

Environmental sustainability:

Raising Awareness of Fundamental Rights & EU Values through Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure

A commitment to the future



Galicia has launched a major mobility strategy (“Estratexia Galega de Mobilidade 2050”) with dozens of measures and a budget of several hundred million €.

Due to its dispersed population, the region is investing in multimodal hubs, pedestrian & cycling infrastructure, and rail/road connectivity improvements.





Galicia is a highly dispersed region, and roads are being used as a platform for non-motorised mobility, as this makes a decisive contribution to improving safety on the roads concerned.

Over recent years, the Regional Government of Galicia has implemented a strategy across a highly dispersed region with very rugged terrain, to make use of the roads for which it is responsible as a platform for enabling safe mobility for pedestrians and, where appropriate, for cyclists in their day-to-day movements to places of employment or study, or to use facilities and services. The aim is to avoid motor vehicles usage and contribute to the objectives of tackling climate change.

A strategy was drawn up defining investment priorities for regional roads and was implemented through 11 district-level plans. A multicriteria analysis was carried out to identify the specific characteristics of each road (traffic levels and accident rates), beneficiary populations, environmental integration, current alternative mobility and ease of installation. Common design criteria were developed for the lanes, combining visibility, safety, sustainability, accessibility and landscape compatibility.

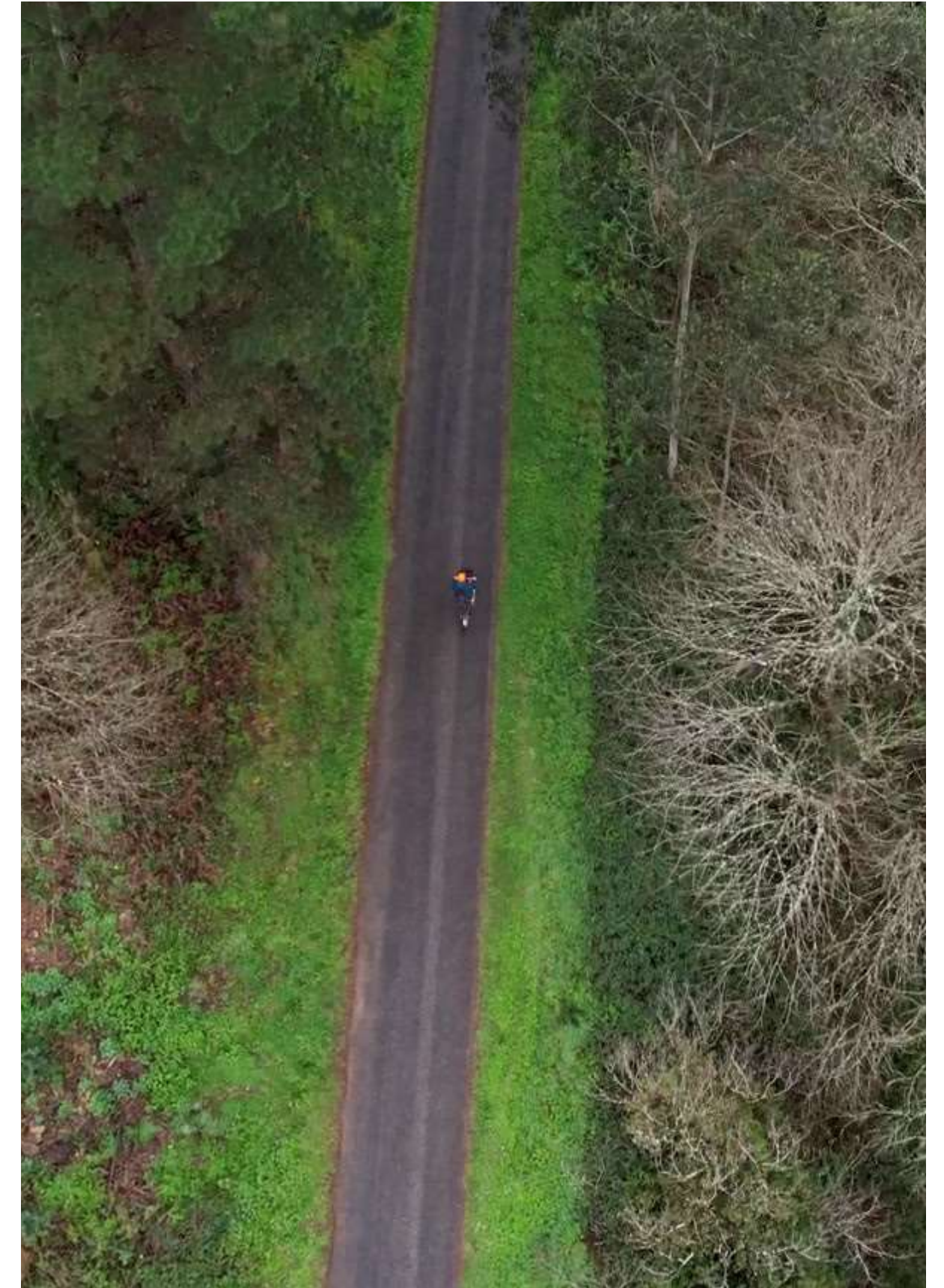
Forty schemes from among the district plans have been completed or are under construction for a total of 75.7 km. Work on eight lanes is scheduled to begin soon, adding a further 15.2 km, thanks to EUR 28 million of EU co-funding. This work is set to continue over the coming years until the plan has been fully implemented, extending to new districts in keeping with the European Green Deal.

