



IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT OF HISTORIC AREAS



Facts & Figures

 13

Project partners

 19

Outputs planned until November 2019

 1.850.795,95 €

Investment value for involved regions



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Long-term preservation of historic structures requires an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable approach. BhENEFIT focuses on improving management of historic built areas (HBA) and tries out innovative solutions to optimize building performance, increase energy efficiency and promote monitoring activities that reduces the need for emergency repairs. Pilot projects will give partners a chance to test action plans and ICT tools.





In short

The Project includes the involvement of stakeholders related to build heritage preservation, sustainable reuse, and social and economic growth. The main outputs of the projects tackle several different challenges of HBA management:

- enhancement of awareness and skills of involved stakeholders,
- increase of data and information availability and systematic monitoring,
- increase of exchange and coordination among authorities and public/private organizations,
- increase of monitoring and planning tools.



Strategies & Action plans

The project will produce the Strategy for Sustainable Management of HBA together with the guidelines for its local implementation. The Strategy is going to focus on governance issues and involved Public Administrations. In the same framework, every partner will develop specific guidelines for the implementation of the Strategy within the local context.



Pilot action

A variety of pilot actions is planned. In Mantova and Bratislava, pilot actions will be connected with the implementation of the Web-GIS platform, while in Graz and Karlovac, pilot actions are going to focus on the implementation of the Decision Support System (DSS). On the other hand, transnational pilot actions will be jointly launched as target events to test the guidelines. Some events will focus on stakeholders' involvement, while others will emphasise awareness rising campaigns tool-kits.



Tools

The project will develop several tools. The first one will be the best practice transfer tool which will evaluate critical factors and the transferability of best practices to other contexts. The Web GIS tool, however, will offer a monitoring system used for sustainable preservation. An additional tool will provide a DSS for the planning of maintenance by suggesting the criteria and actions for prevention, emergency situations, planning and maintenance in a generic HBA of the CE region. Finally, different guidelines will support the process of stakeholder's involvement, the capacity building of HBA management decision-makers and support the creation of an awareness campaign tool-kit.



Trainings

For the purpose of an efficient deployment of tools, several trainings will be provided. The first training will include local administrators for the Web-GIS Platform in order to introduce them to the general functionalities of the GIS Platform and to train nonexperts for its usage. Further on, another training session will be carried out with the purpose of introducing and training of nonexperts for the DSS within territorial authorities. The final pilot training will test the guidelines for capacity building. All of these trainings are going to be implemented by technical partners.



Who we are

Thirteen partners from central European countries joined forces to improve environmental management in urban areas.

Austria

- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

Croatia

- City of Karlovac
- North-west Croatia regional Energy Agency

Hungary

- Szabolcs 05 Regional Development Association of Municipalities
- Eastern Hungarian European Initiatives Foundation

Italy

- Municipality of Mantova (lead partner)
- Emilia Romagna Region
- Politecnica Consulting Engineering Firm Cooperative Society

Czech Republic

- Institute for Sustainable Development of Settlements

Slovakia

- City of Poprad
- Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, SPECTRA Centre of Excellence of the EU

Slovenia

- Idrija-Cerkno Development Agency
- Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia