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immigration

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information society

landscape

culture

environmental protection

risk and water
management

Preface to the 2nd edition

On the occasion of the Annual Programme Conference, hosted by the City of Vienna on 25-26 April 2005, we were glad to present the first edition of the CADSES project book with descriptions of the projects approved under the INTERREG III B CADSES Programme.

The aim of this book is to show how the priorities of INTERREG are fulfilled by the approved projects, and to provide reference materials for those who wish to develop new partnerships and project ideas in the field of spatial development.

72 projects have been approved in the first and second call between 2002 and 2003, and cover all priorities of the programme.

For each project you will find a description of the activities and the results expected, together with a list of the partners involved, the budget and the duration of the activities. A small map will also show the territorial extension of the partnership and its transnational dimension.

Project information was compiled by the Joint Technical Secretariat from data available in the application form, in the signed subsidy contracts and on the basis of the information delivered by the Lead Partners. We would like to thank all representatives of the projects for providing us with very useful and updated material.

As a consequence of the great interest raised by the 1st edition of the "Projects in progress" book and in order to meet the high demand coming from a wide variety of actors, we are presenting now the 2nd edition of the CADSES project book.

In addition to the projects of the 1st and 2nd call, on the pages 86-87 you will also find a list of the 3rd call projects which have been approved at the end of April 2005. At this stage some have not started their activities yet, and some are still being contracted. For this reason, we can now provide only the essential data for each of these new projects.

More information on a specific project (from publications and dissemination activities, to public events and results and outputs) can be found on the project's Website, if indicated, or can be provided by the contact person.

If you wish to learn more about the programme, you can contact the JTS or visit us on the Web at www.cadses.net.

We hope you enjoy reading it!

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INTERREG III B CADSES Neighbourhood Programme

Out of the three strands (A,B,C) of the Community Initiative INTERREG III, CADSES belongs to the B strand, addressing trans-european cooperation on a transnational level, whereas the cornerstone of strands A and C are cross-border cooperation and transregional cooperation respectively.

Around 200 million people, more than 15 nationalities and more than 10 languages make CADSES unique. From the coasts of the Baltic Sea, over the mountains of the Central Europe and the Hungarian plains, the Austrian and Slovenian alpine landscapes, CADSES stretches down to western Italy and Greece, thus including the Balkan regions, the Republic of Moldova and part of Ukraine.

In this lively framework CADSES is faced with new challenges: the enlargement and the Neighbourhood. Poland, Slovenia, Hungary, Czech and Slovak Republics received a new status on 1st May 2004, they are members of the European Union now. Simultaneously the INTERREG III B CADSES programme was transformed into a "Neighbourhood" programme (NP). This kind of programme is based on the existing INTERREG programmes along the border. The NP is a step forward to develop a new financial instrument for future cooperation in INTERREG (2007-2013).

CADSES has partitioned out the mission of INTERREG into the following four priorities and twelve measures:

Priority 1 Promoting spatial development approaches and actions for social and economic cohesion	Priority 2 Efficient and sustainable transport systems and access to the information society	Priority 3 Promotion and management of landscape, natural and cultural heritage	Priority 4 Environment protection, resource management and risk prevention
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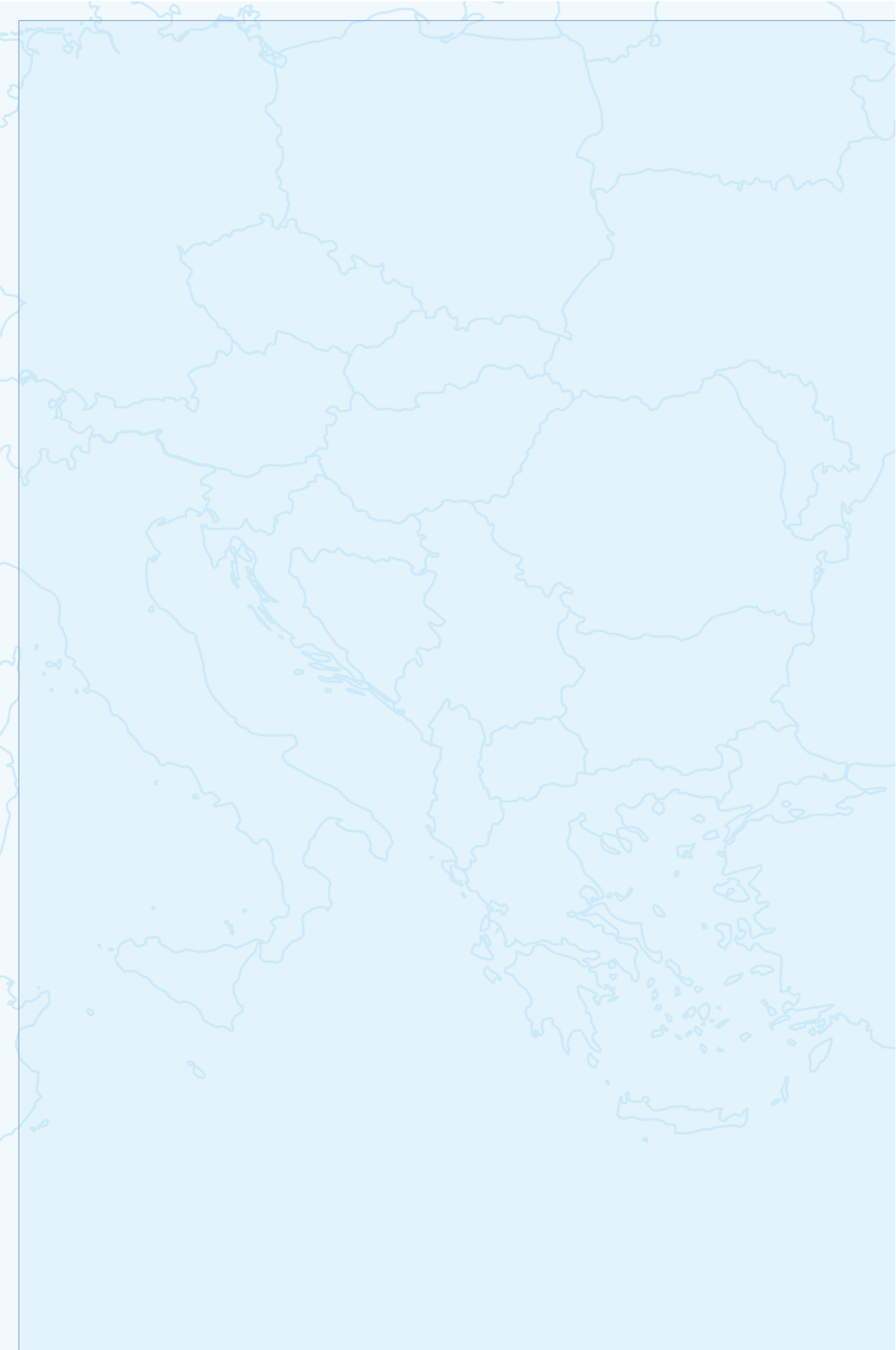
CADSES Countries and regions



The co-operation area includes regions belonging to nine EU-Member States: Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovak Republic and Slovenia as well as to nine Non-EU-

Member States: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Federation of Serbia and Montenegro, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine.

Albania	The whole country
Austria	The whole country
Bosnia Herzegovina	The whole country
Bulgaria	The whole country
Croatia	The whole country
Czech Republic	The whole country
Serbia and Montenegro	The whole country
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	The whole country
Germany	Baden-Württemberg, Bayern, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Sachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt, Berlin, Brandenburg, Thüringen (all NUTS-II)
Greece	The whole country
Hungary	The whole country
Italy	Puglia, Molise, Abruzzi, Marche, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Veneto, Emilia-Romagna, Lombardia, Trentino-Alto Adige, Umbria, Basilicata
Poland	The whole country
Republic of Moldova	The whole country
Romania	The whole country
Slovak Republic	The whole country
Slovenia	The whole country
Ukraine	Odessa oblast, Zakarpatska oblast, Lvivska oblast, Volynska oblast, Ivano-Frankivska oblast, Chernivetska oblast



Priority 1

Promoting spatial development approaches and actions for social and economic cohesion

The major aim of this priority is to further enhance cooperation and networking between key actors of spatial development policies on both sides of the external EU border as well as between NMS, Accession Countries and Third Countries.

The addressees come from spatial planning, regional economic policy and spatially relevant sectoral and functional policies. All relevant levels of administration, i.e. local, regional, national, and European level, should be represented in actions supported under this priority.

Four areas of intervention are foreseen:

Measure 1.1

Supporting joint strategies and actions for implementation

This measure aims at intensifying transnational cooperation of actors defining spatial development policies at different levels in order to achieve a greater coherence among policies related to, e.g., regional development, environment, transport, urban and rural development.

Measure 1.2

Shaping urban development, promoting urban networks and co-operation

This measure is oriented towards urban development and a more polycentric settlement pattern. It aims at strengthening urban economies, promoting urban restructuring, etc.

Measure 1.3

Shaping rural development

This measure supports actions which aim at strengthening and restructuring rural areas, which is of particular importance for significant parts of the EU territory within CADSES, as well as for Accession Countries. Synergies with Rural Development Programs (RPD) in the EU Member States and possible co-financing from the SAPARD instrument should be considered.

Measure 1.4

Spatial impact of immigration

This measure deals with spatial aspects of migration. Its aim is to develop joint spatial policy strategies for the countries of origin and destination.

CONSPACE

Common Strategy Network for Spatial Development and Implementation



Project description

The region involved faces a pre-accession situation and is geographically and functionally an interface to future EU enlargement. The region is characterised by highly diversified types of landscapes and physical structures with a vast natural and cultural heritage. The system of central places is without a dominating agglomeration. The net of the north/ south and east/ west TEN- and TINA-corridors creates a strong impact on accessibility, economic location development, economic exchange and future prosperity.

There has been a tradition of exchanging information within the region as part of the ALPS-ADRIATIC working community and the previous period of INTERREG. However, the administrative structures, planning systems, planning philosophies and systems of basic information needed for regional development issues are still quite different. The resulting inconsistencies have a negative impact on a more balanced development of the region.

Results & Effects

The partners will use a set of core planning data and indicators based on compatible systems of GIS (Geographic Information Systems). These databases will be used as a tool for analysing transnational regional development indicators, for identifying mutual impact of the accession process on both sides and for activities in environmental protection. The existing development plans and programs and their planning procedures and approaches are analysed and documented; the useful elements for the development of a transnational development strategy are identified with a specific focus on the polycentric structure of the region, its natural and cultural heritage, and on the interconnection of its regional transport networks to the TEN and TINA corridors. The "to-do-list" lists follow-up activities at different administrative or legal levels to secure a sustainable framework for common future action and recommendations for policy actions. The draft of a transnational regional development

strategy will be used for political acceptance procedures by all partners. The strategy will include goals and visions, an identification of resources and stakeholders, a definition of development chances with special emphasis on innovation and structural change, a time table for actions and a set of strategic measures of implementation.

Furthermore, CONSPACE achieved that:

- ▶ Administrative bodies exchange information on regional strategies,
- ▶ Public institutions lobby in their regions for integrated spatial development,
- ▶ Partnership links are developing,
- ▶ CADSES region network has been maintained and extended,
- ▶ Common planning guidelines, plans or land use plans have been developed,
- ▶ Strategies/ perspectives for CADSES subregions have been created,
- ▶ Participating regions are aware of supply/ demand inconsistencies and act against it,
- ▶ A considerable number of partners have improved their legislative setting for better cooperation; are promoting compatibility of their databases and information instruments; have made use of project results in their urban development and restructuring plans.



Duration

Start 04/2003
End 03/2006

Budget

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ESTIA-SPOSE

European Space – Territorial Indicators and Actions for a Spatial Planning Observatory in South-Eastern Europe

Measure 1.1

Project description

ESTIA-SPOSE builds upon the experience of the ESTIA project and intends to develop actions for a Spatial Planning Observatory in South-Eastern Europe, based on an integrated system of territorial indicators fully compatible with the approach of ESDP and ESPON.

This system will be tested in selected areas aiming to promote both conceptual understanding and operational compatibility.

The project has three main components:

- ▶ The Territorial Indicators System (TIS) is the conceptual and methodological component of ESTIA-SPOSE. Its construction is the most decisive factor for the establishment of a SPOSE. It will be based on the overall framework and the incoming results of the European Spatial Planning Observatory Network (ESPON).
- ▶ The Pilot Applications of Indicators (PAI) in selected areas is the empirical component of ESTIA-SPOSE. The applicability of the TIS will be tested.
- ▶ The Spatial Planning Observatory Platform (SPOP) will establish a more solid network of agencies of spatial planning and development that will support the operation and discuss all conceptual, methodological and practical aspects of SPOSE based on TIS and PAI in ESTIA-SPOSE space.

Results & Effects

The main objective is to enhance the ability of the SE European countries to collaborate on spatial development and planning issues at transnational level through enhancing their individual and collective ability to collect, elaborate and analyse spatial data, similar to the ESPON program. The ESTIA-SPOSE project is establishing a network of institutions that operates on a common spatial planning observatory platform using a system of common indicators.

The planned activities are:

- ▶ The elaboration of a Territorial Indicators System (TIS), adapted to the SE European Space,
- ▶ The pilot application of indicators (PAI) focusing in NUTS III areas including major cities and development corridors in NUTS II,
- ▶ The establishment of a more solid structure of a Spatial Planning Observatory Platform (SPOP) (Network of National Focal Points), complimenting ESPON and including the area of Western Balkans (FY, Y, BA, AL),
- ▶ Documentation including reports and a comprehensive database allowing for more cooperation,
- ▶ Meetings and workshops promoting the exchange of information and the necessary conceptual understanding and joint agenda for future cooperation,
- ▶ A final conference for scientists, officials and politicians from all ESTIA space and neighbouring CADSES countries.