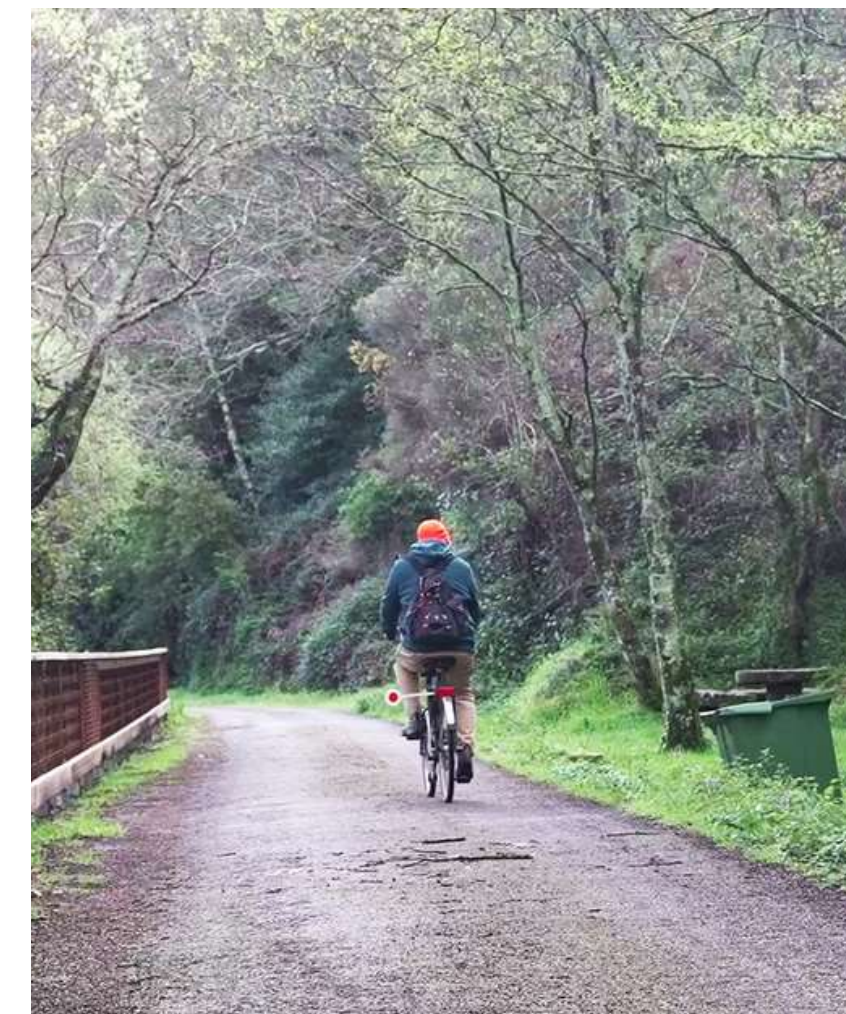


Green Ways

Vías Verdes is a project of the Spanish Railways Foundation in collaboration with local and regional entities that enhance the old railway lines that ran through Spain, now in disuse, and their recovery as cycle tourism itineraries.

