radrevier ruhr

A large network of cycle routes to favour the transition to active daily mobility



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The Ruhrgebiet (Ruhr Area)

- One of the biggest conurbations in Europe with more than 5 million inhabitants
- Characterised by its coal and steel industry and economic restructuring (that process began several decades ago and is still active)



 Transformation of former industrial railway lines into attractive cycling paths throughout the region for the past 20 years



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Over 1,200 kilometres of Tourist-friendly cycle paths

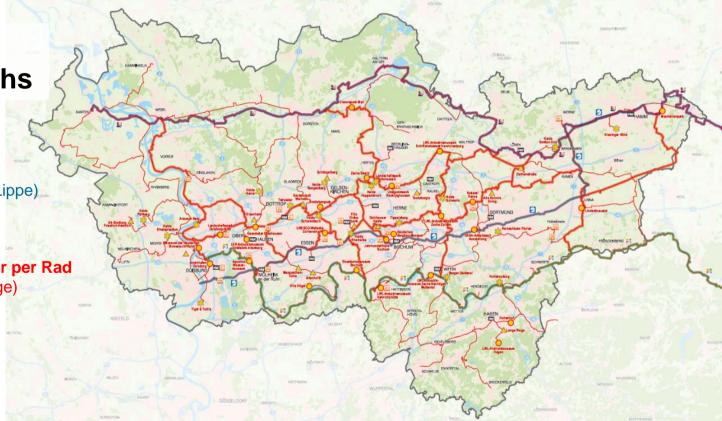
RÖMER LIPPE ROUTE (Roman Heritage along the River Lippe)



In the centre: network **Route der Industriekultur per Rad** (Cycling Route of Industrial Heritage)



In the south: **The RuhrtalRadweg** (Ruhr Valley Cycle Path)





Railways





Waterways

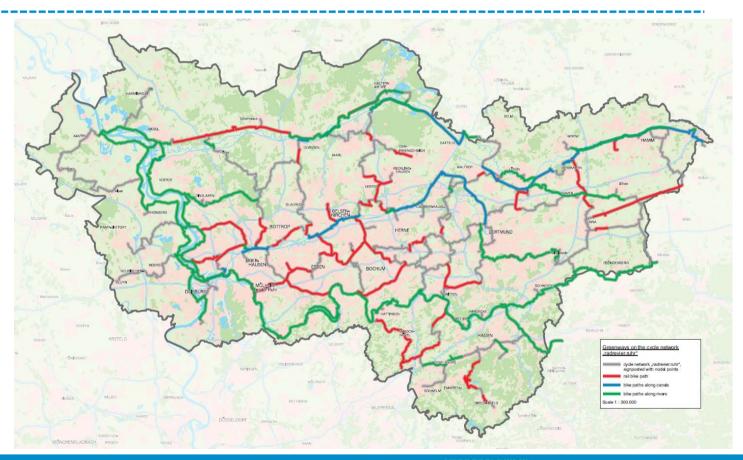




Greenways in the cycle network radrevier.ruhr

 * on former Railways (red): 326km in total; more than 230km are part of the nodal system

 along Waterways: 131km along canals (blue) and 440km along rivers (green)





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The radrevier.ruhr – signposting system