Duration

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End 06/2006

Budget

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Project description

The project is aimed at providing an overview of existing experiences with credit guarantee in the East European countries, identifying the current policy issues of credit guarantee development in Eastern Europe and recommending how the government can address specific actions in order to create a more enabling environment.

In this context, the project aims to create a pilot project, intended as a form of technical assistance to the creation of a specific guarantee system or to the implementation of an already existing guarantee scheme. This project will enable development of new opportunities of investment in the CADSES countries thanks to innovative tools such as: new financial services, innovative activities aimed at creating new business opportunities, assistance in introducing counter-guarantee instruments (by the European Investment Fund) and promoting the development of national co-guarantee instruments.



GO Network actions are intended to improve companies' access to financial and banking services and the search for innovative financial instruments to support SMEs.

Results & Effects

- ▶ The "SME Guarantee Facility", operated by the European Investment Fund (EIF), is expected to be extended to even the accession countries in the context of the Multi-Annual Programme for Enterprise and Entrepreneurship 2001-2005 (MAP). Considering MAP enlargement also to the accession countries, the present project, in accordance with the EIF, will work on the creation of a favourable environment so that the guarantee organisations can enjoy these benefits.
- ▶ Definition of a system architecture for managing the information on the enterprises with which each partner works.
- ▶ Creation of common standards and operative methodologies among different Credit Guarantee schemes in order to foster cooperation among SMEs and promote their development and internationalisation.
- ▶ To set up a pilot project as a repeatable demonstration project, intended to launch a process of development and integrations which allows the widening and strengthening of the network.

Duration

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End 06/2006

Budget

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IdeQua

Establishment of an Identity- and Quality Axis from the Baltic Sea to the Aegean Sea – Strengthening Regional Identity and Structures of Centres



Measure 1.1

Project description

The project searches identity donating elements in the regional development of different states in the CADSES area - from the Baltic Sea across the German Low Mountain range, the Danube, the Carpathian Mountains, the Balkans, the Black Sea, the Rhodopes Mountains to the Aegean Sea. These identity-donating elements shall help people become aware of the attractiveness of their region, to conserve traditional ways of life and production especially under the conditions of approaching the European Union and to create individual regional cycles. The IdeQua project will test effective models for supporting regional initiatives.

The included area –with the exception of Greece– is a tourist route, frequented during the "socialist" times, which shall be revitalised and given new attractiveness. Hence, the quality and quantity of tourist offerings have to be adapted to these increased expectations. This includes both marketing and highlighting existing potential attractions and their infrastructure basis. An IT-based marketing matrix of one region will be created as a model to be adapted individually and used by all project partners.

For improving the basis of tourism, selected organisations shall implement quality management systems, which will be certified.

Results & Effects

- ▶ Carrying out of the Kick-off meeting in Crete (January 2005),
- ▶ Implementation of a quality management system (ISO 9001) in a selected hotel in the State of Brandenburg; the certification by an external auditor is planned for May 2005,
- ▶ Preparation of an international quality management workshop in Romania at the end of April 2005,
- ▶ Start of SWOT analyses in the City of Cottbus and the Municipality of Dahme-Spree-Wald,
- ▶ Development of a team for regional design,
- ▶ Survey on identity donating elements,
- ▶ Marketing campaign, especially for tourism and for traditional products and products of local crafts,
- ▶ Development of regional brands,
- ▶ Establishment of craftsmen associations,
- ▶ Increase of investment and jobs in tourism,
- ▶ Events for specific target groups (rock concerts, ecumenical concerts),
- ▶ Promotion and employment of women,
- ▶ IT-based marketing matrix,
- ▶ Support of regional actors for identification, improvement and marketing of unique characteristics of their region,
- ▶ Development of durable, transnational partnerships,
- ▶ Route maps, tour guides in different forms, describing tourist offerings,
- ▶ Package tours: Package deals including room and board and entertainment,
- ▶ Examples for event management, trained IT-specialists and Quality representatives.

Duration

Start 11/2003
End 12/2006

Budget

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INDustrial CLUster Development



Project description

According to the EU countries' experience, the cluster model of production organization is a strong impulse to stimulate innovation as well as the enhancement of SMEs, as seen as a way to overcome in a limited time problems arising from the necessity of the Non-EU countries in the present transition period to deal with the challenge of international competition and globalisation.



A second point, not less important, is the social problem, given that the cluster organisation can help cooperation and networking between businesses, between businesses and institutions and between businesses and universities and research centres, facilitating the development of the society, especially in these transition countries where the lack of networking is particularly felt.

Results & Effects

The expected general effect of InCluD is both to introduce European experience concerning industrial cluster system in non-EU countries and to increase the sensitiveness of all the participating bodies, but not only, in front of the concept of cluster organisation and to develop behaviour schemes to support it in CADSES and in particular in the non-EU countries. A network of relationship, regulations and cooperation agreements constitute the heritage left by the project. Another effect of the project is the development of the international relationship among local SMEs in the field of product marketing as well as commercial and technological agreements. The pilot experience will indicate the most appropriate tools to supply and further develop this network. It will also provide an estimate of the costs-benefits parameter for approaching the cluster problem by creating a cluster service. The general result is the demonstration of the possibility of increasing the competitiveness of SMEs and consequently the job opportunities and, in general, economic growth.

Duration

Start 12/2002
End 12/2004

Budget

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Project description

Service sector enterprises are in most cases SMEs with a great potential to act flexibly and innovatively and to be the backbone of the regional innovation process. In many cases this potential remains unused in terms of transformation into sustainable development and economic growth, creation of new products, new employment and internationalisation possibilities.

The project aims at strengthening relationships between companies, administrations, innovation and development organisations and research institutions in the participating regions, and fostering spatial integration by establishing and intensifying cooperation between these actors. There is a special focus on small and medium-sized enterprises in the innovative services sector.

InServNet addresses the shortfall in the collaboration potential of service sector SMEs by aiming at the elaboration of guidelines for regional and interregional innovation and for the support of these innovation processes. The goal is to support the establishment of transnational, organisational and technological links between industries, SMEs, the regional innovation system, stakeholders and regional/ national administrative bodies.

Results & Effects

Expected and partly achieved results and effects of this project are:

- ▶ To overcome current regional imbalances between EU Member and Non-Member states as well as imbalances between rural and urban areas by fostering and supporting the cooperation potential between SMEs and local administrations, regional stakeholders, technology and regional innovation centres.
- ▶ To provide a standardised innovative cooperation tool which should be transferred to and used by other regions to enhance the

transnational, inter-sector cooperation potential of regional SMEs and to support sustainable spatial development at this level.

- ▶ Database of service sector SMEs and their network activities.
- ▶ Survey on interregional cooperation potentials of service sector SMEs.
- ▶ Analyses of political, economic and infrastructure processes and tendencies at regional, national and transnational level.
- ▶ Increased cooperation between the regions in general and increased number of cooperation of small and medium-sized companies in the services sector.
- ▶ Cooperation model in different fields like joint learning, project development and innovation processes.
- ▶ Common project web platform with information on the project and a cooperation platform for innovative services sector enterprises.
- ▶ Pilot test of the applicability of the platform and the cooperation models and creation of a handbook including three thematic regional and transnational spatial development concepts focussing on the pilot studies, a concept for transferring the project results to other regions and a concept for transnational cross-sector cooperation.
- ▶ Training, information and dissemination activities at regional and interregional level.

Duration

Start 11/2003
End 10/2006

Budget

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PLANET CENSE

PLAnners NETwork for CENTral and South-Eastern Europe

Project description

PLANET CENSE is a network of national spatial planning institutions and experts established as a consequence of VISION PLANET aimed at pursuing and developing further the policy options laid down in the VISION PLANET documents.

The network will foster spatial integration and a cross-sector dialogue with:

- ▶ European Spatial Planning Gateway (ESP GATEWAY): an expert dialogue, research information and knowledge exchange on the application and further development of ESDP.
- ▶ The Forum for Territorial Impact Analysis (TIAN FORUM) offers an opportunity to develop and test the application of the planning instrument TIAN at transnational and cross-sector level.
- ▶ The PLANET CENSE CONFERENCE will review on expert level the progress made in transnational spatial development so far and select politically viable and sound measures for implementation in international (political) processes, building on the results of ESP Gateway and TIAN FORUM.

Results & Effects

- ▶ Establishment of a network of planners at different levels (national, regional and city),
- ▶ Transferring important European spatial planning issues within the EU also to the Non-Member states and checking their applicability to specific requirements of the regions of the CADSES countries independent of their formal accession status,
- ▶ Strategic spatial development document for CADSES which reflects on the current political developments and research results at European level, serving as a potential basis for ESDP plus,
- ▶ Territorial Impact Analysis,
- ▶ 2 pilot projects providing new perspectives for special implications of topical and future infrastructure investment projects as well as cities' urban development activities likely to support the development of new "Global Economic Integration Zones" (according ESDP) in CADSES, one potentially backed by promoting north-south rail connections between the Baltic and Adriatic Seas,
- ▶ A PLANET CENSE conference should guarantee the link from experts and the project to the political level to other initiatives and organisations.

Duration

Start 11/2003
End 10/2006

Budget

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RDA-net CEDA²

Regional Development Agencies network in the Central European, Danubian and Adriatic area

Project description

RDA-net CEDA² is a network of regional development agencies (RDAs) with a full set of services and tools for fostering and improving the partners' capabilities in practical cooperation vis-à-vis the challenges of EU enlargement.

RDA-net CEDA² aims to:

- ▶ Generate innovative projects for regional development of CADSES by using the synergies of the network's experts,
- ▶ Increase the competencies and human resources for management and implementation of regional development projects, especially in a transnational and cross-border context in connection with Community Initiatives and Structural Funds,
- ▶ Promote sharing and exchanging on regional development issues,
- ▶ Extend the network of regional development experts and multiply its synergy potential for CADSES in terms of cooperation opportunities and a broad territorial coverage,
- ▶ Become a "network of competence" providing national and regional governments with recommendations, advice and support on spatial development issues and policies; establishment of a "virtual resource centre" for methods, approaches and projects of regional development in a transnational and cross-border context must be examined.

Results & Effects

The project will attempt to increase the skills and capacities of staff working in regional development to fill the enormous requirements of socioeconomic disparities in CADSES. An important effect will be the improved skills for managing and implementing regional development projects, and for cross-border and transnational cooperation. The project will give access to a broader knowledge base of regional development policies to help remote regions in avoiding migration and the 'brain drain'. The project can already rely on the CEDA network set up under INTERREG IIC. To consolidate and expand this network, RDA-net CEDA² will reach a "critical mass" in order to make the network strong enough to become a solid mover and shaker in regional development on the EU/ NAC interface.

Duration

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End 09/2005

Budget

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SEEDS

Sustainable and Effective Entrepreneurship's Development Scheme

Project description

The SEEDS partnership aims to build and test a coherent framework for planning and implementing joint sustainable SME internationalisation strategies and actions in CADSES, which will enable the effective support of relevant actions.

The SME internationalisation process needs to be considered as a part of the general spatial development strategies and to serve the implementation of the European Spatial Development Perspective (ESDP). This is essential for achieving sustainable, harmonised and balanced development in Central and South-Eastern Europe.

In general the project creates a ground for effective SME internationalisation, in a way that will promote balanced and harmonised spatial development mainly by networking and supporting of the SMEs.

Results & Effects

- ▶ Establishment (in 9 partner structures) of units to support sustainable entrepreneurship and internationalisation in CADSES (I.E.S.C.s). Establishment of a virtual network of all 27 partners. Elaboration of an Integrated Pilot Strategic Plan for sustainable SMEs collaboration in the target areas and implementation by rendering global support to 45 SMEs of the 3 project's pilot sectors to conclude and start-up viable transnational business cooperation (3 clusters, 6 other partnerships).
- ▶ Sensitisation, training and dissemination events (total of 36).
- ▶ Mobilisation of important actors for implementation (total of 80).
- ▶ Elaboration of 1 exploitation and follow-up scheme per participating territory.
- ▶ The existing structures for supporting SME development in the EU project territories will be enriched and able to facilitate and promote SME internationalisation in CADSES. They will gain direct access to information on the accession countries through the I.E.S.-Net.
- ▶ The accession territories concerned will be granted improved structures for supporting entrepreneurship's sustainable development and SME transnational cooperation.
- ▶ The prospects for attracting investments and the business opportunities will be increased due to the improved structures and to the capability for rational relevant strategic planning; the business ventures established during implementation will act as examples for potential investors and entrepreneurs.

Duration

Start 11/2003
End 10/2006

Budget

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SIC!

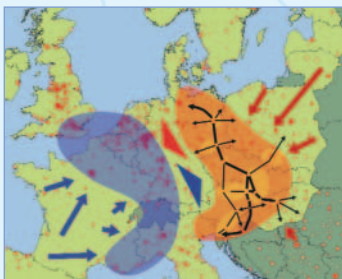
Sustrain Implement Corridor



Project description

The SIC! project has the following main objectives:

- ▶ Definition of standards for infrastructure rehabilitation and construction in order to serve the regions' needs concerning sustainable development in all functional hierarchies (regions-centres, centres-centres, regions-regions). Input for TEN-T and TINA redefinition.
- ▶ Clarification of the region's and centre's needs concerning transport infrastructure and services. Quantification of the region's/centre's effects of improved accessibility.
- ▶ Clarification of the improvements in regional GDP, added value, employment, demography due to the accelerated generation of a Central European North-South City Network (Rostock-Berlin-Dresden-Prague-Brno-Vienna/Bratislava-Győr-Sopron/ Eisenstadt-Budapest-Szombathely/ Oberwart-Zagreb).



