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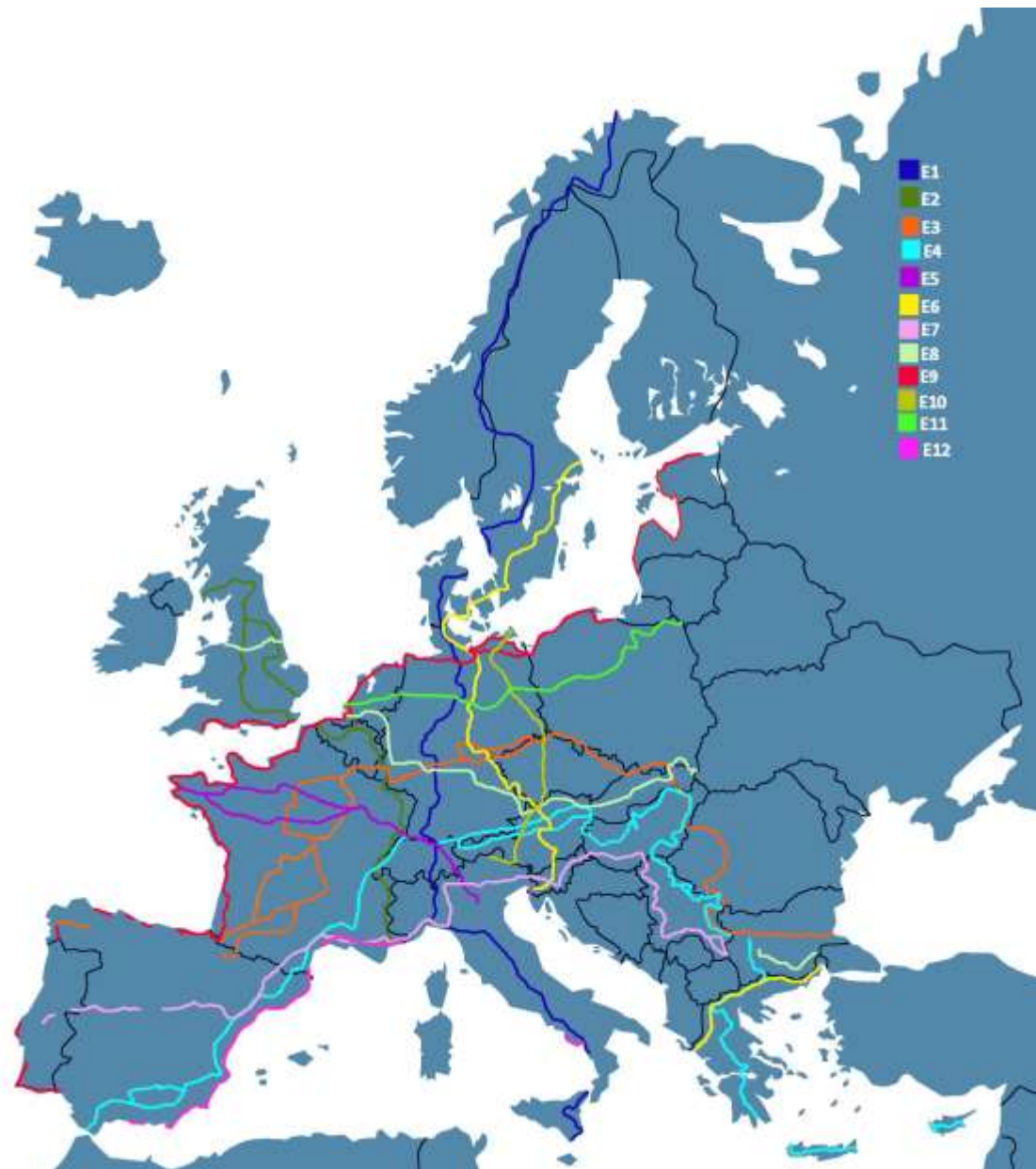
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