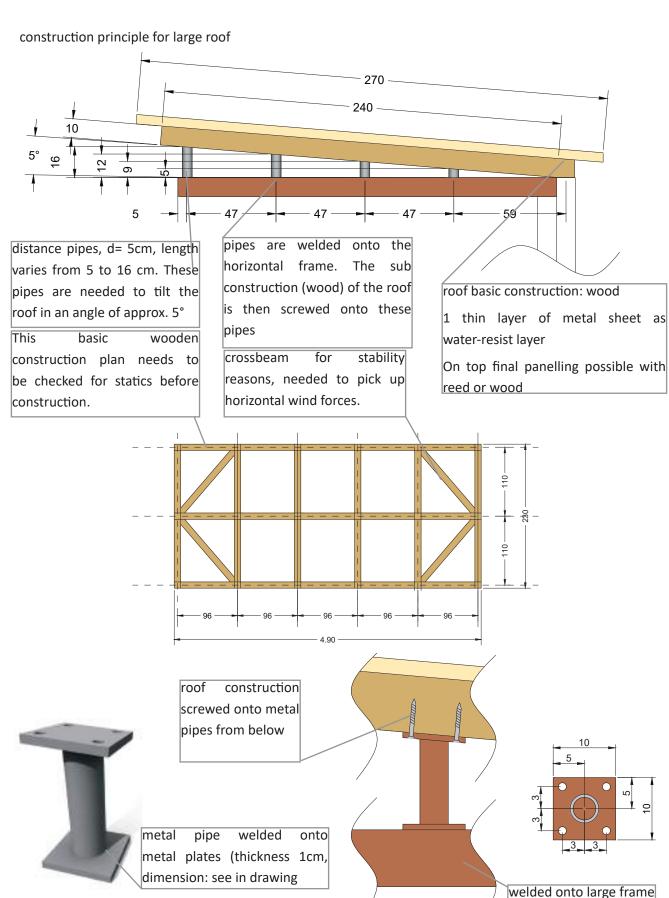






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## 7.15 Resting area, basic roof construction





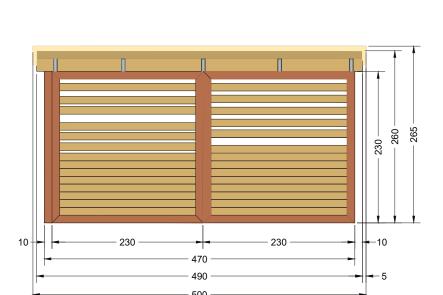
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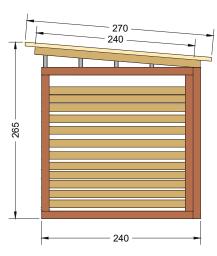
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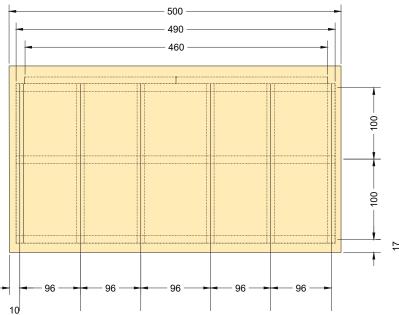
# 7.16 Resting area, examples

#### needed elements:

- 7 large frames
- 2 metal slabs (length: 210 cm)
- roof construction
- floor-filling material (concrete or gravel or metal grid)
- wooden planks (10x10 cm roof construction)
- wooden planks, depending on the needs (10x3 cm side fillings)
- screws (self cutting drilling screws)







wooden planks fixed on metal plates by screws.

metal plates positioned in the middle centre of the frame element (5cm).