Mostly non-motorized itineraries and accessible to all types of public. In parallel, with the conditioning of the old tracks, the built railway heritage has also been recovered, such as bridges, viaducts, tunnels and old stations reconditioned for new tourist and cultural uses.





A healthy and sustainable offer to enjoy the environment and learn about the importance that the railway had for mobility in Spain.

Walks of one or several days on foot or by bicycle to enjoy the most rural Galicia through three of the four Galician provinces.



How Sustainable Transport Supports EU Values & Fundamental Rights

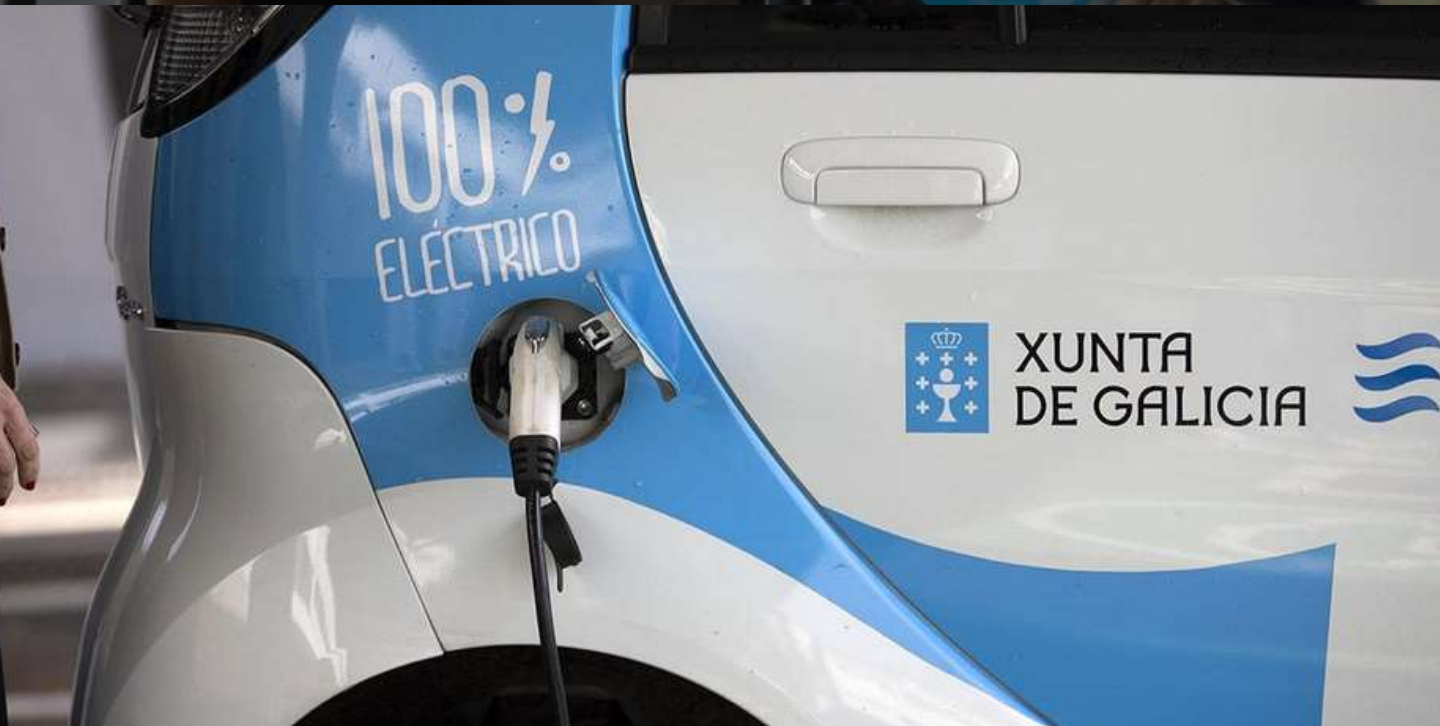


Equality of access & non-discrimination: Inclusive public transport ensure that all citizens - urban or rural, disabled or mobile - can access jobs, services, culture.

