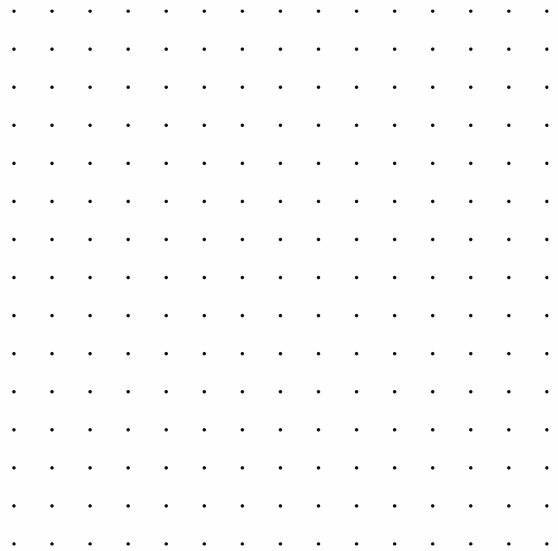




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A Europe where outdoor sports and recreation are accessible for all, fostering health and well-being, nature connection and environmental responsibility.



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ENOS Charter

Outdoor sports for all

We will promote all aspects of outdoor sports that is fully inclusive for all types of participants.

Education and socialization

We recognise and promote the value of outdoor sports for education and social development, especially for young people.

Safety of participants

We believe in the importance of training, qualification and independent accreditation in outdoor sports to ensure the safety of practitioners, especially the youngest and least experienced.

Tourism and culture

We believe that the strategic development of tourism from outdoor sports creates opportunities to discover and value the natural sites of European member states.

Access to areas and sites

We believe that natural areas should be accessible for sustainable and responsible activities but that at times appropriate regulations and limitations may be considered in collaboration with all parties involved.

Innovation and social inclusion

We believe that outdoor sports contribute to European citizenship and encourage social and cultural cohesion. Innovation is important to meet the needs of present and future generations.



Physical and mental health

We recognise and promote the evidence that outdoor sports have a positive effect on the physical and mental health of participants and effectively contribute to EU targets for Health Enhancing Physical Activity (HEPA).

Environmental awareness and conservation

We believe that outdoor sports must respect the environment to ensure sustainability and that outdoor sports can raise awareness of environmental issues.

Employment and impact on the local and global economy

We believe that outdoor sports can support economic and business development for territories and contribute to sustainable job creation.

Professional mobility in the European Union

We believe in the mobility of outdoor sports professionals and the exchange of good practice.



“Taking action together for the sustainable and responsible development of outdoor sports and recreation across Europe”

Membership extremely varied:

- ***Ministries of Sport***
- ***Small sports clubs***
- ***Local and regional Authorities***
- ***International federations***
- ***Land management bodies***
- ***Outdoor sport businesses***
- ***Environmental organisations***

European Declaration on Trails

This declaration has been developed to highlight the importance of trails but also to call for their value to be strategically recognised by the EU, member states and national entities.

This will be exemplified by appropriate resourcing and management mechanisms.



European Declaration on Trails



10 principles for trail development and management

- 1. In natural habitats and especially protected areas the development of trails should be focused on protecting the environment from human activity and encroachment.**
- 2. Generally trails should be open at all times but there may be times and seasons when restrictions can be applied....**
- 3. Minimal interventions in the natural environment should be the focus for development and management**
- 4.Significant engineering and landscape modification in the form of trail development and management should not always be a substitute for training, technical skills and suitable equipment**
- 5. Trail development and management in urban and peri-urban areas should be about creating opportunities for everyone of any ability to access nature and green / blue spaces.....**

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10 principles for trail development and management (continued)

- 6. Trail furniture (waymarking, signage and seating etc.) should be appropriate to the environment with a sliding scale of intervention.**
- 7. Minimum trail width and potential segregation to manage conflict between users should be factored in high usage areas.**
- 8. Trails need not be restricted to land based opportunities.**
- 9. There should be a premise for the enhancement and restoration of ecosystems along trail corridors.**
- 10..... it is essential that there is responsible management of trail data to promote sustainable and sensitive access to habitats and ecosystems**



Buffer zones



Added opportunity

Creating biodiversity-rich buffer zones with associated trails along river corridors and also on agricultural land edges

This is a “no brainer” solution to help implement nature restoration, improve human health, reduce carbon impacts, mitigate flooding and reduce pollutants and leachates entering our river systems.

Recommendations - calls

6 x recommendations for the European Commission

- 1. Develop and promote a Trans-European network of trails***
- 2. Develop a directive on trails that requires member states to develop Trails Strategies.***
- 3. Prioritise a dedicated resource within regional development funding for trail development and management.***
- 4. Prioritise the creation and development of green corridors and buffer zones along waterways and appropriate agricultural land with associated trails as a strong policy imperative***
- 5. Provide recommendations on standards for the signage of trails***
- 6. Commission a special Eurobarometer focused on trails to provide up-to-date data on trail infrastructure available in each member state***

Recommendations - calls

2 x recommendations for member states

- 7. Trail management and maintenance should be afforded equal or higher priority to roads and existing cycle networks by National Infrastructure Departments*
- 8. Member states departments should produce public awareness campaigns and educational initiatives about responsible trail use.*



Recommendations - calls

3 x recommendations for local authorities

- 9. establish local advisory forums to engage with the community including representatives of users.***
- 10. Recognize the valuable contributions of volunteers in trail maintenance and management and therefore invest in the establishment of volunteer programs.***
- 11. Highlight the potential for trails to boost local economies through ecotourism and outdoor related activities***

1 x recommendations for digital information providers

- 12. There is a need for a collaborative discussion on developing regulations for trail data management***



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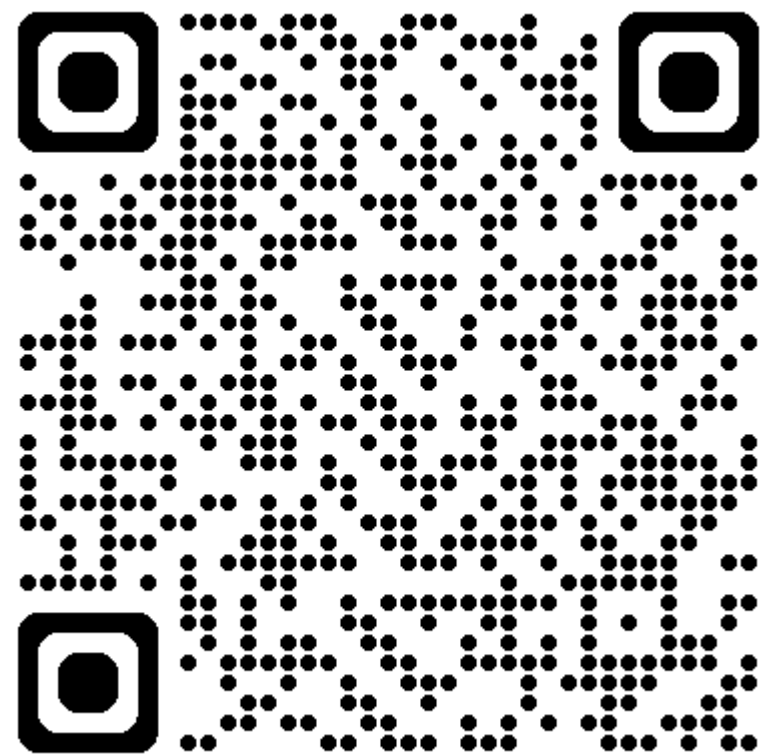


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