Dimension of the metal plate: 10x3cm thickness: 3mm





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### bird watching hide



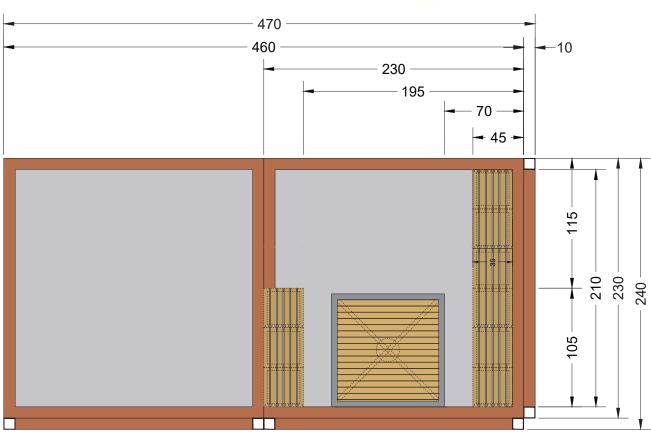
## resting point with benches and bike racks





## resting point with benches and table







## 7.17 Welcome and goodbye element

needed elements (like infoboard large):

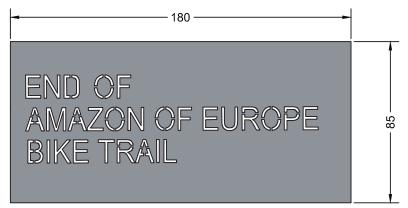
#### Front:

- 2 large frames
- 2 middle frames
- 1 metal slab (10x10x210 cm, sub construction for vertical large frame)
- wooden planks (10x3 cm), number of planks depending on the needs
- screws (self-cutting metal screws, e.g. PIAS drilling screw)
- metal sheet for roof (130x230 x0.4 cm)
- roof covering (e.g. reed or wood)
- footing (optional, according to a static calculation)
- 2 distance blocks for roof construction
- flooring: concrete or gravel
- dimension for infopanel 170 x 120 cm

#### Metal plate with printed labelling:

- The middle parts of the letters: A, O, R and P have to be connected to the metal plate.
- Thickness of metal plate 5mm
- Font Size 12 cm
- Font type Arial





This element is planned to be built in Mureck as starting point of the AoE Bike Trail and in Mohács as the final destination of the AoE Bike Trail.



### **Example for Mureck:**

Text: Start of

Amazon of Europe Bike Trail





### **Example for Mohács:**

End of Text:

Amazon of Europe Bike Trail

# 7.18 Examples on how to combine the various infrastructure elements

added "AoE Bike rack" to the sitting element



## 7.19 Bench element examples



bench length: 70cm, 2 small frames vertical, 2 frames horizontal



bench length: 105cm, 2 small frames vertical, 3 small frames horizontal



bench length: 140cm,

3 small frames vertical, 4 small frames horizontal

Maximum span between vertical frames is 105 cm in order to assure stability



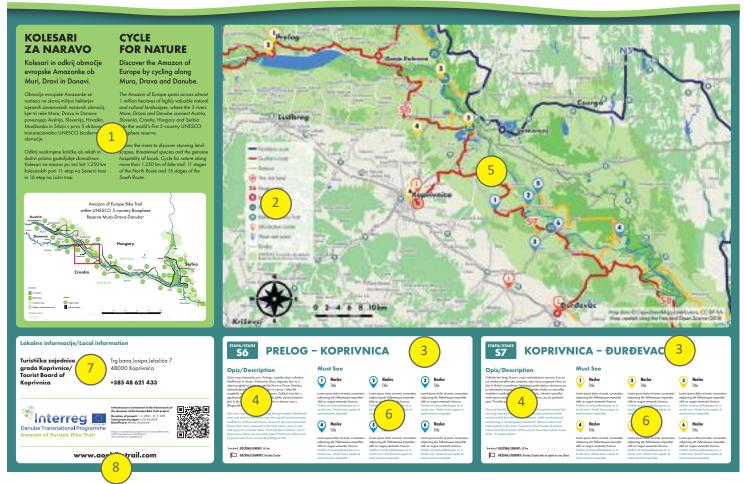
## 7.20 Infopanel for Infoboard large

The Infopanel is used in combination with the Infoboard large, which is placed on start and end of each daily stage. On the following pages the horizontal version is described.