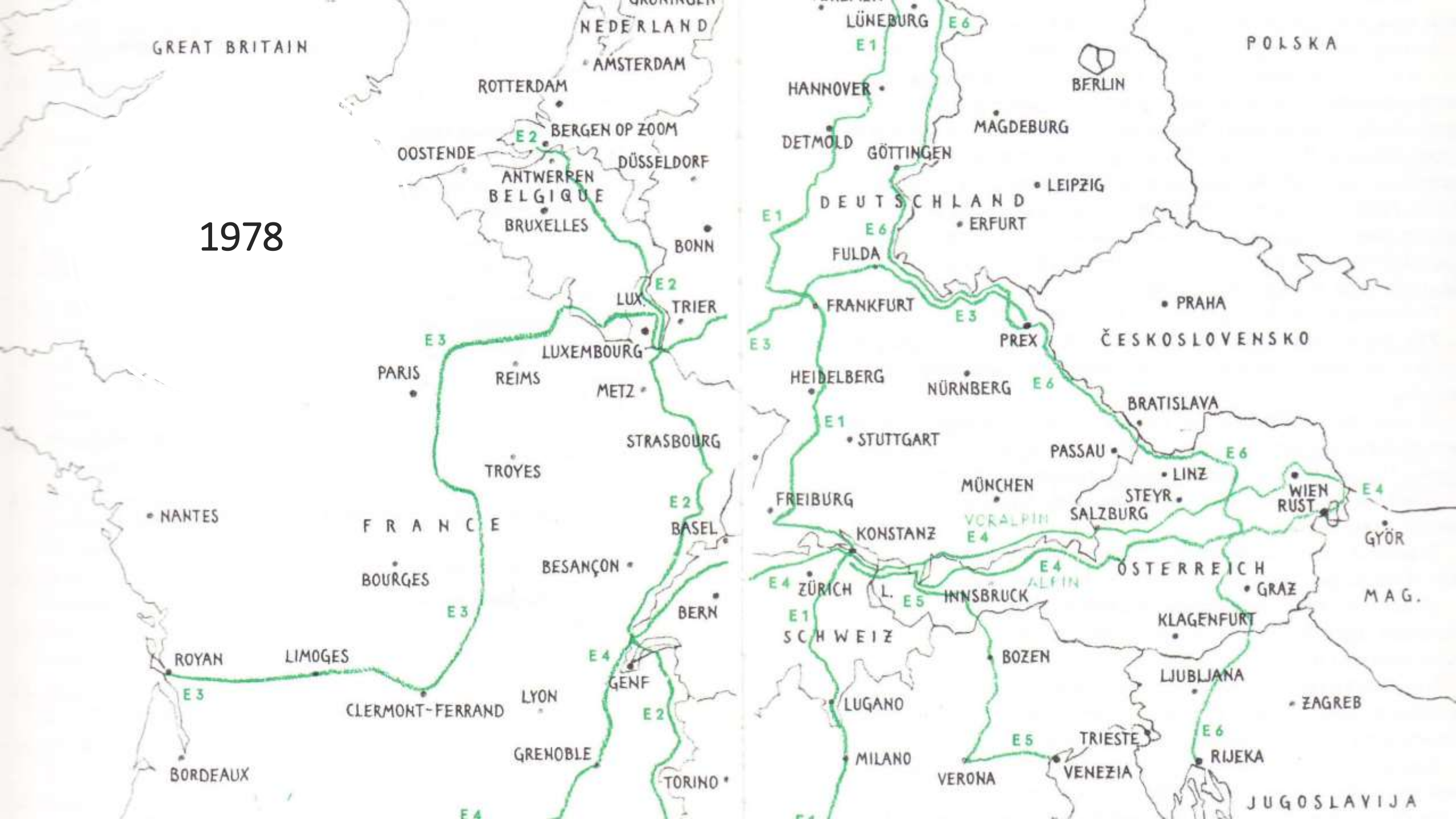
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# E-Paths