- ▶ Input for TEN-T redefinition and TINA revision.
- ▶ Bridging the financial gap between public budgets and infrastructure funding necessity.

Results & Effects

SIC! will result in a transnational infrastructure investment master plan railways (bankable paper), roads and nodes (passenger and cargo), optimising the trade-offs between.

Further results are:

- ▶ Regional development benefits through improved regional accessibility by enlargement,
- ▶ National transport master plans and transnational network requirements (TEN, TINA),
- ▶ Budgetary restrictions by suggesting PPP schemes for functionally and/or regionally defined parts of the railway infrastructure.

Additionally, SIC! will:

- ▶ Support regional development strategies based on scenarios for future infrastructure links and corresponding changes of accessibility,
- ▶ Clarify different effects of development scenarios for a north-south corridor in Central Europe,
- ▶ Clarify the effects of the changed accessibility situation on regional development opportunities of EU enlargement in Central Europe,
- ▶ Clarify conditions for private investment in transport infrastructure required for a sustainable regional development. SIC! will increase the transparency of ongoing corridor-related programmes and projects by introducing SIPP, a Meta-Database on relevant projects in the area (spatial planning, transnational transport infrastructure and organisation).

Duration

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End 01/2006

Budget

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TECPARKNET

Science and TEChnology PARK cooperation in EU-Future Region



Project description

TECPARKNET is rooted in the vision of the EU-Future Region – a political initiative promoted by partners in the neighbouring regions of 5 European states (Austria, Italy, Croatia, Hungary and Slovenia). This European area offers a lot of interesting and attractive potential in the fields



of technology, business and science infrastructure for transnational cooperation, but there are significant disparities between the regions in the territory, which reduces the potential of social and economic integration as well as the growth potential of the partners, economic sectors, local institutions and parks; mostly they are acting at regional level, but not integrated at transnational level, unsatisfactory interactions between research, university institutions and industry at transnational level, low level of shared information, technology transfer and networking among the regional actors are very common, thus a lot of synergetic potential is not used to the fullest by the partner regions.

Results & Effects

The general effect expected by this project is an upgraded level of economic and social integration in the cooperation area of neighbouring Member states (A, I) and Non-Member states (HU, SLO, CRO) in order to create a long-term network. More specifically the following effects will be expected from project implementation:

- ▶ The integration of selected sectors and value added chains at transnational level,
- ▶ The use of growth potential by increasing markets and participation of SME,
- ▶ The increase of regional and economic efficiency by using of complementary advantages of the partners,
- ▶ The extension of existing bilateral and trilateral relations between partners at transnational level,
- ▶ Reduction of existing imbalances between the partner regions,
- ▶ Improvement of interactions between scientific institutions and industry, in particular SME,
- ▶ Access to special high-level skills, know-how and experts in each partner region for all actors involved, thus to enhance competitiveness of the entire cooperation area,
- ▶ Higher level of motivation, activation and integration of SMEs for cooperation projects on transnational level,
- ▶ Creation of a sustainable network and partnership of technology parks in the cooperation area,
- ▶ Transfer of shared experiences and best practices to the partners with special benefits for partners in Non-Member states.



Duration

Start 05/2003
End 08/2005

Budget

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WEFneT

Women Engendering the Finance Network (WEFneT)

Measure 1.1

Project description

The project is based on the Women Resource Centres as an instrument of local development with a gender perspective.

Their main objective is represented by attaining local development through an increased participation of women –both in quantity and in quality– in economic, political and social life.

The Women Resource Centres are a coordination service of the territorial actions and actors engaged in those issues; it also offers counselling services and territorial sensitisation.

WEFneT transnational cooperation is particularly focused on:

- ▶ Enlargement of the Women Resource Centre Network in CADSES in order to intensify the cooperation between business and social infrastructure for regional innovation,
- ▶ Identification of a common model to favour the access to credit for women entrepreneurs in cooperation in the regional government, financial institutions, public and private organisations,
- ▶ Set-up and managing of an e-community in the territorial area involved in the project of women entrepreneurs, women association and all those structures that promote the women role in the local development process. Also to train and assist about 200 local administrators in developing new competencies for local development with a gender approach.

Results & Effects

Obtained outcomes so far:

- ▶ 10 Resource Centres for Women have been created,
- ▶ The already existing Resource Centres have been implemented and enriched with new services, a Network of Resource Centres for Women in Central Europe, Adriatic Europe, Danubian Europe and South-Eastern Europe was created, able to offer psychological, managerial and financial support, information, consultancy and technical assistance to women of the involved countries,
- ▶ About 200 local administrators were trained and assisted in order to develop new competencies with a gender approach,
- ▶ About 20 Resource Centres Operators were trained in order to develop skills and abilities to set up and manage the structures,
- ▶ About 10 new enterprises started up.

Duration

Start 01/2004
End 12/2006

Budget

Total Budget EUR 2,970,586
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C.A.R.E.

Accessible Cities of European Regions



Project description

The project would like to underline that accessibility is a primary aspect for determining the whole pleasantness of a city and an important aspect for enhancing the quality of life of all citizens, including the temporary residents like tourists, and is also an important factor for the pro-



motion and qualitative development of urban areas. The logic of city accessibility is always related to a complete fruition of a series of structures by citizens and tourists, but above all services devoted to persons with "special" needs. The project aims to create accessible urban thematic routes (i.e. from the railroad to hotels and restaurants, to the tourist information centre, to monuments or to exhibitions).

The project starts with redefining and adapting to a larger number of urban ambit using the Igv-vae methodology, which at the moment only applies to the buildings, and aims to point out all the other parameters that identify accessibility in the remaining part of the city territory. The project will focus on the creation of a common protocol of communication for supporting an informative network made of local networks, data collection and implementation of pilot actions. As underlined in ESDP, the emergence of urban networks can be advantageous for regional development because it improves the range of services offered specifically, in the framework in the field of accessibility and the economic conditions of the region and thereby increasing its competitiveness.

Results & Effects

A fundamental result since the Project CARE began is the analysis of the demands which residents and tourists with special needs make of a host city. It is the most current and exhaustive European study ever made, involving as it does 6,545 interviews with residents and tourists with special needs. Also a shared manual on how to correctly communicate disability and accessibility has been produced. It can be of use to any operator dealing with the matter, also in the shorter version. A lot of work has been devoted to create a unified image of the project in order to make CARE a brand of an idea with whom the tourist system as a whole can identify itself: a network of accessible services and structures between cities in Europe using the same methodology to detect accessibility.

Duration

Start 01/2004
End 12/2005

Budget

Total Budget EUR 2,008,359
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CITYREGIO

Regional Economic Development through City-surrounding Cooperation



Project description



CITYREGIO addresses the problems arising from the different paces and accents of economic development between centres and their surrounding

areas and the problems with their impact on spatial development.

CITYREGIO analyses the mutual interdependence of centres and their surroundings. The project approaches cities and the surrounding districts as a unity as far as regional economic development is concerned. Under this aspect traditional administrative areas become obstacles. Issues of economic development, spatial planning, location management, and development of human resources and capacities are not adequately addressed by local and regional authorities without close cooperation.

CITYREGIO addresses this problem in a transnational cooperation of the regions of Linz (Austria), Plzeň (Czech Republic) and Leipzig (Germany), which are characterized by a number of similar development issues and by geographical proximity in the central CADSES area.

Results & Effects

Expected outcomes of the project are following:

- ▶ Improvement of regional competitiveness through economic cluster development and knowledge, exploitation and strengthening of endogenous potentials (locations, labour forces and human resources, branch competences), scientifically gained expertise on future location and spatial development factors and on the demands of a knowledge based economy,
- ▶ Preparation and development of currently missing tools for common intraregional spatial development actions (information system, location pools, support of regional management by one-stop shopping, regionally coordinated steps for location development and planning measures for investments),
- ▶ Set-up of objective-oriented cooperation measures between administrations, firms, planning institutions of cities and surrounding areas as well as between the project regions,
- ▶ Added value for each region by exchanging knowledge, experiences and regional information as a step for further transnational cooperation.

Duration

Start 01/2003

End 12/2005

Budget

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DONAUHANSE

Network of Danubian Cities for Economic Cooperation

Project description

DONAUHANSE is a network of cities connected by the River Danube. The project's aim is to foster the economic prosperity of its citizens by enhanced cooperation between administrations and the business sectors of the participating cities, by cooperative marketing activities both on the level of the cities and the level of special economic sectors of common interest (eg, tourism, creative industries, transport and trading) by supporting the urban economies of the participating cities.

Focal points of the cooperation are:

- ▶ to strengthen the cities as hubs of "the Stream of Wealth",
- ▶ to enhance the contribution of the Danube waterway to the development of the cities,
- ▶ to amalgamate the river with urban development. This initial Donauhanse project aims primarily to define and establish the conceptual and organisational framework and identify concrete areas and projects of cooperation. Some of the envisaged results are the joint presentation at Expo Real, trade fair for commercial real estate, and the extension of the Danube River bicycle path.

Results & Effects

A new and sustainable network of Danube cities (of a yet undefined character): Donauhanse comprising approx. 25 municipalities from 12 countries of CADSES.

- ▶ Intensified contacts between the city authorities competent for economic development, tourism and international transport (including ports).
- ▶ An elaborated marketing strategy and a logo for River Danube tourism.
- ▶ Several studies on the cities' economic potentials and strategies, including ports and urban river bank development.
- ▶ Joint presentation at Expo Real, trade fair for commercial real estate, and at other exhibitions and fairs.
- ▶ Integration of additional destinations into the River Danube tourism.
- ▶ Extension of the River Danube bicycle path and relaunching bicycle tourism from Ulm to Sulina on the Black Sea

Duration

Start 01/2003
End 12/2006

Budget

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LHASA

Large Housing Areas Stabilisation Action

Measure 1.2

Project description

Throughout CADSES, large housing areas, often on the outskirts of major cities, are essential for the future quality of life in urban areas. In Eastern and Central Europe, prefabricated housing slabs that house about 30 million inhabitants dominate. East German prefabricated housing areas show today problems of increasing vacancy and fluctuation – through the dangers of social decline and indirectly leading to urban sprawl. The problems in the new Member states differ at present, yet are similar in the long-term. Still, presenting the dominant form of residence in many cities, ownership, shortages of living space and physical decay of the buildings are the main concerns today.

Building on the experiences of the City of Venice and the East German cities of Berlin (district of Marzahn-Hellersdorf) and Leipzig, which have transformed much faster than their counterparts in Central and Eastern



Europe, the project will provide solutions for the further development of those areas in urban planning, housing development, local economy and quality of life. LHASA aims to contribute to the stabilisation of large housing areas by integrated planning efforts (zoning plans), new initiatives for the reconstruction of the housing estate and possibilities to reuse vacant buildings, and through pilot measures to improve employment and social inclusion.

Results & Effects

Since quality of living and housing is a vital location factor, not only for the housing business, the large housing estates take an important role in the development of competitive regional centres. In the new EU member states shift and organisation of ownership, shortages of living space and physical decay of the buildings are the main concerns today.

Examples from Berlin show that with appropriate reconstruction measures large housing estates can be redesigned to convenient living spaces and that there are solutions to the question of ownership rights.

The problems mentioned before will be discussed within the four major themes of the project: urban development, revitalisation, participation and local economies. LHASA will address these categories of problems.

Whereas the partners from the new EU-Member States will benefit from the transfer of experience and planning expertise from the German and Italian partners, which will prepare the investments necessary to ensure the regional and social cohesion in East and Central European Countries, the partners from Italy and Germany will carry out innovative pilot measures to hinder social segregation and deterioration of the living environment. The findings of the latter will be presented to a wider audience of interested actors in the CADSES region and beyond.

Duration

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Budget

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PROSIDE

Promoting Sustainable Inner Urban Development



Project description

Due to the political, social and economic structural changes of the 90s in various European cities many former industrial or commercially-used areas were abandoned. The negative impact of these areas on the quality of urban life reach far beyond the site itself. The conversion process of former commercially-used brown fields located in inner city districts shows that the projects of investors are often at odds with the ideas of municipal authorities on sustainable inner urban development. These conflicting interests create a deadlock caused by the existing administrative tools.

PROSIDE improves urban development and ensures that natural areas are preserved, and run-down areas restored. Quality of life and environmental quality in inner cities will be clearly enhanced by private investors. PROSIDE communication tools are a contribution to the CADSES information society, providing a database for private investors and promoting communication between all municipal departments as well as a better involvement of European society and the relevant socio-economic units early in the development process.

The planning tools bring together the objectives of implementing a more balanced social and economic development of inner urban areas, and reducing environmental damage. Furthermore the PROSIDE approach reduces the timeframe for future investor-driven planning activities and will increase the success rate of privately funded rehabilitation projects. It is a supplemental measure for strengthening the market economy in the MOE countries and will contribute to improving the financial situation of municipalities in general.

The cooperation of different cities with various spatial conditions in CADSES will improve the horizontal exchange of experiences in spatial and environmental planning. Additionally the cooperation of university institutions with public administration bodies and private companies enhances the direct information flow and know-how transfer between basic research and practical application.

Results & Effects

Overall objective of PROSIDE is to ensure that the plans of private investors are in line with municipal needs for sustainable urban development within a short and adequate time frame while enhancing the rehabilitation of industrial sites and areas with private funds.

