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200 cyclists take part in National Bike Ride

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Some 200 cyclists took part in the third edition of National Mobility Ride, as part of European Mobility Week. Some of those taking part in the bike ride told tvn.com.mt that they travel to work daily on bicycles, both to avoid the traffic and to keep themselves fit.

The National Bike Ride attracts persons for whom physical health and the environment are a priority in their lives. Hundreds of cyclists today pedaled along a route starting from Floriana at 8.30 a.m., to Mosta and Back to Floriana.

One of the cyclists who uses his bicycle to go to work, Adrian Leone Ganado, said he owns a car but prefers to leave it at home and use his bicycle.

Joanna Pecorella said she works in an office. "I go to work by bicycle, just a few kilometres, I'm there in ten minutes and just change out of my top and trousers."

Transport Minister Joe Mizzi said Government was conscious of the challenges faced by cyclists to practice their sport on Malta's roads, and will be working on a big educational campaign for caution on the roads, not just by vehicle drivers and motor-cyclists but also by the cyclists themselves, besides of course pedestrians. Minister Mizzi said Government would continue to offer incentives for those using clean transport like bicycles, and emphasis is being made for every new road to have adequate space for cyclists.

This bike ride was a pleasant trip for cyclists, as they could pedal away without any dangers.

"I enjoyed it, as it's the only occasion during the year when he have Police escorts and empty roads."

"A beautiful experience, so good to see so many Maltese taking part."

This year European Mobility Week was also promoting the idea of more investment in a stronger economy when a country promotes more mobility.



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