E-paths connect Europe

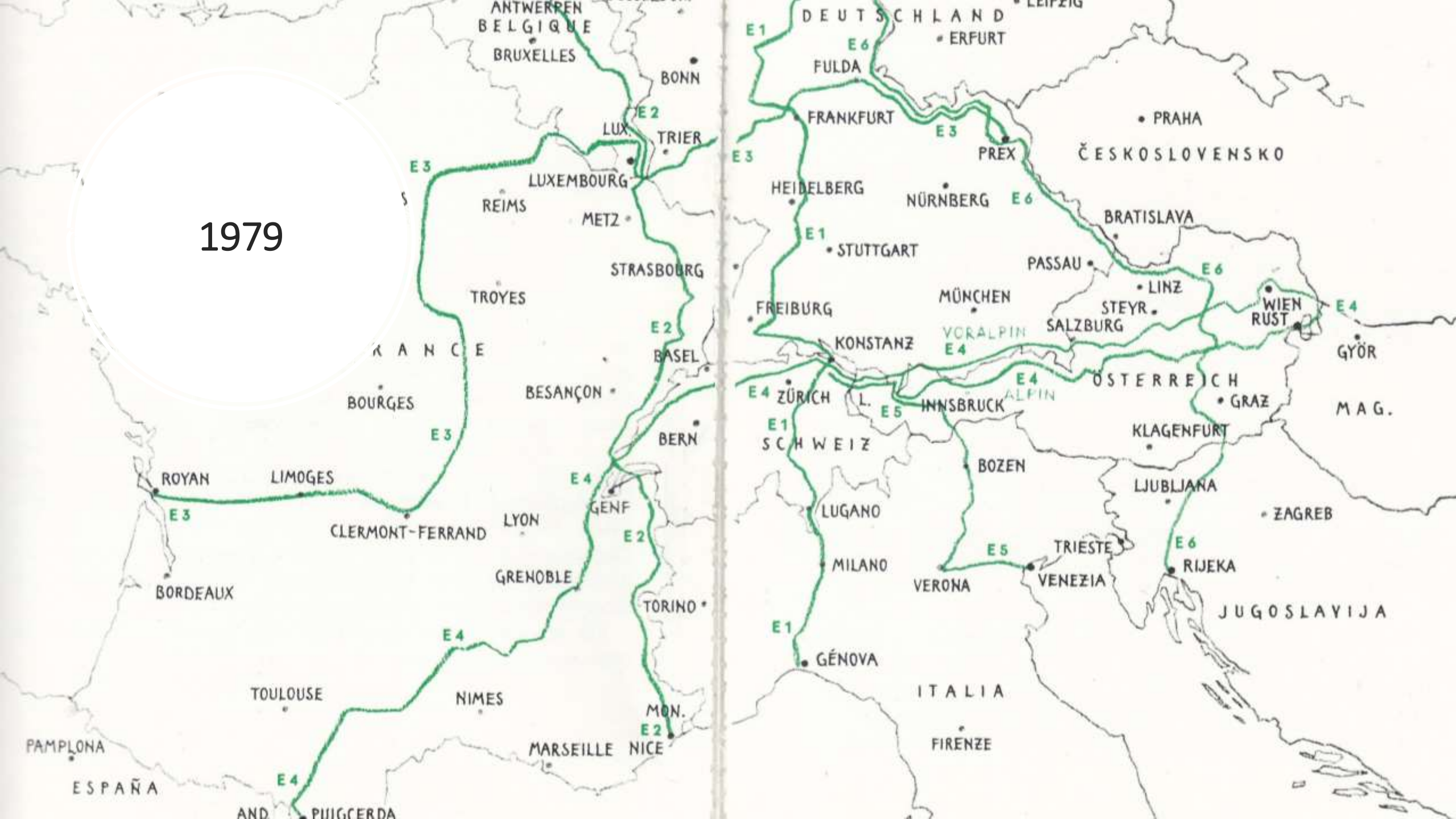


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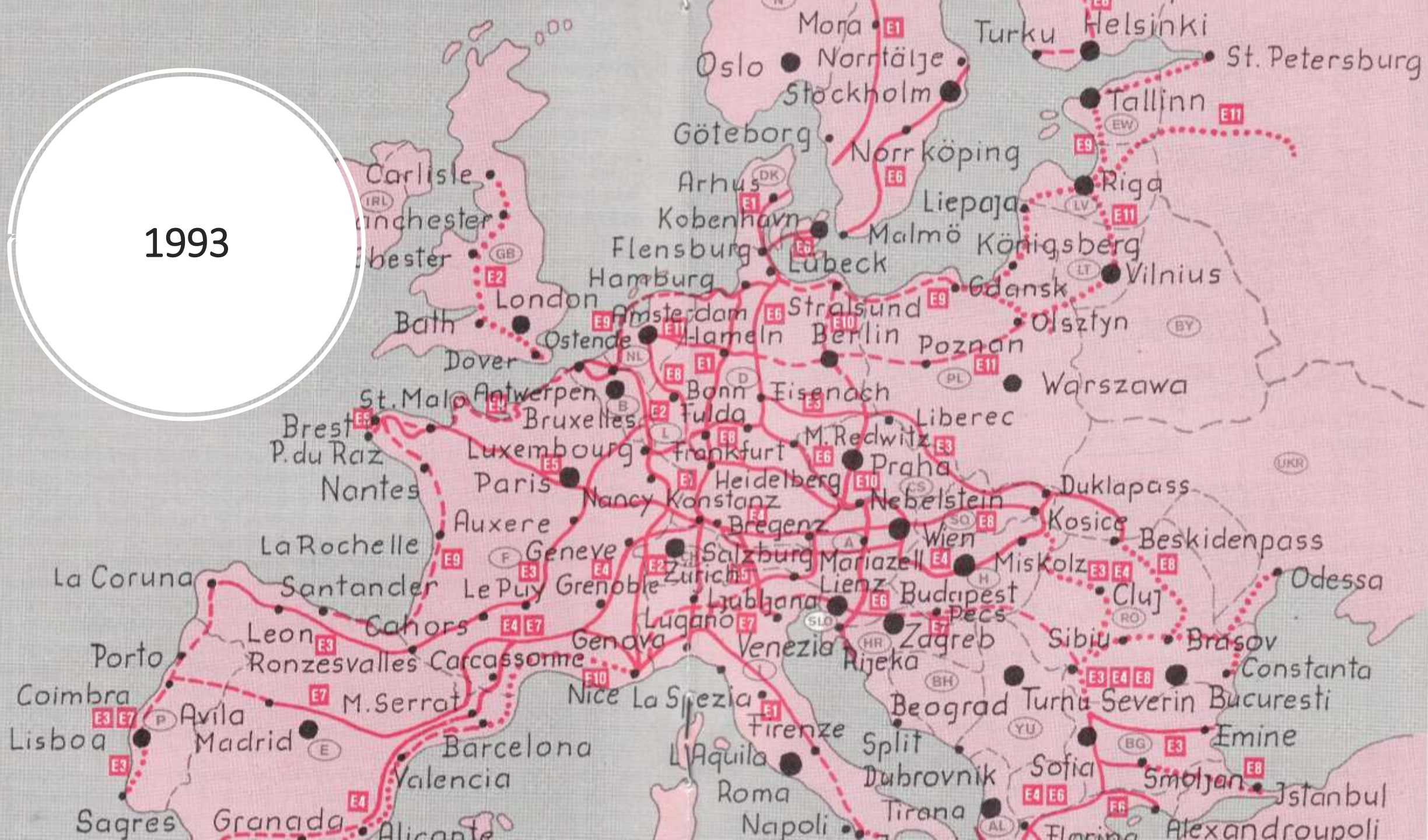


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# What are E-paths

- 12 E-paths of more than 70.000 km that connect Europe
- Connect national and regional walking trails
- You can visit and explore specific regions and countries
- Connect people

The E-paths are excellent trails for the exploration of Europe by walking.