In Stuttgart as well as in Milan the PROSIDE methodology of a test-planning has already been implemented. Planning teams established "step-by-step" developments for the PROSIDE areas, while keeping the activities of the surrounding areas in mind. Experts in the other working groups analysed the environmental situations, the demands and wishes of private investors, and the administrative structure within the municipalities involved in a revitalisation process. All these findings were brought together and compiled in one recommendation per partner city. These recommendations, which were handed over to the municipal and political stakeholders in Stuttgart and Milan, pave the way to a sustainable development in these areas.



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READY

Rehabilitation and Development in Mining Regions

Measure 1.2

Project description

Large-scale environmental impact and urban development problems are a barrier to structural change throughout the mining regions of CADSES. In many cases a mono-structure economy, the prevalence of paternalistic structures, the negative image and the persistence of environmental damages with a remaining element of risk require an integrated approach.

READY aims to strengthen the competitive ability of mining cities and mining regions in Central and Eastern Europe by improving their ecological, social and economic situation. It addresses major planning and development issues with special consideration to the situation in Austria, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Romania and Slovakia.

The three main objectives supporting this aim are: providing incentives for structural changes in former mining cities and regions by accomplishing new development perspectives, initiation of a new quality of transnational mutual cooperation by establishing a high-performance network and increasing the political attention for disadvantaged mining cities and regions by coordinated actions.



READY includes four types of activities: local activities in the participating cities, intensive international networking, founding an European network of mining cities and support for local implementation of strategies and measures.

Results & Effects

Following results will be expected from project implementation:

- ▶ Founding an international network of mining cities with 50 to 100 members in the beginning, development of a concept for a Central and Eastern European Network of Mining Cities and Regions (NMCR),
- ▶ Recommendations for policies and actions of the European Union to strengthen the position of mining cities (interim reports, newsletters, brochures, final report, etc.),
- ▶ Scientific reports about strategies, general framework, positive and negative factors of local and regional development, results of local and regional actions; 2 conference proceedings, print-outs from the 6 meetings of the steering group,
- ▶ 7 development concepts for mining cities and regions on the basis of existing concepts,
- ▶ 20 feasibility studies for key projects (partners with development concepts and desire to implement them), marketing concepts,
- ▶ 7 other measures preparing for investment actions,
- ▶ 12 small-scale investments in the run-up to bigger investments (e.g., establishing the office of the international network, info point, tourist trail through an old mining area).

Duration

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Budget

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RIMED

Regional Integration and Metropolitan Development of South Eastern Europe

Project description

This project attempts to deal with three serious and interacting problems of South Eastern Europe: increasing spatial inequality, serious geographical and economic fragmentation and unbalanced or even anarchic growth leading to further concentration of activities. The latter may lead to congestion, pollution, environmental degradation and social segregation, which threaten to undermine the prospects of large cities for sustainable development.



This project proposes a strategy of development for South Eastern Europe which will be based on transnational networks of cooperation and will promote polycentric urban development with strong spread effects to the hinterlands of the large cities. The project is based on a network of cooperation among four important cities in the region – Sofia, Skopje, Tirana and Thessaloniki– and involves administrative functions and scientific institutions from all of them.

Results & Effects

This project is expected, first of all, to improve cooperation and establish networks of interaction among major cities in South Eastern Europe. In that sense it contributes to the general goals of the EU and the international community to promote stability, integration and cooperation in the region. In addition, the project is expected to contribute to a balanced and polycentric spatial development in the wider context of South Eastern European space by supporting selected cities with a joint strategy of metropolitan development, which has a strong preference for regional cohesion and spread effects to metropolitan hinterlands. Other important effects include the improvement of local governance through network-based transfers of know-how and experience.

Duration

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TECNOMAN perspectives

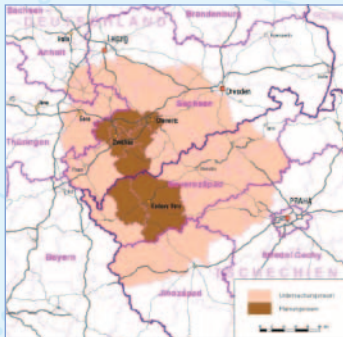
TEN and Corridor Nodes Position Management Network - perspectives



Measure 1.2

Project description

Changes of urban economic structures within and outside the EU caused by globalisation, the networked economy and the development of digital spaces result in a new demand for business sites. Hence, an increasing inconsistency between demand and supply for historical urban centres, expanded urban factories and existing industrial sites in functional urban agglomeration regions exists. TEN and TINA generate new transport and telecommunication accessibilities in node regions.



They influence prosperity perspectives and the related functional balance of smaller and bigger (agglomeration) regions within the European system. The increasing capital mobility caused structural changes in the European urban economy. At the same time it forces cities and agglomeration regions to compete for mobile capital and thereby assigning public planning institutions a number of new broker-like functions in non-transparent markets. Future concepts for agglomeration regions will be determined by these trends.

Results & Effects

As the project is still running until at least 12/2005 at transnational level, no final results as regards content are available. The final results (handbook, synthesis, policy recommendations) cannot be finalised before the regional contributions are completed. Nevertheless, transnational activities took place (workshops, presentations), and process documentation and PR materials are available.

At regional level each project partner is working on contributions that are situated within one of three specific thematic foci that deal with topics of future-oriented business location development (1: dealing with existing structures; 2: development of new business locations; 3: integrated spatial and development strategies for functional agglomerations).

The project wishes to contribute to a more efficient use of time and public money in the field of integrated spatial and development concepts in node regions in CADSES. This especially applies to the field of future- and demand-oriented business location development. Network partners make efficient use of the impact of trans-European infrastructure systems. As of yet Vienna, Upper Austria/TMG have finished their regional contributions. The other partners are still completing them.

Duration

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UTN II Urban Technology Network II

Project description

The UTN II project is the direct follow-up of UTN Urban Technology Network under INTERREG IIc. UTN included four formal partner cities and more than 30 interested cities. Interest and need for continuation of cooperation in the field of urban technologies and urban development have recently been stressed by various proposals for pilot projects presented to the project management of UTN.

The network infrastructure allows for a focus on setting up a clear and transparent selection, decision-making and implementation process of pilot cooperation projects that can use the existing network to increase the development of fundable projects.

The international framework for cooperation among cities on developing projects to improve urban infrastructure is stressed by Habitat III, where cities are committed to international cooperation networks in order to exchange suitable technologies.

Furthermore, the UTN II project focuses on:

- ▶ Supporting cities in the preparation of pilot cooperation projects for funding or for the search for private/ public investors to enhance investment in urban services and infrastructure to establish a more balanced standard of living in CADSES cities,
- ▶ Providing training to upgrade the technical and organisational know-how in provision and management of urban services in CADSES,
- ▶ Providing technical assistance to link cities with the need to upgrade their urban services to cities ready to transfer their technical and management experience,
- ▶ Providing easy access to information to all network partners.

Results & Effects

The close cooperation of political and administrative decision-making bodies and experts on the various urban technologies of the cities participating in the UTN II network on concrete pilot cooperation projects and in the long-run on investment projects in urban infrastructure will create a corporate understanding of the effects of upgrading infrastructure and urban services for all institutions involved.

The dissemination of common quality standards within the pilot cooperations projects as well as induced by know-how exchange and transfer in the transnational workshops and exchange programmes should lead to a more balanced situation within the CADSES area in middle term.

The preparation of cooperation projects within the network and furthermore the approval and implementation of these projects will have positive effects on urban economic development. Local companies will be contracted in implementing or upgrading urban services. The project UTN II should strengthen the urban economy and infrastructure as a result for the social system.

Duration

Start 11/2002
End 04/2006

Budget

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VITAL CITIES

Consolidation of Polycentric Urban Systems through the Promotion of the Settlement of Retail Trade Businesses in Inner Urban Areas

Project description

The project aims to strengthen polycentric urban systems and to contribute to regional development in CADSES. The VITAL CITIES project focuses on promoting settlement of retail trade in city centres. A transnational project team with 22 partners from 7 countries has been assembled for VITAL CITIES under the Lead Partnership of the Investitions-Bank des Landes Brandenburg, in which the main stakeholders are represented and will jointly work on solutions applicable at local level. The implementation of the project will be supported by the law firm Nörr Stiefenhofer Lutz.

To establish cooperation structures, strengthen the control potential of local government authorities and improve the basis for investment decision-making for inner urban areas, VITAL CITIES has gathered a transnational project team who will implement the following activities:

- ▶ Carrying out of analyses, studies and surveys at local level. The results will be integrated in a comparative study at transnational level,
- ▶ Carrying out of "retail trade forums" at local level, where local conditions will be analysed and solution identified by a transnational team,
- ▶ Pooling and exchange of experiences illustrated by concrete case studies reflecting different approaches and aspects.

The activities will lead to the development of CURTIS: "Comprehensive urban retail trade improvement strategy" which will be evaluated in the running case studies. A guideline report with an evaluation of the current situation of the planning processes will be compiled, making suggestions for improvements.

Results & Effects

Obtained results so far:

- ▶ Surveys of consumer behaviour conducted at the local level in selected towns in several countries as well as the analyses of the results,
- ▶ Carrying out of the international retail trade forum in Vienna (Austria) with more than 300 participants in February 2005,
- ▶ Implementation of the case studies in the Lombardy region (started with a local retail trade forum in Brescia in December 2004), in Bavaria (start of the "Fitness Programme" in Bamberg and Budapest).



The basis for the project are at least 4 detailed analyses, e.g., of the legal framework conditions, local consumer behaviour as well as regional approaches in at least 6 project sites. The results will be subject to a transnational comparative analysis. Together with the results of at least 6 retail trade forums carried out on local level (see description in the activities plan), all these information is integrated in a guidebook on improvement of inner city retail trade with a special regard to the candidate countries.

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COHESION

Integrated Concepts Enhancing Cohesion of European Space



Project description

The exposure of European rural areas to the international market beside the EU enlargement is expected to threaten the cohesion of the European space in general. Structural measures with a territorial approach have to compensate the difficulties emerging from the new situation. In this changing environment, local competitiveness becomes a key issue. Integrated planning and focus of local efforts on a specific economic objective, in which local areas provide a comparative advantage, help overcoming resource shortages and increasing efficiency of activities.



The project will contribute to developing a common territorial development planning approach upon the experience of 14 organisations from seven different countries of CADSES. Information on prevailing situation in participating countries will be exchanged, a homogenisation procedure of partners during the project duration is expected to take place. A large transnational network is expected to be built up.

A common consciousness in CADSES will be developed and approaches to enhancing development at local level, and promotion of social and economic cohesion at the level of the entire network will be carried out. Experience and know-how will be transferred to partners, while E.U. policies will constitute the basis for applying activities. Cohesion promoting procedures will be practically implemented. Even if the project focuses on a specific product, experience will be transferable to other products and sectors.

Partners will become familiar with the particular methodology, a broader transfer to other organisations and areas will contribute to enhancing local competitiveness of participating areas and preventing negative effects of the E.U. enlargement.

Results & Effects

An approach to a new policy on development of European rural areas is being realized upon transfer of know-how and exchange of experience among project partners (PPs). A thematic network on modern policies for the development of rural areas has been established and PPs experience with the specific approach by applying pilot projects in proper areas.

Cohesion in figures:

- ▶ More than 40 meetings (approx. 450 participants) realized: a) with local authorities, b) of PPs at national and transnational level, c) information and awareness raising seminars,
- ▶ Two posters, 30 press and five TV releases, seven flyers (16,000 copies - 7,000 distributed), one CD-ROM prepared,
- ▶ Three guides conducted & five at final stage, 19 studies in final phase & 25 on-going, seven management tools prepared,
- ▶ One training seminar (20 trainees) & one forum (80 participants) organized,
- ▶ One exhibition (1000 visitors),
- ▶ One Web portal devised and one Web site for marketing of local businesses under preparation.



Duration

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GOVERNMENT

Governance Models for Sustainable Integrated Rural Development and Multifunctional Agriculture; Networking and Dissemination on the Web



Measure 1.3

Project description



The main objective of the project is to promote sustainable development of rural areas within the context of a strong inte-

gration with other activities undertaken by small and medium enterprises (SMEs) located in rural areas, thus promoting a diversified economic structure and socially stable development.

The project aims to give concrete applicability through its models of the following concepts:

- ▶ Sustainability, both as reduction of negative impact on the environment and health, and preservation of natural and human resources,
- ▶ Integration with other activities, particularly those related to the artisan processing of products, their commercialisation as well as social and tourist activities,
- ▶ Multifunctionality of agriculture as regards the actual possibilities of intervention in rural areas and on the social context, also in terms of employment.

GOVERNMENT intends to identify operational governance models for rural development in specific case study areas, covering various typologies of CADSES, such as mountainous areas, piedmont areas, lowland areas along river valleys, peri-urban/ peri-industrial areas and coastlands. For each case study area seminars for the starting up of the governance system, dissemination on the Web (internet) of the models and an informational interactive system; vocational training and updating courses (two weeks in two modules); twinning areas; territorial marketing studies will be initiated.

Results & Effects

Foreseen outcomes of the GOVERNMENT project include:

- ▶ A valuation framework ex-ante and ex-post of the spatial, environmental, socio-economic and institutional impact in various rural areas; quantification in physical and monetary terms of the above-mentioned indicators for significant cases of the study areas,
- ▶ Governance models for the sustainable development of each typology of rural area considered (mountainous, piedmont areas, river valleys, peri-urban and peri-industrial areas), including integrated strategies focused on the multifunctionality of agriculture,
- ▶ Dissemination and promotion of models at national and transnational levels through conferences (1 for each area), press (1 multilingual publication in 500 copies), films (DVD in four languages, 400 copies), multimedia support (1000 copies of a CD-R),
- ▶ Transnational networking among the interested parties in the considered areas, reference areas and new actors/ stakeholders.



