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Arnhem-Nijmegen City Region to host Velo-city 2017

“We’d like to congratulate the Netherlands and Arnhem-Nijmegen city region on winning the bid procedure for hosting the Velo-city conference in 2017,” states Manfred Neun, President of the European Cyclists’ Federation. “Arnhem-Nijmegen city region seems to be indeed ready to organize a fantastic conference in 2017, one that no participant ever will forget. **We are already looking forward now to this additional boost the Dutch will give with Velo-city 2017 to the promotion of cycling and the exchange of best practices worldwide.”**

Arnhem-Nijmegen was chosen due to the overall excellent quality of a very integral bid, presented by an excellent team, supported by strong political commitment from the authorities on all levels - including the national minister of transport - and the community of stakeholders, including the bicycle user organization Fietsersbond (member of ECF), the academia, knowledge institutions and the cycling industry. It is due to this strong bid from them that the ECF Board chose Arnhem-Nijmegen. As stated in their proposition: **“Velo-city 2017 will be hosted by the country that is praised as the ‘bicycle country of the world’, the Netherlands!** For a whole generation of cycling professionals this will be the first opportunity to get to know the Dutch practice in Cycling.”

“It was not an easy decision from the beginning for our board to select only three cities for the short list,” says Dr Bernhard Ensink, Secretary General of the European Cyclists’ Federation. “It was even tougher to choose out of the three shortlisted cities a winning one.”

The previous European Velo-city conference had 1,400 delegates, at Velo-city 2013 in Vienna. The next edition of Velo-city will take place in [Nantes, France](#) from 2-5 June 2015.

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Notes to the editor:

About Velo-city Conference Series

The Velo-city conference series is the premier international cycling conference series in the world, organized by the European Cyclists’ Federation (ECF) and selected host cities. Velo-city conferences serve as a global communications and information platform and target to influence decision makers, and improve the policies, planning and provision of infrastructure for cycling.. The conferences traditionally involve experts, representatives of associations, institutions, policy-makers and social agents, universities and companies. Velo-city 2015 will be held in Nantes, France (June 2-5).

For more information, see ECF's [Velo-city project page](#).

About the European Cyclists' Federation

With over 80 members across more than 40 countries, the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) unites cyclists' associations from across the globe, giving them a voice on the international level. Our aim is to get more people cycling more often by influencing policy in favour of cycling.

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