



## PRESS RELEASE

The first **"CROSS-BORDER EGB BIKE TOUR"** dedicated to the press took place today between the Italian and Slovenian Julian Alps and Pre-Alps **to visit some of the iconic Cold War sites along the former Iron Curtain, now the European Green Belt (EGB)**. It was organised by the Julian Pre-Alps Nature Park in collaboration with the Rete Italiana EGB Association, the support of the Triglav National Park, the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia and the Consorzio Acquedotto del Friuli Centrale.

The suggestive location of the two nature parks - the Julian Pre-Alps and the Triglav which, for years now, have provided a valuable example of cross-border co-operation, so much so that they have been **jointly recognised as a cross-border protected area since 2009**. The area covered also represents the very heart of the **two adjacent Julian Alps Biosphere Reserves established by UNESCO as part of the MAB programme** ("Man and the Biosphere").

**This tour, dedicated to mass media representatives and aimed at promoting sustainable mobility along the EGB, has inaugurated the EGB DAYS**, annually celebrated between 18th and 24th September in all the EUROPEAN COUNTRIES affected by the former Iron Curtain in order to celebrate biological diversity and cultural heritage along the border that once divided the East and West of Europe and the world.

**At the same time, the "Natura e Guerra Fredda. Ambienti in evoluzione lungo la ex Cortina di Ferro" (Nature and the Cold War. Evolving environments along the former Iron Curtain) photography competition was launched**. It will be open until 15th November 2020, followed by exhibitions showcasing the best portfolios of photos taken throughout the region. INFO, PRIZES AND REGULATIONS can be found by visiting [www.parcoprealpigiulie.it](http://www.parcoprealpigiulie.it)