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1. Introduction

The **CYROS project** – co-financed by the Interreg Italy–Croatia 2021–2027 Programme – supports the development of the **Adriatic-Ionian Cycle Route** as a strategic axis for sustainable tourism and cross-border mobility. The project promotes integrated transport solutions and improved services for cyclists, enhancing accessibility and contributing to climate-friendly travel across the Programme area.

Within this framework, **Work Package 1** focuses on upgrading the cross-border cycling network and supporting multimodality. In particular, **Activity 1.2** aims to improve services that enable cyclists to combine cycling with public transport through the design of pilot intermodal connections.

This deliverable (D.1.2.1), developed by the **Lead Partner (FVG Region)**, presents the design of a cross-border Bike&Bus pilot service connecting **Trieste (Italy) and Poreč (Croatia)**. The document outlines the service concept, technical requirements, and operational schedule, and is intended to guide the implementation of this innovative transport solution. The initiative directly contributes to **Output 1.1** and serves as a concrete example of cross-border intermodality to support sustainable mobility and tourism in the Adriatic-Ionian area.

2. Bike&Bus between Trieste and Poreč

Passenger transport service by bus with driver rental for a minimum of 30 people and bicycle transport using a certified trailer for at least 30 bicycles, including electric bikes. The transport service will operate between Trieste and Poreč (Croatia) with two daily trips on Saturdays and Sundays (as well as public holidays and long weekends) starting in April and continuing until mid-July and from September to the end of October 2025, as well as from April to mid-July 2026. The service will include one daily departure from Trieste in the early afternoon and a return trip from Poreč (Croatia) in the evening, with a direct journey, allowing for intermediate stops upon request. A reliable and efficient booking system for individual trips will be ensured.

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3. Minimum Requirements for the Rental Service with Driver

The passenger transport service with a bicycle trailer must be carried out under the following conditions:

- One daily outbound trip from Trieste (bus station) departing at 2:00 PM and arriving in Poreč (bus station), with two intermediate stops, likely in Rabuiese (Italy) and Plovanija (Croatia).
- One daily return trip from Poreč (bus station) around 6:00 PM, arriving in Trieste (bus station), with the same two intermediate stops as mentioned above.
- The round-trip service must operate on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays and long weekends during the following periods:
 - From April to mid-July and from September to the end of October 2025;
 - From April to mid-July 2026.
- The service must be provided using a bus capable of carrying at least 30 passengers and equipped with a certified trailer for an equal number of bicycles (minimum 30), including electric bicycles.
- An online and telephone booking service must be guaranteed. The online booking form must be available in both Italian and English.
- At a frequency specified in the service contract, the company must provide reports on passenger reservations.
- The cost of the round-trip journey, bicycle loading and unloading, any additional costs for RCA insurance and vehicles, necessary authorizations, booking service costs, user assistance, and any other expenses will be entirely borne by the company.

The company must be registered in the NER (National Electronic Register of road transport companies) and must hold a bilingual Italian-Croatian travel document in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1073/2009.

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4. Service schedule

IPOTESI Calendario 2025	aprile	maggio	giugno	luglio	agosto	settembre	ottobre	Totale giornate servizio
sabato e domenica e festivi	12-13;19-20-21; 25-26-27;	1-2-3-4; 10-11; 17- 18; 24-25; 31	1-2; 7-8;14- 15;21-22;28-29	5-6; 12-13	30-31;	6-7;13-14;20- 21; 27-28	4-5; 11-12; 18- 19; 25-26	
160 km A/R	8	11	10	4	2	8	8	51
IPOTESI Calendario 2026	aprile	maggio	giugno	luglio				Totale giornate servizio
sabato e domenica e festivi	4-5-6; 11-12;18- 19;25-26	1-2-3;9-10;16-17; 23-24;30-31	6-7;13-14;20- 21;27-28	4-5; 11- 12; 18-19				
160 km A/R	9	11	8	6				34