Walk for many days, learning about the nature, culture and history of different parts of Europe, getting fitness as for the walkers as for other athletes and sportsmen.

The E-paths are good:

- to build an idea of a common Europe
- to discover different corners of Europe
- to know “slowly and softly” different landscapes, cultures, history, gastronomy



# A new E-path project



**We have restarted a project that ensures promotion of the European long-distance paths (E-paths) and thereby makes sure that the E-paths are well known by walkers all over Europe**

# Reasons to promote the E-paths:



- To improve relationships with our member organisations
- To establish and increase ERA's brand awareness.
- To improve the European integration by walking on E-Paths and by cross-border events.
- To improve the touristic infrastructure in less-privileged countries.
- To make concrete the dreams of the Founders.
- To maintain the number of member organisations.



# The Plan



We have set up a [separate website for E-Paths](#) geared to the public so that the E-paths will get better known in the walking community and used more frequently.

A Working Group is established at spring 2019 in order to coordinate the work.

We are contacting the member organisations to ask for voluntary assistance to gather the information by each E-path.



# The Plan

The website is active and up and running at [era-ewv-ferp.org/e-paths/](http://era-ewv-ferp.org/e-paths/)

The working group has met 3 times and are working to:

- Establish subgroups for each E-path
- Gather information
- Promote the E-paths
- Continue previous work on expanding and improving the E-paths
- Think E-path events (like this event)



# European Ramblers Association



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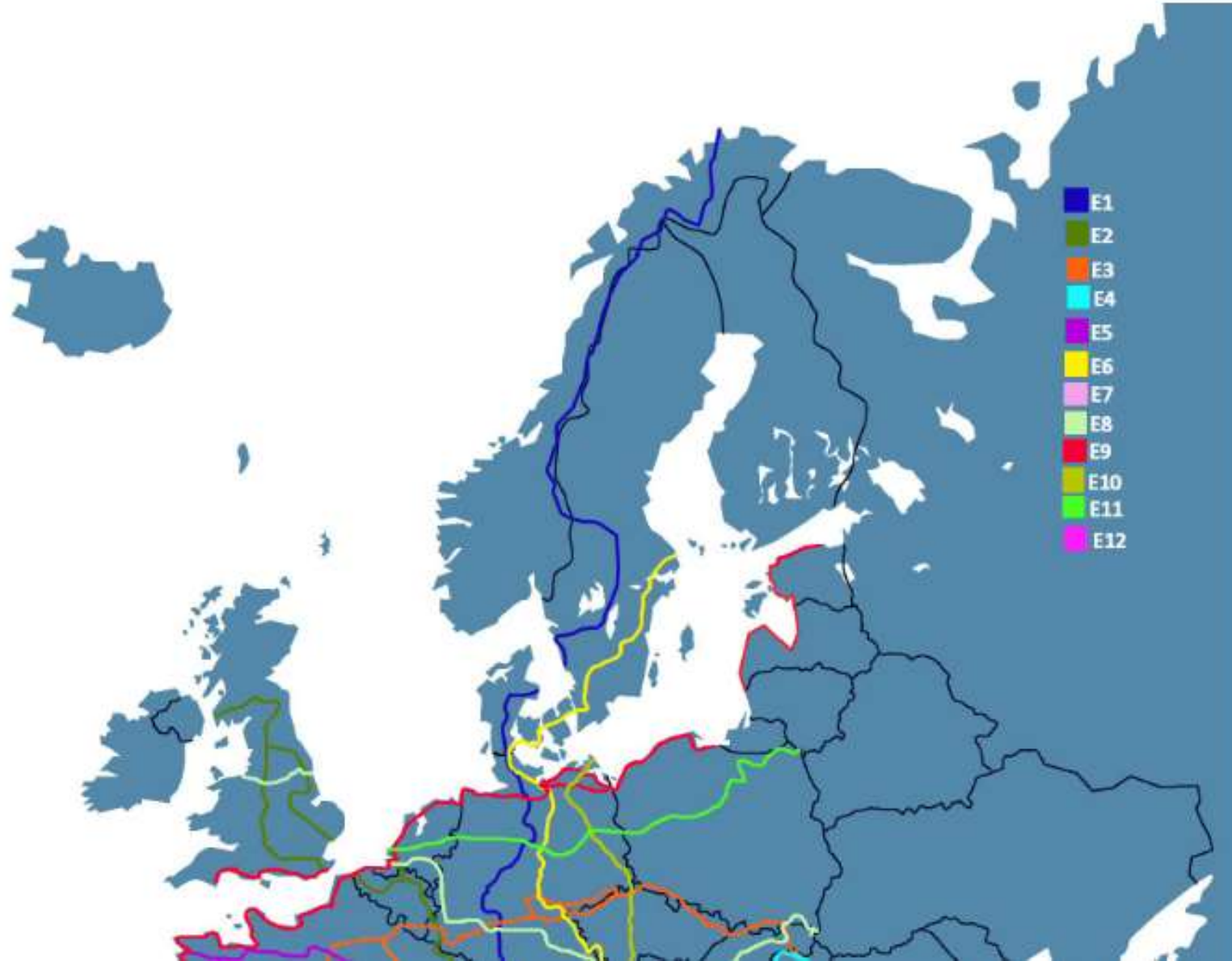
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E-paths are the backbone of Europe's walking trails. E-paths are long distance trails that connect national and regional walking trails and provide intercultural experiences across the borders.