# **AMAZON OF EUROPE BIKE TRAIL**





#### Content:

- 1 Summary text about the Amazon of Europe Landscape and the baseline idea of cycling for nature (valorisation)
- 2 Legend with description of the elements of the Map (5)
- (3) Current and previous / next stage name
- 4 Stage description
- (5) Map of the daily stage
- Daily stage top highlights
- Local information
- Mandatory project and product information (non-variable across info boards)



#### **Dimensions:**

#### Infopanel for infoboard large (chapter 7.12): 170 x 120 cm

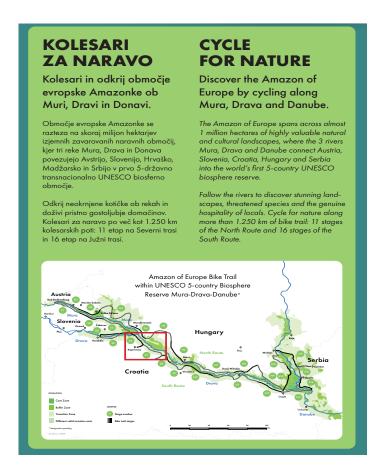
#### Font, sizes and colour:

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Stage title / daily stage: font: Futura PT Bold, font size: 72pt Stage description (national language): font: Futura PT Book, font size: 40pt Stage description (English): font: Futura PT Book, font size: 40pt Must see (national language): font: Futura PT Book, font size: 40pt

Must see (English): font: Futura PT Book, font size: 40pt

Summary text about the Amazon of Europe Landscape and the baseline idea of cycling for nature (valorisation):



Right side: text in English.

This text should not be changed.

Left side: text in national language, translated by the regional coordinator (one partner from each country should provide and share translation).

The content of the text should not be changed.

The map of the TBR is included in the designfile that is provided to the partners by WWF Austria.



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# Legend with description of the elements of the Map (5):



The legend shows the icons with a description of the icon in national language as well as in English.

The icons listed here should match with the icons visible in the map of the daily stage.

# Current and previous / next stage name:



Two stages are listed, the stage name und number of the upstream stage and the downstream stage.

# Stage description:



In this section, the stage is described in national language and English.

The peculiarities and general informations about the stage are described.

Max. numbers of characters for national language: 400

Max. numbers of characters for English: 400

This section also includes stage information about the distance and altitude (uphill und downhill; has to be added by the regional coordinator). This information is provided by Westpannon or WWF Austria.

An additional legend showing AoE Bike Trail Main route and AoE Bike Trail Add-on as well as the current location and a scale bar and north arrow on the map.





# Map of the daily stage:



The map (including daily stages, pins for highlights and legend pins) will be provided by WestPannon, once regional coordinators have delivered exact location (e.g. GPS) of the points, that should be visible on the map.

## 6 Daily stage top highlights:



In this section maximum 6 top highlights / discover river points are described in national language and English.

The location of the highlight is also shown in the map. Each highlight is represented by a picture.

Max. numbers of characters for national language: 100

Max. numbers of characters for English: 100

# 7 Local information:

This section includes local information (local tourism board and information on booking centre) and respective telephone numbers.



8 Mandatory project and product information (non-variable across info boards):



This section includes the Logo and funding information about the Interreg project and the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail logo. Regional coordinator needs to include their project partner names after "Beneficiary".



## 7.21 Infopanel for Infoboard small

The Infopanel is used in combination with the Infoboard small, which is placed along the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail to show information and photos about natural and cultural highlights or for explaining a detour/alternative route.



# **AMAZON OF EUROPE BIKE TRAIL**





#### Content:

- 1) Attraction / detour name
- Attraction /detour description
- Photos of attraction / small map of detour
- Stage Number
- Information about the Interreg project AoE Bike Trail



#### **Dimensions:**

Infopanel for infoboard small (chapter 7.11): 80 x 50 cm cm

Font, sizes and colour:

Font name: **Futura** 

Attraction name: font: Futura PT Bold, font size: 90pt

Title, "Attraction Description": font: Futura PT Bold, font size: 32pt

Description (national language): font: Futura PT Book, font size: 22pt

Description (English): font: Futura PT Book, font size: 22pt



# NASLOV - TITLE

A short name of the attraction / detour along the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail is shown.

Max. numbers of characters for national language: 17

Max. numbers of characters for English: 17



#### Attraction / detour description:

#### **Opis/Description**

Začni svojo kolesarko pot v Prelogu, nadaljuj skozi vzhodno Međimurje in vstopi v Podravino bluzu Legrada, kjer se ti odpre pogled na čudovito sotočje Mure in Drave. Raziskuj nedotaknjene kotičke ob reki Dravi in uživaj v slikovitih razgledih na reko in romantična jezera. Zaključi svoj dan v zgodovinskem mestu Koprivnica, kjer lahko poskusiš tipične jedi, ki jih ponuja kulinarika Podravine in okusna vina z Bilogorskih gričev.

