

CYCLING ROUTE IS CONFIRMED!



We are happy to announce that we finally have Amazon of Europe cycling route confirmed! Just over 1.600 kilometres and 26 stages from Mureck to Sombor on both sides of rivers Mura, Drava and Danube, through five countries, will be soon ready for first cycling experiences.

With average stage length of 48 kilometres and different terrain, cycling along the route is suitable for every cyclist – the most experienced one and beginners. Besides the main route, we planned several additional points as "must see", "discover rivers", but also marked exceptional spots to experience local hospitality and taste delicious food.

WORLD'S FIRST 5-COUNTRY BIOSPHERE RESERVE NOMINATED



Gornje Podunavlje © Jaroslav Pap

Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary and Serbia submitted on September 30 a historic UNESCO application to establish the first 5-country biosphere reserve in the world. The designation of the 5-country biosphere reserve by UNESCO is expected in June 2020.

With a total area of around 930,000 hectares and a length of 700 kilometres, the shared nature and wildlife along the Mura, Drava and Danube rivers will become Europe's largest river protection area.



Mura-Drava Confluence near Legrad © Goran Šafarek

This future designation opens huge potential for sustainable development, which is the core of the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail project. Moreover, the project enhances cooperation between regions and protected areas within future 5-country biosphere reserve which contributes to its overall success.

JOIN US AT INTERNATIONAL AMAZON OF EUROPE BIKING FESTIVAL!



Under the slogan "5 countries – 3 rivers – 11 cycling events" from August to October along the future 5-country biosphere reserve first International Amazon of Europe Biking Festival is taking place.

There are two more events still ahead of us, so we invite you to join us on cycling adventure on 19th October in Apatin and Balaton-felvidéki National Park. Find out more on official International Amazon of Europe Biking Festival 2019 event.

STAY IN TOUCH!

You can find more information on the project <u>website</u>, and you can follow us on <u>Facebook</u> (#AoEbiketrail) or <u>YouTube</u> channel. <u>Subscribe</u> to the Amazon of Europe Bike Trail newsletter to receive the latest news!



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