## Recent posts

[E-path event in Tarifa, Spain](#) 22/03/2019

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[ERA member organisations website](#) 17/03/2019

[Booklet 2019 about Leading Quality Trails Best of Europe](#) 14/03/2019

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## Combine the information from Waymarked Trails, Wikipedia and Trildino

You may find the routes and download GPX files at [Waymarked Trails](#) and find information about the E-paths at [Wikipedia](#).

You can also find more detailed information about the E-Paths [on the website of our partner Trildino](#).

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**Communicate** about the E-paths here.

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### Logistics

Use [Google Maps](#), [TripAdvisor](#) or [Hostels](#) to find accomodation, food and other logistics along your route.

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### Find the 12 E-paths below:

- **E1:** 7.000 km Nordkapp (N) – Göteborg (S) – Konstanz (D) – Lugano (CH) – Genova (I) – Salerno (I)

# E9

E9 is The Atlantic and Baltic E-path. E9 is 5.500 km and passes through Portugal, Spain, France, Great Britain, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Poland. Latvia and Estonia.

E9 on Waymarked Trails

E9 on Wikipedia

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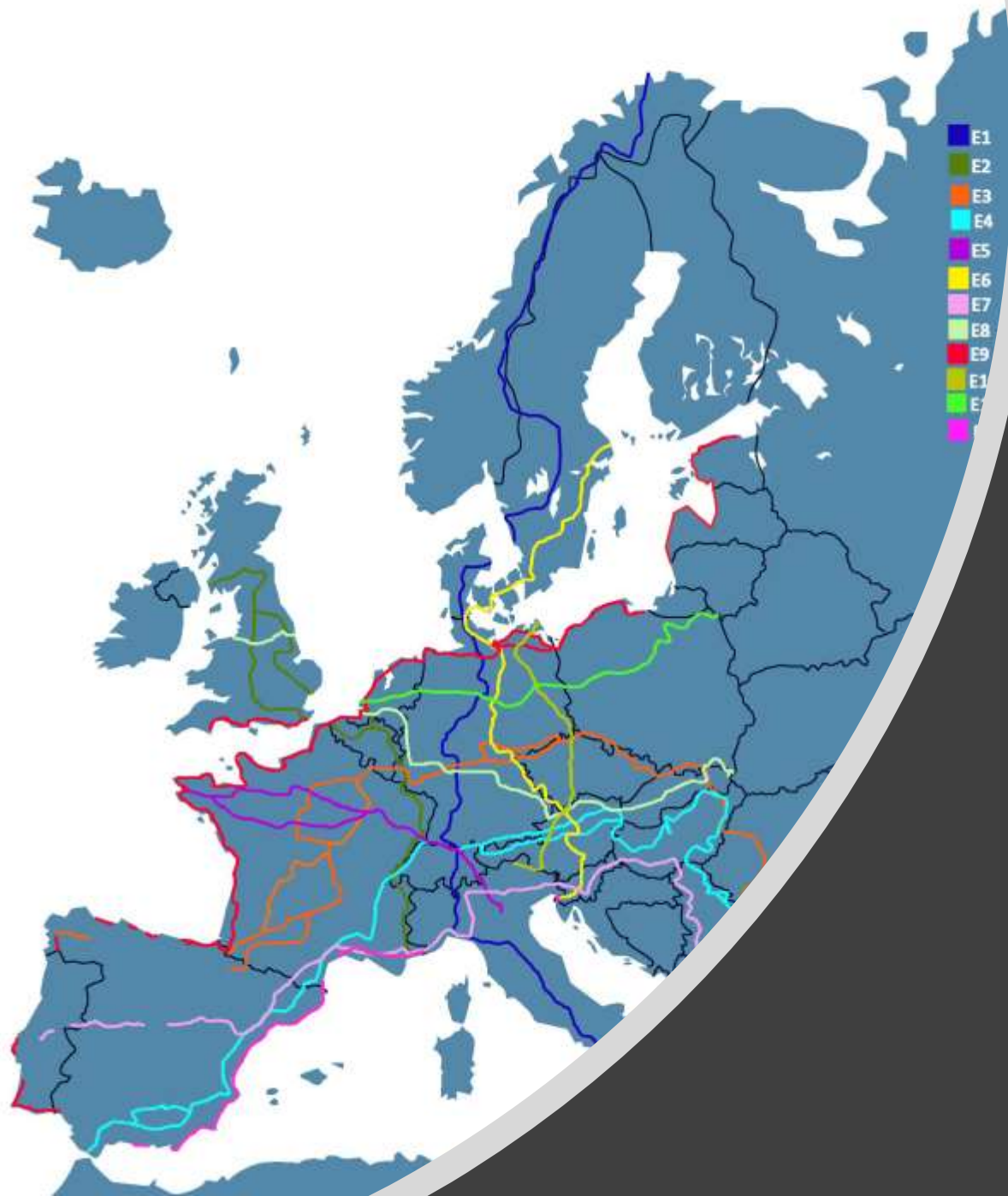
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# The future



- We will supplement with other and better platforms for E-paths
- We seek money from funds and organisations to develop the project



The new future of  
the E-paths has  
started ...



# Other projects



- Leading Quality Trails, Best of Europe
- Quality regions (new)
- Quality Day Walks (new)
- More projects, more partners, more stakeholders, more money, ....
- Much more to be informed about in Bad Urach in October 2019.

# Strategy 2019- (Focus points from 2019 and onwards)



- Provide benefits for our member organisations.
- Prepare, organise, stimulate and support walking events.
- Actively promote the E-paths, the LQTs and Walk Leader.
- Establish and maintain cooperation with EU bodies and relevant international organisations and agencies.
- Develop and implement a financial strategy.
- Develop and implement a marketing and communication strategy to contribute to our business model.

**The Strategy will be adjusted every year**