



INTERNATIONAL VELOMARATHON "I SEE! I CAN! I WILL!"

27 August – 19 September 2019

The **Velomathon "I see! I can! I will!"** is a tandem bicycle tour for young adults with and without visual impairments from Germany, Poland as well as Ukraine. We want to set an example of **successful inclusion** in the field of international youth work and to **promote the active participation of all** in civil society. We intend to break stereotypes about people with disabilities, to remove unfair labels and to encourage society as well as local communities to embrace diversity.

To reach these goals we

- bring participants with and without visual impairments from the three countries together and allow them to learn from each other,
- emphasise inclusive non-formal education on an international level,
- visit touristic, educational and cultural facilities along the route,
- analyse the accessibility of these facilities for visually impaired people and
- raise awareness in civil society as well as politics regarding people with visual impairments.

We plan to have public events along the route like workshops, trainings and discussions with our participants and local actors on the topic of universal accessibility and a barrier free world.



The project can be realised thanks to the support and the experiences of the Institute of Ukrainian Studies, who has already been organising a Velomathon throughout Ukraine since 2015. The Velomathon 2019 is the first Velomathon taking place in the context of an international cooperation.

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It brings together **33 participants from Germany, Poland and Ukraine**. Four people with and four people without visual impairments from each country master the route on tandem bicycles. In addition, each country provides two group leaders and one assistant. The participants range in age from **18 to 25 years**.



Within three weeks on route, the Velomathon covers a distance of around **1,000 km** from Western Ukraine via Southern Poland to Berlin. Actors from the areas of politics and civil society as well as fans of cycling are cordially invited to the kickoff event which takes place in **Ivano-Frankivsk**

(Ukraine) on 29 August 2019. After one week in Ukraine, we continue the Velomathon for one week in Southern **Poland from 4 September 2019 onwards**. Within a week of cycling across Brandenburg (Germany), we have our penultimate stop in Storkow on 15 September 2019. Here, we present our tour at the 10th courtyard party of the Storkow castle. On **17 September 2019**, we celebrate the finish of the Velomathon in **Berlin**.

If you have experience in the area of running events like the Velomathon that you would like to share or if you would like to provide assistance to us in any way, your support is more than welcome. For queries and further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can reach us at **velomathon@jusev.de**.

Your Velomathon-Team Angela, Maria, Martin and Xenia

You can find **information and impressions** of the preceding Velomarathons on our homepage (www.velomathon.org) or the homepage of the Institute of Ukrainian Studies (<http://velo.ius.lviv.ua/>).

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