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Enriched with practical examples and best practices from the project's pilot actions, the SIGWAY manual provides actionable insights for municipalities, sports organizations, and other stakeholders aiming to promote active lifestyles and sustainable tourism.

These case studies illustrate how to successfully implement greenway transformations, benefiting local communities through increased engagement in outdoor activities and economic growth.

Now available in all partner languages, the SIGWAY manual is an indispensable tool for those looking to enhance local sports infrastructure and create vibrant, healthy communities.

You can access the full document on the SIGWAY website and contribute to the movement of transforming greenways into spaces for well-being, environmental sustainability, and community cohesion.

## /01 Strategy and guidelines

In other news, the SIGWAY partnership is proud to present the "Strategy and guidelines on how to recover and transform unused greenways and abandoned railways into actively used sport infrastructure." Developed over several months through collaborative efforts between project partners, this manual is the result of in-depth research, stakeholder consultations, and focus groups conducted across partner countries. It offers a detailed framework for converting underutilized greenways and abandoned railway lines into dynamic sports infrastructures. It covers essential aspects such as legal procedures for repurposing these spaces, governance models for effective management, and key infrastructure development recommendations. Additionally, the manual addresses common challenges faced by local administrations and municipalities, providing tailored guidance for overcoming these obstacles through stakeholder collaboration.





The European Stakeholders Multiplier Event was held on September 19th in the beautiful city of Aarschot (Belgium).

The main aim was to share the results of the SIGWAY project and strengthen its sustainability. Around thirty representatives from eight countries participated: Spain, Belgium, Italy, Slovakia, Austria, Greece, Portugal, and Poland.

The final event consisted of a final conference, with presentations by partners giving an overview and results of the project. Particular reference was made to the pilot activities and recommendations for action to achieve more active greenways for sport and physical activity, targeting different types of stakeholders.



Key stakeholders, such as Vías Verdes and Vía Verde de la Sierra de Cádiz (Spain), presented good practices for the promotion of greenways, emphasising on sport and physical activity. This was followed by a dynamic round table involving project partners and the introduction of different projects underway or planned by stakeholders. A rich exchange between all participants followed in which the challenges during the project, and concrete actions proposals for its sustainability were also discussed. The difficulty of youth participation was raised as one of the main challenges.

In the afternoon, a cycling tour took place, along a section of the greenway Aarschot – Herentals, of railway origin, and along the Demer river, to find out about the resources of the area.

Overall, an enriching, very collaborative and friendly event, organised by EGWA with the cooperation of the project partners and stakeholders

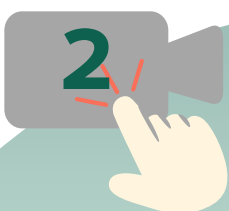




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The promotional video has been created to showcase the SIGWAY piloting experiences in Austria, Belgium, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Slovakia and Spain. The piloting phase took place from October 2023 until April 2024 and it aimed to test the SIGWAY Sport Programme by means of organising local sport events on greenways in all partner countries.

SIGWAY promotional videos are already available on the [project website](#) and on YouTube in english and with subtitles in all partner languages:

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