Freedom of movement & participation: Efficient sustainable transport enables individuals to participate in social and civic life.

Dignity & environment: Clean air, safe walking and cycling infrastructure support human dignity and the right to a healthy environment.





Electromobility & Digital Platform

Car-sharing service with hybrid/electric vehicles in Galicia aiming to reduce many private vehicle trips;

Digital ticketing platform for public transport in Galicia enabling mobile payment and integration of services.

Ensures technological access, supports inclusion (younger/older users, rural areas), promotes sustainability and modern infrastructure for all.





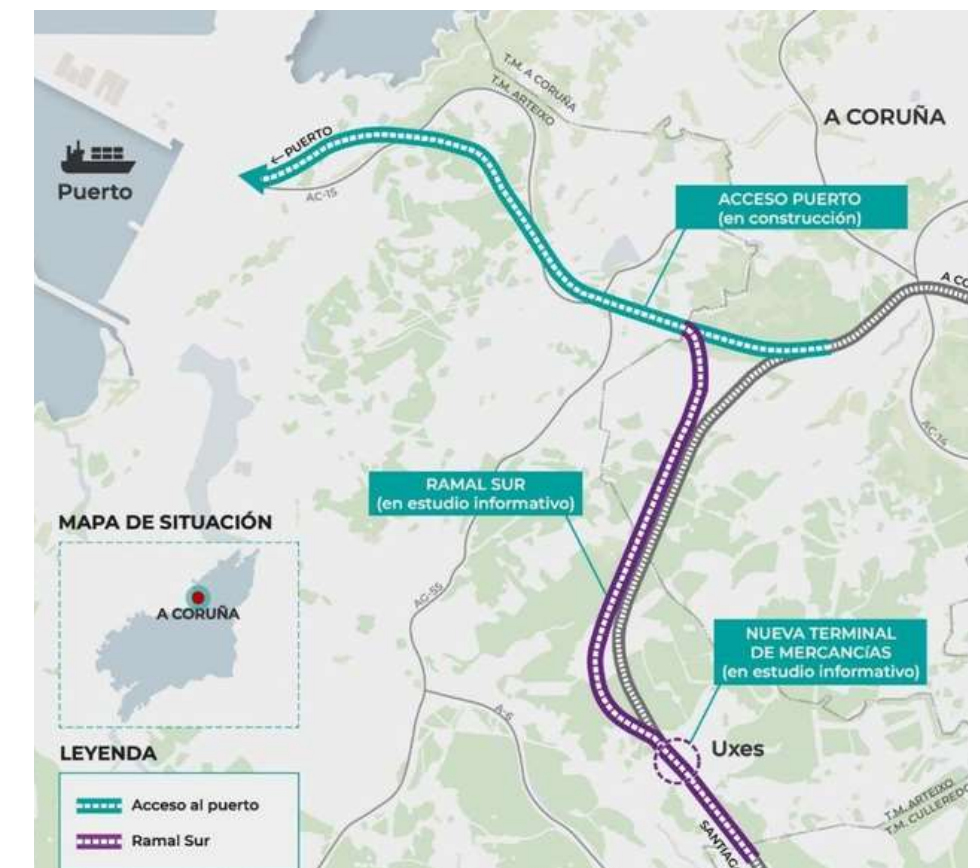
Rail & Freight Infrastructure in Galicia



New southern access branch to the outer port of A Coruña and goods terminal at Uxes (investment ~€123)

Shifts freight from road to rail (lower emissions, less congestion); improves connectivity between port, hinterland and Europe; supports modal shift — key sustainable transport principle.

Better freight logistics reduce environmental burdens on communities; improved regional connectivity supports economic rights and social inclusion.



Funding & Policy Instruments in Galicia



Regional mobility strategy in Galicia with initial budget (\approx €420 million) and multiple programmes/measures.

National support programmes (“Support for Sustainable and Digital Transport”) allocated funds to Galicia’s projects and EU funds (Cohesion, ERDF, NextGeneration) enable infrastructure investment in sustainable transport in Galicia.

Implication: Towns in Galicia can access multi-level funding (EU → national → regional) for sustainable transport + rights-based awareness interventions.



