



# **STIL – Route planning & Pilot routes in Finland**

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# Selecting pilot routes

## 1) Mapping routes

- The use of existing road infrastructure and existing trails
- Safe and suitable for soft adventure
- Choice of areas with short distances between villages and many points of cultural and natural attraction
- Prioritize border regions
- Public transportation
- Routes that benefits other interests: hiking, canoeing and fishing, village events and cultural happening

## 2) Mapping ongoing and recent biking projects

- Emphasis on mountain biking

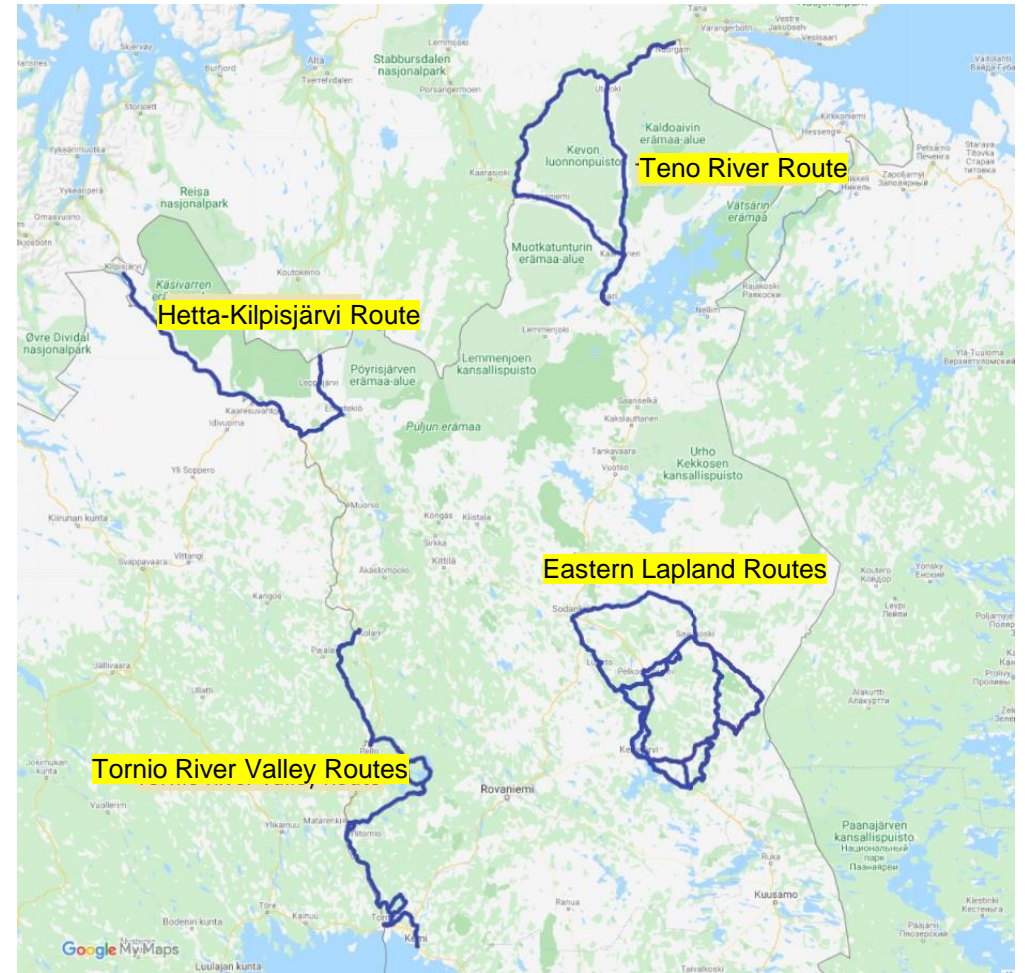
## 3) Mapping services

- Survey sent to 350 enterprises along the mapped routes
- Visiting the services during spring & summer
- Result: approx. 70 contacts



# Pilot routes in Finland

- Eastern Lapland Routes
- River Teno Route
- Tornio River Valley Routes
- Hetta-Kilpisjärvi Route



# Eastern Lapland Routes

- Easy reach by train
- Routes with different lengths (Loop of Suomu, Loop of Pyhä & Eastern Lapland loop)
- Good distance between services
- Historical (war) sights
- The northernmost ferry (lossi) in Finland















# Teno River Route

- A border route with Norway (Karigasniemi, Utsjoki, Nuorgam)
- "Tenojoentie" the most beautiful road in Finland
- Long distance between services / lack of services and public transportation
- Heavy traffic along some parts of the route when the borders are open?









RECEPTION

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# Tornio River Valley Routes

- The border routes with Sweden: difficulties in testing due to covid-19
- Railway track along the way
- Combination of interesting border towns (Kemi, Keminmaa, Tornio, Ylitornio, Kolari)
- Needs to be packgaed into smaller thematised route options with cross-border collaboration

















# Hetta-Kilpisjärvi Route

- A border route with Sweden & Norway
- The highest point of the roads in Finland
- Beautiful scenery of Lapland
- Long distances and lack of services
- Normally quite heavy traffic in summer season – due to covid-19 pleasant to bike in summer 2021























Kiitos!  
Tack!  
Takk!  
Thank you!



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