Start your tour on bike from Prelog through eastern Međimurje area and enter to Podravina near the Legrad and picturesque confluence of Mura and Drava. Research the most untouched Drava basin area, experience the most scenic views to river and enjoy the romantic lakes. Finish the day in historic city of Koprivnica where you can taste typical Podravina dishes

First text in national language.

Then text in English.

The text describes the attraction with some facts and data.

Max. numbers of characters for national language: 765

Max. numbers of characters for English: 765





### ATTRACTION PHOTO CONTAINER

Maximum 4 photos of the attraction or one small map of the detour are shown.

# Stage number:



The number of the daily stage and number of attraction

<u>Information about the Interreg project AoE Bike Trail:</u>



This section includes the Logo and funding information about the Interreg project and the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail logo. Regional coordinator needs to include their project partner names after "Beneficiary".

# 7.22 Signposting the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail

The following three version of signs are to be used to signpost the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail:

- 1. Main route
- 2. Must See (+ indicating the distance)
- 3. Discover Mura, Drava or Danube (+ indicating the distance)

Type of signpost  When to use	Main route  Indicating the MAIN ROUTE of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail	Discover Mura Discover Drava Discover Danube (+indicating the distance) Indicating a DETOUR or a STOP-OVER of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail that directs the cyclists to the river	Must See (+indicating the distance)  Indicating a DETOUR or a STOP-OVER of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail that is not located at the river.
How to use		> Cyclists are leaving the main route of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail	E.g. Points of interest, attraction, etc.  > Cyclists are leaving the main route of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail
How to use: Variant 1: LOGO	9	9	9.
How to use: Variant 2: Text	Amazon of Europe Bike Trail  Hieflau 37 km	Amazon of Europe Bike Trail Discover Mura + 0,3km Schladming 71 km	Amazon of Europe Bike Trail Must See + 7,2km
	Weng 15 km Admont 10 km	Irdning 30 km Liezen 12 km	Weng 13 km Admont 8 km



#### to be considered

- The following information is based on input provided by the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail partnership.
- These country specific examples should provide basic information on signing the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail. They should indicate how the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail logo respectively the route name "Amazon of Europe Bike Trail" can be implemented on the planned Amazon of Europe Bike Trail.
- This document does not replace the elaboration of country, county or local specifications for signposting in the respective daily section done by the regional coordinators. It is in the responsibility of each regional coordinator to receive information on correct signposting for the respective daily section and to receive the permissions for the planned signs.

### **Interreg DTP visibility**

- On all documents, printouts and other material the sticker shown below has to be added with the reference to the ERDF/IPA funds (with the exception of road signs).
- The sticker has to be placed on the back of the signposts.
- If the Bike Trail logo is visible on the infrastructure element, the Interreg Logo without the Bike Trail logo has to be used (left one below), otherwise the sticker with the Bike Trail logo (right one below) has to be used.
- If infrastructure elements are combined or next to each other, only one element has to be equipped with the sticker or neither in case one of them alreathy fulfills the visibility requirements.





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# **Austrian specifics**

The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail is signed on green boards.

Text in white color.

The Amazon of Europe Bike Trail will be signed on already existing signs of a bike trail called "Murradweg".

#### Example for logo variant:







Main route

Discover

Must See

#### Example for text variant:







The information is based on written input provided by the project partner Bad Radkersburg.



# **Slovenian specifics**

## Example for logo variant:



Size of the sign:

300 x 300 mm

The information is based on the document to be found under the following link: http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/npbDocPdf?idPredpisa=PRAV13568&idPredpisaChng=PRAV11505&type=pdf

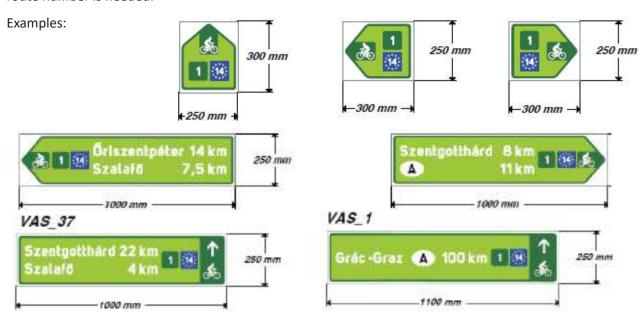
for Bike signs the numbers 3404 in 3405 on page 76 are relevant

## **Hungarian specifics**

The Hungarian handbook for signposting provides space for the number(s) of route.