Duration

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SIMOCA

Setting up and Implementation of sustainable and multifunctional rural development Model based on Organic and Competitive Agriculture

Project description

The main problem this project is dealing with is the lack of a sustainable rural development strategy that integrates socio-economic, agricultural, cultural and environmental aspects.

This raises additional problems, such as:

- ▶ Weak competitiveness and environmental-friendliness of agriculture (priority sector),
- ▶ Depopulation and sub-urbanization problems,
- ▶ Environmental degradation,
- ▶ Loss of cultural heritage,
- ▶ Poor diversification of economic activities,
- ▶ Infrastructure weakness,
- ▶ Lack of know-how.
- ▶ Institutional weakness and weakness in international relationships.

The new Community policy (EC Reg. 1257/97) promotes production methods compatible with the increasing needs of protection and improvement of the environment, of natural resources, of the soil and genetic diversity, as well as with the need to safeguarding natural space and landscape for sustainable agricultural development.

Consumers increasingly demand organic agricultural products. This creates a new market for agricultural products.

Different studies prove that organic farming requires more labour and triggers off processes of diversification of economic activities (tourism, services, processing of agricultural products, etc.) that are integrated and enhanced by the image of being "natural" inherent to the organic farming concept.

Results & Effects

Planned results of the SIMOCA project are following:

- ▶ Transnational strategy of sustainable and multifunctional rural development,
 - Planned increase of employment in rural areas,
- ▶ Analysis of infrastructure needs in sensitive rural areas,

- ▶ Number 1 of planned infrastructure investments induced by the programme,
- ▶ Increase of agricultural employment and economic base,
- ▶ Diversification based on organic farming development,
- ▶ Reduction of migration from rural to urban areas,
- ▶ Promotion of environmental-friendly agriculture (organic agriculture),
- ▶ Decrease in natural disasters,
- ▶ Promotion of the economic base diversification (organic farms), - Increase in tourist flow,
- ▶ Building up a common transnational knowledge base and communication networking system,
- ▶ Improvement of public or private service,
- ▶ Increase of competitive organic farms,
- ▶ Creation of new jobs,
- ▶ Increase in the number of farms/ surface for organic farming and subsequent increase in income and farm employment,
- ▶ Working out a sustainable transnational rural development strategy based on increasing multifunctional and organic farming,
- ▶ Increase of competitive farms and diversification of related economic activities,
- ▶ Elaboration and demonstration of best-practice models in multifunctional and organic agriculture in selected areas, reduced environmental pollution (soil, water, air, food) and increased biodiversity,
- ▶ Elaboration of a study on infrastructure needs,
- ▶ Creation of two networks: one for administration institutions and another for scientific institutions,
- ▶ Awareness raising and dissemination plan to favour the increase in sensitivity of local population.

Duration

Start 01/2003
End 12/2005

Budget

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WEST

Women East Smuggling Trafficking

Project description

Illegal immigration in recent years is increasingly becoming a concern due to the reduction in legal entries as a result of individual decisions and gives more power for criminal organisations. Now that organised crime has entered this field, illegal immigration is more and more linked to exploiting the workforce, trafficking in human beings and the incitement to slavery.

Illegal immigration is not only in violation of the laws which regulate entry into the country, it is also accompanied by a constant and much more serious violation of human rights, because the people are reduced to goods and often blackmailed for the rest of their lives. Still more serious is trafficking of illegal immigrants, mainly women and minors, for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Forced prostitution, in particular, is a rapidly increasing factor in Europe, in Italy and in the Adriatic-Danube corridor.

Results & Effects

Expected results are:

- ▶ To develop spatial impact policies within the migratory areas in the "Adriatic" corridor (as regards the spatial setting in the areas and territories, life in the local communities, public safety in urban areas and establishing the process of integration between the different cultures),
- ▶ To reinforce national, regional and local policies fighting the trafficking of women and minors for sexual exploitation by the countries involved in this project,
- ▶ To offer the European Commission and the Council of Europe actions of positive contrast, social protection, social involvement in trafficking for the construction of an innovative policy to fight the trafficking of human beings,
- ▶ To obtain significant knowledge both in quality and quantity on the existence of the trafficking phenomenon of victims for sexual exploitation,
- ▶ To uncover the routes (points of departure and arrival) used in trafficking and attempt to set up action capable of "managing" this emergency level,

- ▶ To implement observation tools for the trafficking phenomenon, flows and migratory mobility of trafficking victims,
- ▶ To measure the social impact of this phenomenon on the communities concerned with the departures and arrivals,
- ▶ To organise training courses for the social actors directly involved in this action,
- ▶ To implement good practice prototype models for actions to be taken helping trafficking victims (actions on the street, social protection, professional training, honourable repatriation),
- ▶ To create tools (data communication network, database, manuals of good practice, informational tools such as CD-ROMs, videos, web site) for social workers involved in fighting the trafficking of women and minors,
- ▶ To create good network practice (programme agreements, cooperation agreements, protocols of understanding between local bodies/ AUSL, local health units/police forces/third sector; temporary enterprise associations between firms/managing bodies of social protection programmes),
- ▶ To implement forms of diffusion and transfer (conferences, seminars, workshops).

Duration

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Priority 2

Efficient and sustainable transport systems and access to the information society

The expansion and improvement of infrastructure, which links the eastern with the western parts of CADSES as well as internal connections, constitute one of the largest challenges for all CADSES countries. The challenge is to meet the rapidly growing demand in the growing market economies and correspondingly provide an appropriate infrastructure, which enables a balanced development at the different spatial levels, and to introduce new financing and management methods.

As elsewhere, telecommunication is one of the most dynamic economic sectors in CADSES countries. Central and South Eastern European countries have the advantage of being late starters in applying the most up-to-date technologies in their telecommunication systems. As in most countries within the EU, "teledensity" in the CADSES area is still lower outside the urban centres. It is important that governments address this territorial aspect of the development of infrastructures and of the transition to the "Information Society". The CADSES Neighbourhood Programme contributes to this aim by raising awareness and by supporting local, regional and national actors in making use of these opportunities. Training measures and small-scale investments as well as modernisation of administrative processes are all playing an important role in this respect.

Two areas of intervention are foreseen:

Measure 2.1

Developing efficient transport systems with regard to sustainable development

This measure deals with the development and implementation of transnational projects focusing upon improvement of accessibility as priority task of economic and social policy

Measure 2.2

Improving access to knowledge and the information society

The major objective for this measure is the development and implementation of transnational projects focusing upon improvement of the access to knowledge and the information society, on promotion of the use of state-of-the-art technologies as competitive advantage in CADSES countries and on modernisation and improvement of administrative processes.

CITY PORTS

CITY PORTS - a City Net Following a Coordinated Approach to Develop Feasible and Sustainable City Logistics Solutions



Project description

Traffic problems are spreading: Freight transport and distribution are strongly influencing and increasing congestion, pollution and noise within the cities, thus reducing the quality of life; the phenomenon is wide-spread and, generally speaking, quite common in urban areas all around CADSES.

Especially on very short distances, the competition between transport modes, models and technologies is distorted, as transport users and operators are faced with prices that do not reflect the full social and environmental cost of transport.



Therefore, allowing city logistics to provide the best economic, social and environmental performances, public administrations must define and follow adequate processes for problem investigation, solution design and their implementation. This policy processes shall consider several topics at once as regards supply chain management, urban zoning, traffic management, transit points, low emission vehicles, etc.

Results & Effects

The main aims of the CITY PORTS project are reorganisation and process reengineering in city logistical solutions for medium and small-sized urban systems by empowering "the last miles' nodes" of EU infrastructure and information networks in a coherent, efficient and sustainable way in order to have the following general effects:

- ▶ Urban traffic reduction through a better and more rational use of the freight transport networks (efficient distribution routes, higher level of saturation of vehicles, fleet management optimisation),
- ▶ Reduction of traffic congestion (planning systems and interventions on access policy),
- ▶ Environmental pollution reduction (air, noise, soil and cultural heritage) by decreasing the number of transport vehicles, the adoption of low impact vehicles and transport vehicles using alternative fuels.

Duration

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D4D

Data warehouse for Danube waterway

Project description

According to the demands of the European Ministers of Transport River Information Services, European recommendations shall be put into place along main waterways by the end of 2005. These implementations are based on the provision of digital navigation charts and highly accurate positioning systems. In addition, the exchange of waterway-related geographic data between national waterway authorities along the River Danube deals with various formats.

A close cooperation between all countries is needed and a close relationship with relevant platforms such as the Danube Commission must be guaranteed in order to provide equal and compatible systems. Therefore, the "GIS Forum Danube" is considered the perfect platform for such a project. Seven states are currently members of the GIS Forum and a close relationship to the remaining states has been set up. So far only German and Austrian partners are funded within CADSES, but applications for other countries are planned.



Results & Effects

The project will guarantee not only the quick and high-quality implementation of European and worldwide standards, but also the international compatibility of these activities. The development of navigation maps and the installation of IALA beacons will improve the quality of the Danube waterway for transport and navigation to a significant degree. In addition, these two outputs serve as a basis for the installation of a River Information Services, which are considered a major inducement for inland navigation (see White Paper on Transport Policies).

The Inland ECDIS maps will, in particular, enable the improvement of the safety of inland navigation, as the position of the vessel can be displayed on the map. Together with the highly accurate GPS/ IALA signal, the skipper can always see where the vessel is located on the waterway, even when sight is limited in foggy conditions, night, blinding sunlight, etc.

The data warehouse will facilitate the cooperation between the involved countries extensively. The most important advantage of such a network will be the uncomplicated and efficient management of waterways and its infrastructure along the borderline sections of the River Danube. In addition, various applications will be possible after the installation of the transnational network (e.g., transnational calamity abatement, integration of touristy data for a transnational tourism information system and standardised mapping of areas with environmental and ecological value).

Duration

Start 05/2001

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Budget

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DATA WAREHOUSE



DANUBE WATERWAY



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I-Log

Industrial Logistics and Intermodal Transport for SMEs' Development



Project description

The project aims at providing local SME systems with innovative instruments for sustaining their competitiveness and reducing traffic congestion. In particular I-Log is based on six fundamental goals:

- ▶ Defining and implementing a set of logistic services with reference to the existing infrastructures – Regional Logistic Service Pattern – in order to rationalise logistics and transport within local productive systems and to integrate ICT solutions in transport and logistic services,
- ▶ Fine-tuning and testing the proposed solutions on the participating local SME systems pinpointing organisation and management models for transport services and local platforms,
- ▶ Promoting and diffusing logistic culture in local SME systems creating relation and information networks,
- ▶ Exchanging best practices and experiences, diffusing the awareness of the logistic leverage importance for gaining SMEs' long-term competitiveness,
- ▶ Improving industrial relations among the participating countries in CADSES,
- ▶ Becoming a "network of competence" which can provide SMEs advice and support on innovative logistic services implementation and development; to this end, a "virtual logistic observatory" will be examined.

Results & Effects

The project will contribute to rationalise logistics and transportation within local SMEs systems and to integrate ICT solutions in transport services providing local administrations and enterprises with instruments to evaluate and set up industrial policies. The creation of logistic models fitting the examined local productive systems and based on the existing infrastructure and platforms, will allow SMEs cost reductions by reducing delays, errors and paper documents, providing immediate access to information and faster goods and information fluxes. Moreover the project will help remote regions in catching up and thereby avoiding economic and territorial distance with EU countries, enhancing socio-economic and cultural cohesion and broadening of a logistics culture. Finally the project promotes innovative measures (set of services for transport rationalisation and roads congestion reduction), which will mean a reduction of environmental impact and an improvement of life quality.

Duration

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End 12/2005

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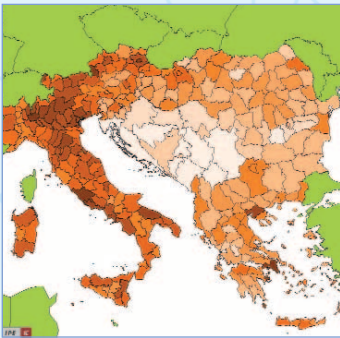
Efficient Integration of Cargo Transport Modes & Nodes in CADSES area



Project description

IMONODE is a transnational project in part financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) under the INTERREG III B/ CADSES programme.

The project contributes to the development of efficient intermodal transport systems in South Eastern Europe as regards sustainable development. More specifically the IMONODE project aims at studying the options and suggesting solutions and actions that will enhance the greater use of, and the accessibility to the trans-European Corridors V and X for freight transport with priority on rail.



In this context IMONODE focuses its work on:

- ▶ Assessing available infrastructure and services at major terminals of the project area,
- ▶ Identifying problems and bottlenecks in terminals operation along the intermodal or bimodal transport chains in CADSES and along TEN Corridors,
- ▶ Proposing solutions for terminal operation enhancement and development,
- ▶ Prioritising the existing and selecting new nodal points with potential for further development in the future to achieve increased intermodality and seamless operation,
- ▶ Performing case studies for successful terminal development by checking alternative types of involvement of private and/or public sector, and specifying requirements in technology implementation and logistics service operations.

Results & Effects

Obtained results so far:

- ▶ Assessment of intermodal transport demand at regional level: The GIS based socio-economic evaluation model of the regions of the study area (NUTS II & III) provides results concerning categorisation and ranking of the regions according to various socio-economic criteria, their potential for intermodal transport development, and future transport demand forecast at regional level.
- ▶ Intermodal network assessment: The IMONODE reference network for the base year and 2015 includes major intermodal and modal terminals of the project study area and is associated to a DB inventory comprising information for terminals infrastructure and quality of operations. The role of the terminals in intermodal transport chains operations has been assessed and bottlenecks alleviation proposal have been identified along Corridors X,V and the Adriatic Ionian Corridor.
- ▶ Future scenarios for developing intermodality in SE Europe: The first results include a list of terminals with high potential for development and a priority index for each terminal.
- ▶ Demonstrators: Four demonstrators have been performed in the context of the project which consolidated business cases for specific terminals development, assessed the economic feasibility for each terminal and examined alternative Private Public Partnership schemes for the terminals infrastructure development and operation.