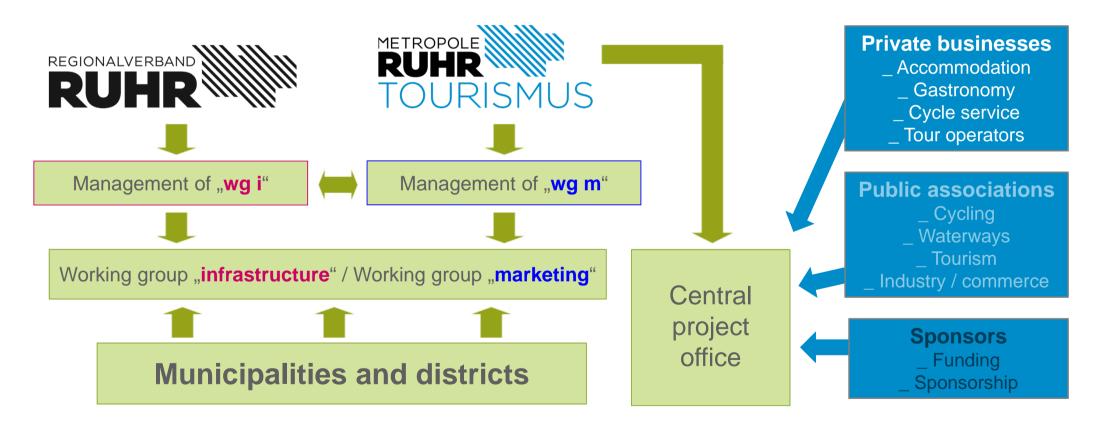








Network / stakeholders





Collaboration: the key to success

Infrastructure (RVR) & Marketing (RTG)

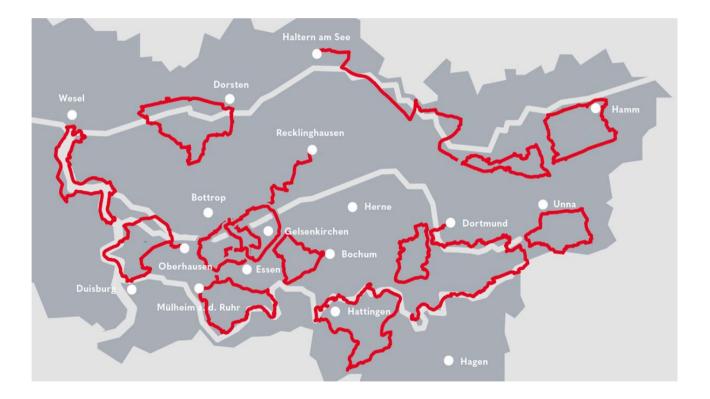
- ★ No infrastructure without marketing
 → The best cycle routes are wasted, if nobody knows them.
- * No marketing without infrastructure
 - \rightarrow The best marketing is worthless, if the product is bad.

 \rightarrow Only a perfectly balanced interaction of investments in infrastructure AND in marketing leads to success!



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- * 15 thematic cycle routes
- Every tour has it's own name, story & theme
- Signposted via the cycle junction network
- →Main product





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Close cooperation with the ADFC, the German Cycle Advocacy Association (member of ECF)

"ADFC bett+bike"

Since 2018 all our approx. 200 partner companies are certified as **bike-friendly accomodation**

"ADFC RadReiseRegion"

Since 2021 the region is certified as **bike-friendly** touring-region

→ Also an ideal destination for so-called "regional cyclists": staying at one place, going on day trips







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Communication (print and digital)







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Results of the first evaluation 2019

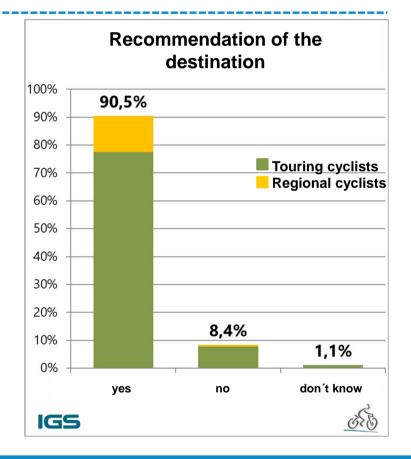
Day visitors: Touring cyclists: Regional cyclists:

1.3 m day trips p.a. 500.000 stages p.a. 105.000 stages p.a

Gross turnover: Net turnover: 76.280.000 € p.a. 68.310.000 € p.a.

Fiscal (tax) effects of about 8 m €p.a. VS

Maintenance costs of cycle paths of about 2 m €p.a.





Current projects

- * Project Area: Römer-Lippe-Route
- Testing of new digital applications for cycling tourism to increase the experience e.g. use of augmented reality



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Conclusion & outlook

- * The Ruhr area shall receive a strong position as a cycle tourism destination on the market
- * The Ruhr area shall be a pioneer in the topic of cycling mobility
- * There is a long way ahead of us, but...

... eventually, even the longest tours lead to a destination and finally, we are on a good way towards sustainable cycling mobility in Germany!

Thank you for your attention.

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