



Nantes 2015
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Overall Impressions

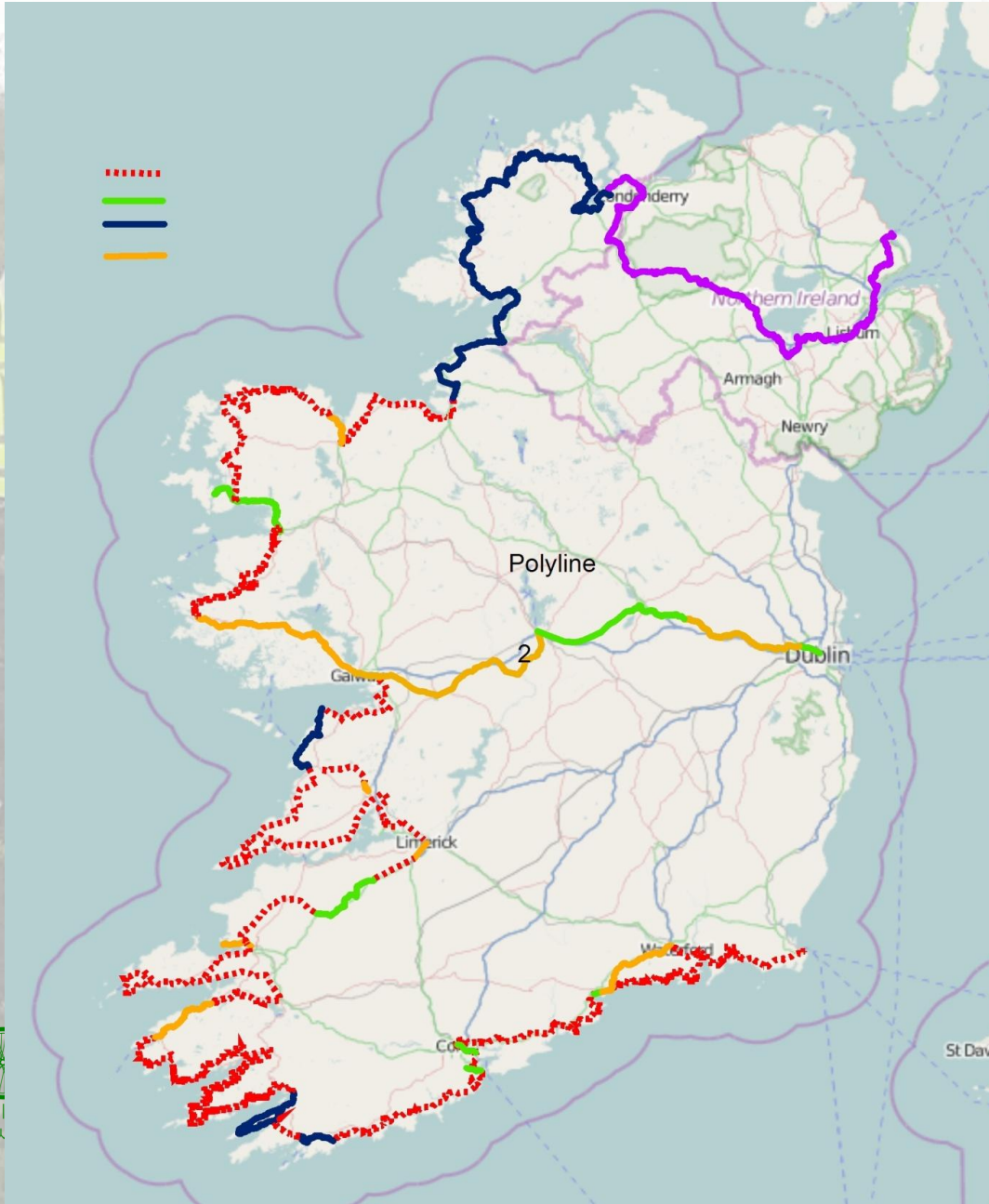
- Massive! – 1500 delegates
- All Things Bike
- Wonderful Atmosphere
- City committed to event
- International
- So much happening
- Chance to get energised!
- Chance to learn from other experiences
- Hard Bloody Work!

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Euro Velo Coordination Meeting

- Representing Ireland's Euro Velo Coordination Committee
- Euro Velo system now 20 years old!
- 24 countries represented
- Presentations by different countries, but France – 7,000km of Euro Velo of which 71% completed
- France national cycle network is 21,000km of which 55% is in place
- Route certification process near final development
- Euro Velo 8 is in some trouble and may have to be delisted
- But, EV 17 , Rhone Route being developed and extension to EV1 in Iceland

Ireland's Present EuroVelo Development



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Great Plenary Sessions with International Panels, Politicians,
Writers and experts – very inspirational
Amanda Ngabirano from Uganda

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- Great to see a Good Irish Presence – and CRAIC!



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Final Impressions – Lessons Learnt:

- R&D on Cycling Investment is out there and needs to be used more in convincing decision makers
- Reinforcement of arguments and reasons to promote cycling, especially Health benefits
- Having a National Cycling Officer or even local cycling officer can make a difference
- Having senior politicians/mayors can help to implement change - Paris example
- Ireland needs to implement European standard contra flow systems and technical innovations
- Bike as a catalyst for social change
- Invest in monitoring – can provide ammunition to back up arguments – Nantes 38 cycle counters!
- Ireland needs to up its game in relation to sustainable transport investment and cycling development