- The number of the Bike Trail (here the number 1) is an example. Depending on the location of the AoE Bike Trail sign, this number needs to be exchanged with the correct number of the Bike Trail.
- The Eurovelo Logo (here with number 14) is an example. Depending on the location of the AoE Bike Trail sign, this number needs to be exchanged with the correct Eurovelo sign (if it is a Eurovelo Trail).
- The locations and distances (here e.g. Szentgotthárd 8 km) are examples. Depending on the location of the AoE Bike Trail sign, the locations and distances shown on the sign need to be updated according to the real situation on the field.

If the signposted route is part of the EuroVelo, the EuroVelo pictogram and the Hungarian route number is needed.



If the route is not part of EuroVelo, the usage of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail Logo is possible (instead of a number). The size of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail Logo logo cannot be larger than 80 X 80 mm.

#### Examples:



The information is based on input provided by the Hungrian Ministry for Innovation and Technology.



## **Croatian specifics**

- The number of the Bike Trail (here the number D1) is an example. Depending on the location of the AoE Bike Trail sign, this number needs to be exchanged with the correct number of the Bike Trail.
- The Eurovelo Logo (here with number 13) is an example. Depending on the location of the AoE Bike Trail sign, this number needs to be exchanged with the correct Eurovelo sign (if it is a Eurovelo Trail).
- The locations and distances (here e.g. Hlebine 2 km) are examples. Depending on the location of the AoE Bike Trail sign, the locations and distances shown on the sign need to be updated according to the real situation on the field.

Examples for logo variant:

Single destination sign:

Two destination sign:



Size of the sign:

A (width) = 30, 45, 60, 75, 90 cm

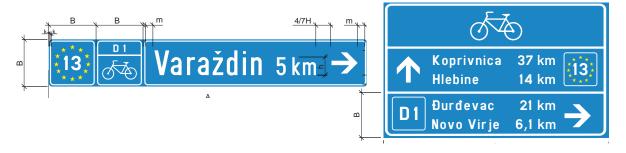
(The choice of character dimensions (A - character width) depends on the destination name and distance)

B (height) = 30 cm

Examples without Amazon of Europe Bike Trail logo:

Single destination sign:

Two destination sign:



The information is based on the rules for traffic sign in Croatia

(https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2019\_09\_92\_1823.html) as well as on the Technical specifications of road signs

("Tehničke specifikacije prometnih znakova") pages 223-226



## **Serbian specifics**

- The locations and distances (here e.g. Sombor 43,4 km) are examples. Depending on the location of the AoE Bike Trail sign, the locations and distances shown on the sign need to be updated according to the real situation on the field.



#### The diameter of the notification signs is:

- 1) 90 cm on highway and motorway;
- 2) 60 cm on other state roads of the 1st and 2nd order, municipal roads and in the settlement;
- 3) 40 cm on the others in the settlement where there are spatial limitations;
- 4) 30 cm if used as inserted signs and 40 cm as inserted signs on the motorway and motoway.

#### Side squares informational signs are:

- 1) 90 cm on highways and motorways;
- 2) 60 cm on other state roads of the 1st and 2nd order, municipal roads and in the settlement;
- 3) 40 cm on the others in the settlement where there are spatial limitations;
- 4) 30 cm if used as inserted signs and 40 cm as inserted signs on the motorway and motoway.

#### The dimension of the notification sign rectangle is:

- 1) 90 cm x 135 cm on highway and motorways;
- 2) 60 cm x 90 cm on the other state roads of the 1st and 2nd order, municipal roads and in the settlement;
- 3) 40 cm x 60 cm on the others in the settlement where there are spatial limitations;
- 4) 40 cm x 60 cm if used as inserted characters

The information is based on the rulebook on traffic signaling in the Republic of Serbia ("Sl. glasnik RS", br. 85/2017)



# 7.23 Repair kit example







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