Duration

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End 06/2005

Budget

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TWIST

Transport With a Social Target

Project description

The TWIST project foresees the establishment of a system of transport that facilitates the access and connection from disadvantaged zones to those more developed, offering an opportunity of commercial exchanges, employment and social assistance.

The main objective of the TWIST project is to share a transnational strategy for the territory development, which suggests a method for improving and optimising the management of transport system by responding to the needs and comparing regional differences. The first activity will be the creation of a system that analyses the demand of public transport in the interested areas.



There will be an exchange of know-how among the partners as regards the documents, procedures, laws and experience from similar

transport systems. Consequently it will produce the planning of the systems which will be implemented in the involved areas. At the conclusion of the project, the data collected will be included with an analysis in the guidelines produced by the project and transferred to the authorities. This aims to provide suggestions and support for future political strategies.

An envisaged result of TWIST activities is the transferability of the set-up models in every region with analogous characteristics.

Results & Effects

During the implementation of TWIST activities, five pilot projects will be carried out. Their objectives have the following main results:

- ▶ Identification of transport systems responding to the real needs of the territory concerned,
- ▶ Identification of organisational and managerial solutions for the management of flexible public transport answering the mobility needs of weak areas,
- ▶ Identification of main services generating demand of "called transport",
- ▶ Identification of access modalities to the services generating demand of "called transport",
- ▶ Identification of a solution for the flexible management of mobility, for the improvement of access to services missing in the inner areas, such as sanitary structures, administrative centres, schools, centres for social assistance, as well as commercial systems, e.g., cultural/ entertainment centres.

Duration

Start 01/2004
End 12/2006

Budget

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B-CROSS

Business CoeRation One-Stop Shop

Project description

B-CROSS project aims to develop a business cooperation network among chambers of commerce and industry in CADSES and other INTERREG III B cooperation areas, which will use a Business Cooperation One-Stop Shop (B-CROSS) to support and enforce business cooperation among SMEs in the countries involved.



B-CROSS takes advantage of the existing experience and special know-how on ICT technology, ICT services offered by chambers and business cooperation available in the partnership.

B-CROSS includes mechanisms for connecting to different chamber ICT systems where the existing business digital content is available. Other special services that will be developed will include services for the presentation of the regional characteristics and offered opportunities, user friendly tools to help SMEs create small product and company profiles, integrated transnational business catalogues and yellow pages, synchronous and asynchronous collaboration tools, and training services, among others.

B-CROSS works as the tool to promote market opportunities, and match supply and demand for products and services to support SMEs towards business cooperation.

The CCI network to be developed will include experts from other chambers or related business efforts, so B-CROSS will be easily expanded with the entrance of new regions and new applications. The large investment after the end of the project will be analysed in a business plan published by the B-CROSS CCI network.

Results & Effects

The creation of the business cooperation network will be promoted as the business one-stop shop for the areas involved. Offering valuable information it soon will be recognised as a business tool for SMEs as something that it includes and will gather to offer market opportunities and attract foreign investors.

The cooperation network and the available telematics services and content based services will support SMEs especially in rural areas to promote effectively their products and using the business offer and demand matching B-CROSS platform to find business cooperations and to attract foreign business partners. Through the development of this network and the use of ICT modern platform and services, SMEs, especially in rural areas, will develop their business activities and business range, affecting directly the economic and social development in their areas and raise awareness for IT applications.

Through the involvement of the chambers of commerce and SMEs' staff in e-business methods and in e-training and e-meeting activities, equal opportunities will be promoted especially in rural areas. The resultant economic and social development will contribute to the spatial development. The B-CROSS network and platform may be expanded to cover a wider territory and can easily be expanded to include Eastern European Non-Member states.



Duration

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Budget

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EMBRACE

Improving the Access of SMEs from Rural Regions to the Knowledge and Information Society

Project description

The project EMBRACE aims to design, develop and implement specific spatial development policies, initiatives and actions for the benefit of SMEs located in rural and undeveloped urban areas. Their access to knowledge and the information society should be increased.

EMBRACE intends to establish a pilot virtual network, available both online and offline, where SMEs can have access to a wide range of business services and tools, such as consulting and training in key topics, matchmaking for accessing investor funds, e-commerce, etc.

The goal is to overcome existing barriers that these SMEs face by providing assistance and value-added advisory, e-commerce and information services, which can boost their efficiency and competitiveness and lead to the development of transnational cooperation and globalisation of activities.



Results & Effects

Obtained outcomes so far:

- ▶ Existing situation analyses in five regions in Greece, Italy, Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria with the aim to identify problems and restrictions faced by SMEs in rural and underdeveloped urban areas as regards their access to the information and knowledge society; a synthetic diagnosis of the findings,
- ▶ Study on 31 national, EU and international good practices dealing with the provision of business support services to SMEs in rural and underdeveloped urban areas with the aim to improve their access to the information society; benchmarking of the project partners,
- ▶ Development of policy documents and actions plans per region (in progress),
- ▶ Development of the project Web site (www.e-embrace.net) available in six languages (GR-IT-DE-HU-BG-EN), as well as the project cooperation intranet,
- ▶ Design of the Pilot Virtual Network (functionally and technically); beginning of the software development (in progress),
- ▶ Development of a system of indicators for monitoring the progress of the project implementation and evaluating its performance; utilisation in project progress & evaluation meetings,
- ▶ Preparation of a dissemination plan (in progress),
- ▶ Design and production of the project brochure in 6 languages (GR-IT-DE-HU-BG-EN) (in progress),
- ▶ Three project meetings organised so far.

Duration

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End 12/2005

Budget

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GILDANET

Global Integrated transport Logistics DATA NETWORK



Project description

The transport sector in the CADSES area has witnessed the recent development of ICT solutions catering to various actors in the field of transport.

Although built using the state-of-the-art technology, the available IT systems and services attempting to support planning, operational and controlling activities within the context of intermodal transport chains do not seem to be able to support the demanding requirements of transnational intermodal transport chains, nor are they providing attractive business propositions for the IT services suppliers and (potential) users because they are greatly restricted in scope and reach.



Results & Effects

Achieved and expected outcomes of this project are:

- ▶ To improve the overall efficiency of the international transport system,
- ▶ To target the main factors limiting the efficiency of modal exchange operations, and hindering the development of combined transport,
- ▶ To implement the created ICT systems in order to support all the flows and the exchange of information and documents related to the intermodal and transnational transport chains,
- ▶ To assert GILDANET as the main portal for CADSES logistic operators,
- ▶ To develop value-adding functions in order to improve the benefits offered by the system,
- ▶ To internationalise GILDANET, integrating the output of the different national and international projects,
- ▶ To reach a large number of users and develop payable services in order to render the initiative financially sustainable,
- ▶ To gain institutional credit with international public and private subjects who manage complementary platforms,
- ▶ To promote investments and concrete national and regional planning policies for competitive transport systems.

Duration

Start 10/2002
End 06/2005

Budget

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I2E-INFOTECH TO EXTEND

Information Technologies to Extend Regional Development

Project description

The project promotes the Information Society (IS) implementation by fostering the direct involvement of the regional/ local institutions to favour the ICT services diffusion particularly in less advanced areas as well as in SMEs which are slower than the large enterprises in adopting the ICT innovative models (geographical and dimensional division).

The project develops three main activities by:

- ▶ offering structured inputs to the regional/ local administrations in order to prepare their actions plans, processes and organisation for the IS implementation,
- ▶ supporting the transnational cooperation of SMEs driven by the e-business model adoption,
- ▶ preparing innovative projects based on public-private cooperation in a transnational dimension and suitable to attract investments and create new employment particularly in underdeveloped areas.

Results & Effects

Main effects and results of this project will be:

- ▶ To enhance the role of the regional and local administrations in the implementation of the information society by planning their actions, designing organisation structures and deploying systematic procedures,
- ▶ To support the economic development and coherence of CADSES by promoting the SMEs transnational cooperation through the creation of new virtual communities of enterprises located in different CADSES countries, geographical areas and by enhancing the competition capabilities of the SMEs,
- ▶ To enlarge the cooperation between the public and private sectors by jointly developing innovative projects suitable to attract investments, to create new valued jobs particularly in underdeveloped areas, to stimulate the awareness of ICT advantages and to improve the managerial and technical skills,

- ▶ Dissemination of ICT know-how and enhancement of skills by training managers and staff of the public administrations and enterprises,
- ▶ Enhancement of regional/ local planning capability in ICT by producing an action plan model and a handbook on resources and organisation design for IS implementation,
- ▶ Identification of and support to at least 15 B2B cooperation cases among groups of SMEs and sustaining organisations encompassing several CADSES countries,
- ▶ Production of at least ten feasible projects, eligible for financing, rooted in public-private transnational cooperation and based on innovative ideas for ICT usage in fields of common interest such as G2B and B2G,
- ▶ Creation of an Information and Assistance Centre in order to help local administrations and SMEs operating in the seven participating countries for ICT services utilisation as well as for achieving information on market entry and cooperation opportunities.

Duration

Start 01/2004
End 12/2005

Budget

Total Budget EUR 1,768,800
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INDE

INformation Development

Project description

The aim of the Information Development project, INDE, is to assist the candidate countries belonging to the CADSES area in developing instruments for the transnational cooperation and in finding out solutions for the problems related to the enlargement process.

Cooperation is the key factor for the development of the CADSES area and helps to balance economic and social disadvantages related to the enlargement process by creating new job opportunities.

The main strategic objectives of the project are to identify the requirements and the conditions to spread productive clusters and local systems of SMEs in the involved geographical area, to strengthen the sustainable development and to cooperate between intermediary institutions, to create SMEs assistance centres through Public Private Partnership with a strong territorial and/ or sectoral scope providing basic and specialised services to business, to develop methods of territorial and sectoral marketing for promoting access to knowledge and exchange of products to be supplied to the information society.

The activities of the project are divided into five work packages:



The first work package contains all the actions concerning the macro-economic analysis of the CADSES area.

The second work package aims to establish a technological infrastructure in order to improve the collaboration and the integration between different regions. One of the main actions for this work package is the creation of the www.cavirc.net platform.

The third work package contains actions related to the diffusion of e-networks in order to develop competition, e.g., with www.interegionet.net.

The fourth work package aims to promote the courses offered by the project partner 6, IAL, that organises traineeships and workshops and that supports the participants with special technical assistance.

The final work package contains actions related to the diffusion of the information on the enlargement process.

Results & Effects

One of the expected tangible results at the end of the project period is to have a complete analysis of the macro-economic situation in the CADSES area with a specific description of the situation of each partner country. This analysis will provide information on the infrastructure and show trends of the international productive integration as well as of the initiatives in economic cooperation between local productive systems of the EU and the regions of the CADSES area. On the Web site called "cavirc.net" e-meetings and video conferences will facilitate the data exchange among the SMEs.

Duration

Start 09/2003
End 11/2005

Budget

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ISA-MAP

Harmonisation of Regional Data Resources for cross-border Planning



Project description

Common harmonised and broadly accessible cartography and data resources are lacking in the service sector of public administration. Such common resources shall be elaborated and implemented in the framework of ISA Map. They represent the basis for the preparation of the cross-border planning and information instruments (e.g., traffic planning).

The type of efficient and citizen-friendly access to modern information and telecommunication facilities to be established by ISA Map as well as the services based on such facilities represent an important prerequisite for economic and social development.

Common and harmonised basic resources must be made available to the actors of spatial development policy to allow an exchange of know-how and experience so as to ensure efficient and sustainable implementation. The ISA Map project will focus on the following main objectives:

- ▶ Better utilisation of modern communication facilities to improve the access to knowledge and the information society for the purposes of integrated spatial development, especially in rural regions or other disadvantaged regions,
- ▶ Supporting regional and spatial development policy through modern information and communication technology and corresponding service facilities provided by public administrations on a local, regional and national level,
- ▶ Raising the awareness of ICT applications also in the field of spatial development policy,
- ▶ Harmonisation of educational and spatial policies with a view to improving further development and networks between educational and research facilities and institutions involved in the transfer of know-how and technology.

Results & Effects

- ▶ Significant enhancement and regional/ transnational implementation of spatial development policy using modern ICT technology; significant improvement of the corresponding service facilities provided by public administrations,
- ▶ Improved application of modern communication facilities, also to support the production of information to promote identity; better support for the regions through direct access (IT applications) to important information offered after comprehensive processing and, partially, transnational harmonisation,
- ▶ Improvement of regional development through enhanced use of modern ICT for improving public services (also for remote areas and underdeveloped regions),
- ▶ Improving the awareness of ICT applications, also in the field of spatial development policy, by providing extensive support to users on all levels,
- ▶ Improvement of compatibility and integration of existing planning data resources and information instruments,
- ▶ Creation of common internet-based data resources (Geodata Server),
- ▶ Harmonisation of educational and spatial policies with a view to improving further development and networks between educational and research facilities and institutions involved in the transfer of know-how and technology,
- ▶ Enhancement of transnational cooperation on the administrative level (networking between authorities) through preparation of common spatial information and cross-border cooperation between different institutions.

Duration

Start 04/2003
End 03/2006

Budget

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SEITCO

South-Eastern European Information Telecommunication Cohesion Initiative



Project description

The INA Academy has already been established as the South Eastern European Telecommunications Academy (SETA), which includes representatives from various public and private institutions from the ICT sector.