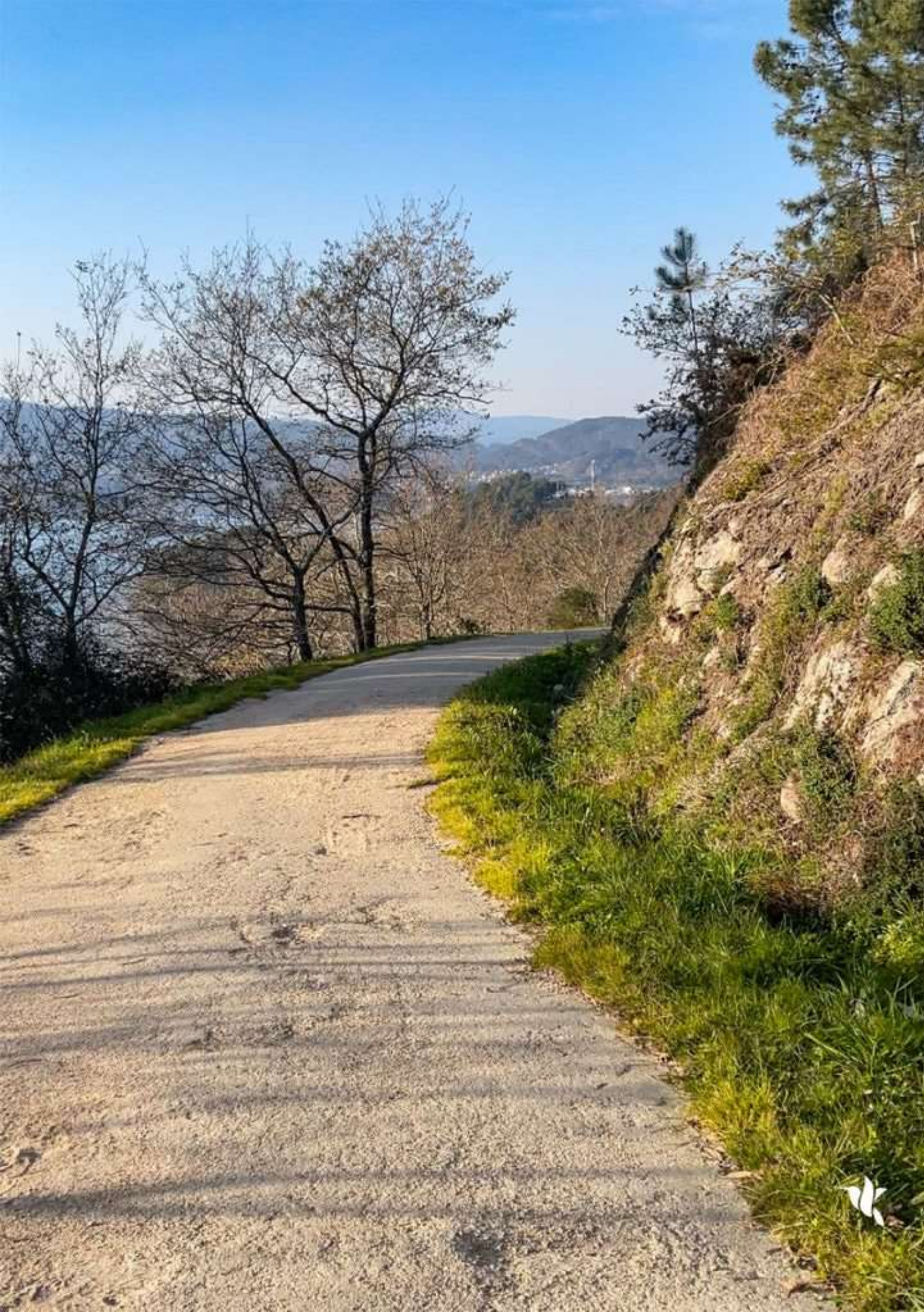
Accessibility, Fundamental Rights & Inclusion in Transport

Infrastructure must be designed for universal access: low-floor buses/trains, tactile paving, audio announcements, accessible stops/stations.

Inclusion of vulnerable groups (elderly, disabled, rural populations) in mobility planning.

Accessibility = right to freedom of movement and non-discrimination; sustainable transport supports social justice and inclusiveness.





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