



15.4.2013

0005/2013

WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on cycling routes

**Silvia-Adriana Țicău (S&D), Michael Theurer (ALDE),
Michael Cramer (Verts/ALE), Ismail Ertug (S&D), Tamás Deutsch (PPE),
Eva Lichtenberger (Verts/ALE), Spyros Danellis (S&D),
Mariya Gabriel (PPE), Nadja Hirsch (ALDE),
Ramona Nicole Mănescu (ALDE), Ioan Mircea Pașcu (S&D),
Elisabeth Jeggle (PPE), Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă (S&D)**

Lapse date: 15.7.2013

0005/2013

Written declaration, under Rule 123 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on cycling routes¹

1. Tourism represents 5 % of the EU's GDP, employs 5.2% of its total labour force and creates 9.7 million jobs;
2. There are 35 million EU citizens who cycle every day, and more than 100 million Europeans who cycle regularly;
3. It is estimated that 2.3 billion cycle tourism trips are taken in Europe each year, with a total estimated economic impact of almost EUR 44 billion;
4. It is important to create special cycle routes along the Danube or in the Danube area, to ensure that these are properly marked and to provide cyclists with the necessary information and specific services;
5. The Commission is called upon to encourage investment in the development of cycle routes for the 2014-2020 period and to promote cycle routes;
6. The Commission is called upon to ensure the application of the relevant EU legislation to cycle routes;
7. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Commission.

¹ In accordance with Rule 123(4) and (5) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, when the declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, it shall be published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.