Through the existing institutional structure this project aims to promote support services and training to the regulatory institutions in the involved South Eastern European partners in order to establish a unified and coherent method of acting, thinking and policymaking on information and communication technologies in the region and thus establish concrete benefits for telecom operators, customers and government regulators.

Results & Effects

INA Academy has already been established as the South Eastern European Telecommunications Academy (SETA) with the aim to provide the institutional framework for the coming together of all SE countries on an equal basis to further discuss all relevant ICT issues (convergence to EU, usage of new/existing IC technologies such as spectrum management, etc.) and to receive specialised support services in the form of studies, training seminars, working groups, round tables, etc.

Through this project, training activities have taken place in ICT hot issues as Spectrum Management, Universal Service, Tariff Regulation, 3G technologies, electronic Security and ICT Benchmarking. SEITCO has also contributed to the Stability Pact eSEEurope Initiative work in developing the information society in SE Europe and is preparing specialised reports for all the countries of the region. Currently a Web site is under construction and is expected to be online by May 2005.

Duration

Start 11/2003
End 11/2005

Budget

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thereof ERDF EUR 160,000



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TRANS-IT

Transfer Regional Activities in Networks for Business Development and Wellness-Tourism supported by Information Technologies



Project description

A better access to modern information and communication technology and services is a prerequisite for an integrated development of the smaller rural dominated regions of Burgenlandkreis (DE), Burgenland (AT), Hajdu-Bihar (HU) and South Moravia (CZ), and to link into the global economy. In the framework of the established trans-European network of partner regions with similar profiles, the TRANS-IT project will contribute to this objective by raising awareness for IT applications and by supporting local and regional actors in making use of these opportunities.

TRANS-IT is joining the participating regions in solving the problems through a transfer of knowledge, changing the experiences and application of methodologies and its implementations, i.e., pilot projects. The two specific objectives are: 1) implementation of an innovative, Web-based development and commercialisation of Technology Parks and Business Sites for innovative new locations for businesses and 2) newly developed wellness offers should be promoted more efficiently through a common internet platform.

Results & Effects

Obtained outcomes so far:

- ▶ Preparation of baseline analysis for Technology Parks (TP) and Business Sites (BS),
- ▶ Elaboration of Regional Business Survey (RBS) completed,
- ▶ Draft guidelines on quality management of TP and BS completed,
- ▶ Internet presentation of the finished project (www.transit-eu.net),
- ▶ Issuing of project newsletter twice a year (two editions so far),
- ▶ Joint internet platform to ensure communication between all project partners,
- ▶ At least one new innovative wellness product in combination with offers for learning supported by ICT (event learning, etc.) per partner region,
- ▶ Elaborated guidelines on quality, seal of quality for new wellness offers in all partner regions,
- ▶ Feasibility study for hotels as a regional centre of wellness in a trans-European context (one per region).

Duration

Start 01/2004
End 06/2006

Budget

Total Budget EUR 1,371,832
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Priority 3

Promotion and management of landscape, natural and cultural heritage

This priority is especially oriented towards the valorisation of spatial values, both natural and cultural. According to the ESDP principles, economic growth and social cohesion are based on the promotion and the responsible management of spatial heritages here. Local authorities as well as sectoral competences are involved in this priority. With respect to this aim, coordinated transnational interventions aimed at creating "cultural (tourist) routes" and other activities is supported. Common management methods to improve the level of knowledge on cultural heritage conditions, protection level and risk exposure will be developed.

Cultural and natural heritage of importance to the whole area should be identified and networking and marketing of natural and cultural landscapes is promoted.

The programme aims also at a better integration of cultural and natural heritage protection and enhancement issues into relevant sectoral policies.

Three areas of intervention are foreseen:

Measure 3.1

Protecting and developing cultural heritage

This measure aims at the development and implementation of transnational projects focusing upon cultural heritage as a regional development asset and at developing mechanisms and tools, which improve the effectiveness of cultural heritage protection policy against every kind of risk through the adoption of common methodologies.

Measure 3.2

Protecting and developing natural heritage

The major objective for this measure is development and implementation of transnational projects focusing upon natural heritage as a regional development asset.

Measure 3.3

Protecting and developing landscape

This measure deals with development and implementation of transnational projects aimed at integrated landscape issues in spatial planning policies and territorial actions.

ARCHEOSITES

spAtial integRated enhanCement of archAeOLOgical SITES



Project description

Considering the richness of CADSES archaeological heritage, in the ARCHEOSITES project cultural resources are considered a key element for territorial development and a crucial factor for the elaboration of common spatial development strategies. The main objective is to promote the introduction and diffusion of an integrated approach within the policies for cultural heritage enhancement of CADSES space, and associate the enhancement of the archaeological resources with the improvement of the connections among resources and territory and among them and local economy.

This means both the development of extensive partnerships among actors and a more effective integration of cultural development programmes within regional and local development strategies and programmes. Moreover, a wider understanding of the large potential of cultural resources is necessary. Finally, a better qualification of human resources can be envisaged to acquire the skills and know-how necessary to manage integrated plans and programmes for the comprehensive management of archaeological resources. Both training activities and exchange of experiences need therefore to be considered a fundamental part for the outcome of the project.

Results & Effects

The expected outcomes are:

- ▶ Improvement of methodologies for archaeological resources protection and enhancement through the elaboration and dissemination of one study, three manuals (on management, conservation and accessibility subjects),
- ▶ Development and reinforcement of specialised networks in the field of archaeological resources management (one transnational network) and wider dissemination of best practices and experiences (through four thematic workshops),
- ▶ Experimentation on the field of new archaeological approaches focused on archaeological site management and development via actions concerning relevant archaeological areas (pilot projects: three in Italy, one in Germany and others in Bosnia and Yugoslavia),
- ▶ Enhancement and development of skilled human resources (through training activities for 30 people and study tours for 24 people),
- ▶ Increased awareness of specialists and large public about potential cultural and economic value of archaeological resources through the development of communication and information activities, one Web site, one brochure, the ARCHEOSITES newsletter, four info days, one conference and one exhibition.

Duration

Start 01/2003
End 12/2005

Budget

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Development of a sustainable tourism

Development of a sustainable tourism



Project description

Italy, Greece, Poland, Hungary and Romania have common problems from within like high depopulation and unemployment but at the same time they are rich in natural, architectural and cultural patrimony that is not exploited to its full potential. Moreover, the lack of some infrastructures (as regards the rest of the countries involved), the lack of a well organised promotion campaign for the areas and, above all, the lack of young people risk to accelerate the "death" of local traditions and production of traditional products and food, as well as the weathering of architectural monuments with a loss of those peculiar identities which represent the richness of Europe in construction.



Most of the targets of the project activities are villages located within or close to regional or national parks, so that spatial planning and sustainable regional development are limited to all the challenges connected with natural and cultural heritage, land use regulations, social-cultural-economic dimensions.

The only way to reverse such a trend is to create jobs in those areas, and tourism represents an enormous source of wealth that unfortunately has not been exploited adequately. Target areas (in Italy, Greece, Hungary, Romania and Poland) have been chosen in such a way to represent a good example for the European value and relevant problems for the whole continent.

Results & Effects

The expected results of the project are:

- ▶ Creation of lasting jobs in the field of tourism and in all related sectors (agriculture, restoration, agritourism, handicrafts, etc.),
- ▶ Definition of a new model for socio-economic development,
- ▶ Halt or at least reduction of the depopulation in the mountain centres with a consequent reduction of the problems related to urbanisation,
- ▶ Growth of the awareness of the necessity to preserve the environment by campaigns of sensitisation in schools to the younger generation,
- ▶ Search for environmentalist tourists by a constant dissemination of information concerning the involved areas with a website in addition to the traditional communication channels,
- ▶ Organisation of an interactive Web site capable of involving other interested institutions and local authorities in the whole CADSES area; this site will also be used for contacting experts to solve problems in the fields related to the project and "users" of any type as tourists who require a specific programme,
- ▶ Creation of dissemination and promotional material concerning this project (leaflets, brochures, posters and CD-ROMs),
- ▶ Particular attention will be paid to sending information to emigrants belonging to the Italian and Greek communities in all different places of the world who spent their holidays in their home countries and who can transmit traditions to the new generations, which will otherwise be totally lost.

Duration

Start 01/2003
End 12/2005

Budget

Total Budget EUR 3,545,000
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EST European Places of the Spirit

Project description

The project's main objective is the creation of a European network of areas and regions that are rich in spiritual and cultural traditions and heritage.

The network will link together areas in Umbria (Italy), a region known as the 'land of Saints' for its stunning religious heritage, Marche (Italy), whose concentration of 'sacred places' is one of the highest in the country and where there is one of the richest Romanic religious heritage in Europe; North-East Region (Romania), a region famous for the painted monasteries of Bucovina dating back to the XV-XVI century and Thessalia (Greece), where in the XIV century the famous Meteoris monastery (monasteries built on summits) was built and developed.

The project will develop activities in order to achieve two main aims:

- ▶ Awareness-raising among local populations about their own cultural heritage seen as a cornerstone of regional and national identity through dissemination of information,
- ▶ Attraction of qualified tourist flows to the regions involved through the creation of 'packages' focused on the spiritual and cultural aspects of these areas of Europe and linked together through a thematic network called 'European Places of the Spirit'.

The network, supported by IT instruments, will be able to offer tourists looking for a spiritual destination all the necessary information, along with the links to the partner countries that could offer a similar travelling experience.

Results & Effects

The expected outcomes of the project are:

- ▶ Eight studies at cultural and tourism level,
- ▶ Four marketing researches and four SWOT analyses, one best practice study,
- ▶ Definition of a common planning approach for the management of the areas and definition of a common marketing strategy document,
- ▶ Organisation of 20 local workshops and events to involve partnerships in the areas,
- ▶ Involvement and transfer of the model of management to a broad partnership of local institutions and operators,
- ▶ Creation of a database with all the necessary information about the areas identified as Places of the Spirit,
- ▶ Development of a complex software application supporting the IT link and the website of the project,
- ▶ Diffusion of 800 copies of the information on CD-ROM in four languages,
- ▶ Diffusion of 5500 copies of the final colour publication in four languages,
- ▶ Organisation of four transnational meetings among partners,
- ▶ Organisation of a presentation seminar in each partner country, including a final event, followed by publication of the abstracts,
- ▶ Definition of a common identity logo.

Duration

Start 01/2004
End 01/2006

Budget

Total Budget EUR 1,484,155
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HERMES

Heritage and New Media for Sustainable Regional Development

Project description

The intention of the HERMES project is to promote and support sustainable regional development by innovative interactions of cultural heritage and the new electronic media. In particular, the project aims to upgrade regional identity by improving the perception of heritage with the help of new media tools and to maintain historical sites by new uses. All HERMES activities are based on a completely new approach of interaction between urban, cultural and media spaces.



The following main activities will be carried out:

- ▶ Transnational feasibility studies and pilot projects as a basis for media promotion and tourist use of common European Heritage Roots (Ancient Greece, Byzantine culture, Romanesque/ Gothic, Classical Period, Industrial Heritage, Deformation of European Cultures by Fascism and Totalitarianism, Modern/ Bauhaus),
- ▶ Promoting the attractiveness of cultural heritage sites by electronic forms of presentation and communication,
- ▶ Building up a CADSES heritage internet radio programme, developing new tools for internet live streaming as well as presenting CADSES heritage media bridges (virtual cultural routes),
- ▶ Providing CADSES-wide open educational and qualification offers for young experts and multipliers.

Results & Effects

In August 2004, the first HERMES summer course brought together young experts from the participating regions working on "Cultural heritage and regional development". The next summer school (August 2005) on "Heritage and New media" is currently being prepared. In November 2004, the HERMES Heritage Internet Radio (HRN) started with first testing broadcasts (www.heritagerradio.net), with contributions from the following radio stations: Radio Kraków, Bulgarian National Radio, Croatian Radio, Hungarian Radio, Slovak Radio and Radio LOTTE in Weimar.

Supported by HERMES, in Weimar/ DE a new media concept for the Wieland Museum Ossmanstedt is currently being developed. On 25 June 2005, this museum will be opened (www.swkk.de). A virtual museum of the Argonauts and a new city museum is under construction in Volos/ GR.

In March 2005, the only European heritage film festival presented 15 selected films from all over Europe in Toblach/ IT, as part of the HERMES project (www.heritagefestival.it). The scientific framework, coordinated by the Bauhaus University Weimar/ DE (www.uni-weimar.de/urbanistik), has started an international network of specialists on "Culture, heritage and regional development". In June 2005, the first of four international symposia will be held in Ossmannstedt/ DE. Following the accession of the new EU Member states, HERMES successfully applied for a project extension for the Polish partners.



Duration

Start 09/2003
End 08/2006

Budget

Total Budget EUR 1,947,450
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ITER Itinerari Termali

Project description

Italy, Austria, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Greece share a common cultural heritage: historic spas. Starting in the Ancient Greek and Roman times, these facilities were often built in areas where "the waters" (hot springs or thermal pools) were thought to have healing properties. Throughout history spa towns became extremely important both from an artistic and cultural point of view and are part of the cultural heritage. Nevertheless, very little has been done to protect what can be considered one of the most remarkable cultural ensembles bringing together buildings, interiors and parks or, in other words, an extraordinary combination of archaeology, architecture, craft and landscape. Furthermore, the health-oriented mass exploitation has not been equally accompanied by a policy for identification, knowledge, and protection of the concerned historic buildings, conservation areas and other aspects of the historic environment.



Results & Effects

This project has achieved the following results and effects:

- ▶ Web site www.iter-cadses.it,
- ▶ Comparative analysis of cataloguing methods,
- ▶ Development of a specific entry for spas,
- ▶ Development of a custom-made project data base to be used for data collection on extranet linking all European partners,
- ▶ Data collection and entry,
- ▶ Photo gallery,
- ▶ Project-coordinated image handbook (logo, format, colours, layout, etc for the project presentations and materials),
- ▶ Project GIS (geographical information system) to localize all the spas on an e-map for access on the internet,
- ▶ Dissemination (articles, brochures, seminars and workshops),
- ▶ Comparative analysis of European legislation on spas,
- ▶ Virtual exhibition on the history of spas in Europe (DVD and video). Before the end of the project (June 2005), an analysis of the economic relevance of spas and case studies will be conducted.



Duration

Start 01/2003
End 06/2005

Budget

Total Budget EUR 1,219,675
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ROME

Roman, Ancient Greek and Amber Routes, innovative Methodologies and Measures connecting Europe



Project description

The project aims to make the most of the ancient Roman roads in the CADSES cooperation space. The most important aspect of the project is the use of advanced technologies that allows lands which are far from one another but united by common action and strategies to be connected to one another. It will make all levels of society more aware of the value of ancient Roman roads, developing them from merely physical links between the regions to the connecting threads of a shared European identity and using them as a way of demonstrating the value of transnational cooperation. Study and application of innovative technologies to create three-dimensional views of our most important historical and archaeological elements is applied both to providing information to the general public, because of its effectiveness and clarity, and to ensuring the proper planning and management of transformation work carried out by government authorities, which in turn provides the best tools for operating with due care in protecting the archaeological heritage, both within the city and in the countryside. Other important points are:

- ▶ Making the most of Roman roads as routes for transporting and exchanging goods, which means that the Amber Road route is particularly important to the project,
- ▶ Detailed study of the method for setting up a foundation to make the most of ancient Roman roads, which could create an extraordinary network of partners as big as the territory that was once covered by the Roman roads and still exists today, also including partners in other similar projects related to other cooperation spaces,
- ▶ e-learning modules,
- ▶ Methods for setting up and organising theme parks.

Results & Effects

Obtained outcomes so far:

- ▶ 1st transnational technical meeting in Perugia (Italy), 24 May 2004,
- ▶ 2nd transnational technical meeting in Ancona (Italy), 18-19 October 2004,
- ▶ Logo of the project planning, sharing with the partners and application,
- ▶ Initial formulation of project website and registration,
- ▶ Planning and application of the intranet for the project partners: <http://hermes.westgate.gr/rome-intranet>,
- ▶ Organisation and implementation of the Roman Festival open to the public on 4-6 June 2004, completed brochures and posters,
- ▶ Publication of the catalogue "Die Gemmen von Carnuntum",
- ▶ Special programme and publication for children with "Julius Carnuntinus", the mascot of the Archaeological Park Carnuntum and training seminar for tourism staff,
- ▶ Recognition of the existing cartographies in the champion area of Via Flaminia in the Marche region,
- ▶ Dissemination actions of "The Parliament Magazine".



Duration

Start 01/2004
End 12/2006

Budget

Total Budget EUR 2,079,000
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ROMIT

ROMan ITineraries

Project description

The travelling public's growing interest in archaeology is a typical example of what is called "motivation tourism", a set of new market segments opposed to "generic tourism".

The main challenge of the ROMIT project is to find new ways of preservation and management of Roman archaeological complexes, integrating them in the local development policies.

The aim is to protect the heritage in an area embracing cities of Roman origin situated in Emilia-Romagna (I), Bavaria (D) and Western Greece (GR), and also to create employment and regional development through an intelligent enhancement of the cultural resources, with special benefits for the institutions, local actors and populations of the involved territories.

The ROMIT project covers two major action lines: a thorough research action aimed at comparing the management systems of the involved sites, identifying their weaknesses, successes and potentialities, and drafting and testing transnational public/ public and public/ private cooperative models for the development planning of archaeological sites, which facilitate their integration into the regional and local policies.

Results & Effects

Some of the project's results are:

- ▶ Achievement of a common development model for archaeological sites, easily replicated and based on transnational juridical and economic studies and surveys,
- ▶ Development of a common European catalogue entry based on a transnational and multilingual inventory, selection and aggregation of information and documentation on amphitheatres, arenas, buildings, roads, walls, etc. of Roman origins, also including those lesser known or completely unknown ones,
- ▶ Design of a cultural route of the Roman archaeological sites via a website in charge of managing and marketing the cultural route,
- ▶ Development of a Web site to promote and manage a dedicated cultural route graphically based on the Tabula Peutingeriana,
- ▶ Design of a European observatory on travellers interested in historic and cultural heritage,
- ▶ Development of training materials for public officers concerned with urban/land development, cultural heritage managers and operators and staff of tourism promotion agencies.

Duration

Start 01/2004
End 12/2005

Budget

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Transromanica

Transnational Network and Itineraries of the Romanesque



Project description

TRANSROMANICA is based on the idea to promote the integration process of greater Europe through our common cultural and historical roots: Romanesque heritage. Long ago, between 950 and 1250, for the first time in Europe, regions and countries of distinct cultural identities were already developing a common style in arts and architecture. Using this cultural and historical basis TRANSROMANICA has formed a network of five partner regions. By this Saxony-Anhalt, Thuringia, Carinthia, the Province of Modena and Slovenia are willing to merge their Romanesque potential for a more sustainable development and marketing at transnational level. As an initial step, TRANSROMANICA (2004-2005) aims to create transnational products and build up human capital (visitor surveys, SWOT & marketing strategy, guide training, product development) for further tourist development.



The 2nd part of the project (2005-2006) will be devoted to promoting the TRANSROMANICA route and itineraries by means of flyers and construction of an e-commerce platform. Two events will serve as communication and marketing platform: The TRANSROMANICA convention (September 2005) and TRANSROMANICA tourism exchange (autumn 2006).

Results & Effects

In spring 2004 all five partner regions followed a common defined selection process and chose their five highlight candidates, a major part in the transnational marketing project. They are each accompanied by up to 20 neighbouring associated sites. The 25 highlight sites and their representatives met one another at the first TRANSROMANICA meeting in Klagenfurt on 28-29 June 2004. At all 25 highlights TRANSROMANICA have conducted a visitor survey on motives, expectations and activities of the typical Romanesque tourist (summer/ autumn 2004). Data processing and analysis have been conducted by Slovenian project partners. Tour operators will be interviewed until the end of April 2005. TRANSROMANICA is available at www.transromanica.com with more information, downloads and contacts as of May 2005. Strategic planning began in autumn 2004, the SWOT analysis is already completed and the marketing plan is in progress. TRANSROMANICA convention in Magdeburg will last three days (1-3 September 2005) and deal with best practice in maintenance, management, development and marketing of cultural heritage, mainly focusing on the Romanesque and medieval period.

Duration

Start 11/2003
End 10/2006

Budget

Total Budget EUR 1,809,848
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VILLAS

Stately homes and castles: compatible use, valorisation and creative management

Project description

Cultural heritage, preserved and managed in an appropriate way, can play a decisive role in spatial development. This is the focus of the VILLAS project proposal.

Its main aims consist of improving and revitalising the aesthetic and economic aspects of architectural heritage by creating an evaluation model and defining a compatible re-use strategy tool according to the planning criteria and spatial policies of the CADSES area.

In the long term, the project is expected to have a positive effect on regional communities and economies through the increase of knowledge, cultural tourism, investment possibilities, etc. and the amelioration of juridical instruments at national and European level in a broader sense.

The possibilities of intercultural dialogue and the multidisciplinary approach of the topic will, on the one hand, achieve the relevant sustainable development requirements, and, on the other hand, contribute to the support and stability of the area.

Results & Effects

Obtained and expected outcomes are:

- ▶ Increase of knowledge on the cultural heritage according to a transnational idea applied to a vast area,
- ▶ Exchange of information and methodology between the partners themselves and potential investors and consequent professional growth of the staff involved in the conservation and valorisation of the cultural heritage (scientific networking),
- ▶ Availability of innovative instruments for carrying out planning events,
- ▶ Availability of more information in order to sustain decisions inherent to intervention strategies in the cultural heritage sector,
- ▶ Communication with potential public and private investors in cultural heritage in order to create new PPP,
- ▶ Cooperation with public and private potential investors to define objectives and methods for the re-use of the cultural heritage,
- ▶ Availability of operative projects that in fact represent the basis for future investments,
- ▶ Sharing (through seminars, conventions, Web publications) with the community the objectives of the heritage valorisation.

Duration

Start 01/2004
End 12/2006

Budget

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IPAM

Integrative Protected Area Management in the Alps-Adriatic-Region

Project description

The protection of areas and sites is one of the most important instruments of modern, anticipating strategies in nature conservation and planning for sustainable spatial development. Therefore, an enormous increase of the number and acreage as well as the number of categories of sites has been registered. The management of these sites has become a challenge for conservation and other sectors, mainly regional planning, since protected area management is related to three dimensions, i.e., the spatial, socio-cultural and economic dimension.

Therefore, the planning and managing of protected areas was confronted with very different legal, administrative and technical realities. Besides, the interfaces between regional, national and transnational requirements and solutions must be stringently developed.

Within the enlargement process of the EU, different administrative and planning systems should anticipatorily be harmonised in a smooth process.

Results & Effects

The planned outcomes of this project are:

- ▶ Integration of protected area management into regional economy and rural development on a strategic and technical level by providing a focused impulse promoting faster development of tools and technologies in the field of protected area management,
- ▶ Improving the quality of protected area management in the whole CADSES area through exemplary pilot actions and extensive transnational transfer of expertise, technologies and results,
- ▶ Raising public awareness of the complex tasks of protected area management and the far-reaching possibilities offered by new technologies and tools,
- ▶ Providing a strong impulse and effort to link protected area management with the tasks, instruments and tools of spatial planning to avoid conflicts by anticipating and integrating different interests,
- ▶ Strong support to implement the European standards (directives!), policies (European Spatial Development Perspective), procedures and technologies in countries that are not yet members of the CADSES area.

Duration

Start 04/2003
End 03/2006

Budget

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SISTEMaPARC

Spatial Information Systems for Transnational Environmental Management of Protected Areas and Regions in CADSES



Project description

The project aims at fostering regional to transnational levels of management and development of cross-border national parks by improving or establishing cross-border and transnational networks of spatial information systems. The synthesis of management of protected areas and regions, especially national parks, by SIS has to be strengthened.



Continuous support of national park authorities and other regional actors with special regard to landscape management, tourism marketing, visitor guidance, etc. will be provided. Transnational exchange of experiences and know-how among cross-border national park regions in Central Europe has been initiated. By monitoring and analysing the changes of land use patterns since the late 18th century, indicators for the impact of political and socio-economic changes during history will be developed. Geospatial information pools and an inter-European exchange of communication for the documentation, management and development of cross-border national parks will be established.

Results & Effects

Main targets and foreseen results are:

- ▶ Foster the coordinated transnational development of cross-border protected regions by improving or establishing spatial database networks and spatial information systems, and initiate the transnational exchange of experiences and know-how,
- ▶ Support transnational strategies of monitoring, planning and management of cross-border protected areas and respective regions through integration and application of spatial information systems with special regard to European initiatives on protecting natural heritage and transnational planning strategies,
- ▶ Increase the awareness of the values of conservation and development of natural heritage by providing clear information,
- ▶ Prepare and facilitate the implementation of transnational strategies for the adequate development of tourism infrastructure, of coordinated measures for cross-border nature conservation and of information systems for the public,
- ▶ Develop indicators for changes in land use and land cover by monitoring and correlating the dynamics of changes with the impact of political and socio-economic changes in CADSES since the late 18th century.



Duration

Start 01/2004
End 12/2006

Budget

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TWReferenceNET

Management and sustainable development of protected transitional waters



Project description

The project is designed to improve and reinforce conservation of natural heritage in protected transitional ecosystems and to enlarge their sustainable fruition. The strategic objectives are:

- ▶ To ameliorate conservation of natural heritage health in protected transitional waters of the CADSES area, by deepening knowledge, producing technological innovation, reinforcing regulation and overcoming fragmentation of expertise and competencies,
- ▶ To reinforce territorial integration on environmental policy in the CADSES area,
- ▶ To translate effort on conservation into sustainable development strategies, creation of new jobs opportunities and improvement of quality of life.

The project will create activities in the following areas: environmental, socio-economic and networking-communication.

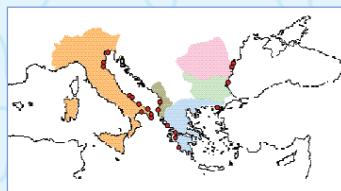
The environmental project area will promote studies and pilot actions on Ramsar and Natura 2000 sites. The socio-economic field will realise feasibility studies of sustainable economic development promote pilot action of spin-offs in tourist enterprises, and reinforce regulation and contribute to European environmental normative integration of CADSES countries.

The networking-communication area is based on the creation of an e-Centre which will constitute a functional networking among protected transitional Ramsar and Natura 2000 areas by bridging knowledge, expertise and competencies of project partners, administrations, NGOs and enterprises.

Results & Effects

The expected outcomes of this project are:

- ▶ Creation of an e-Centre as project infrastructure, networking ecosystems, reducing knowledge fragmentation and improving conservation, translating conservation into sustainable development strategies and new jobs opportunities, ensuring the project's sustainability,
- ▶ Quantification of external pressures on the protected transitional waters, including Ramsar and Natura 2000 sites, producing GIS maps at regional, national and eco-regional level (approx. 24 maps),
- ▶ Development of new and innovative descriptors (six, listed in activity section) for effective monitoring and conservation of TW ecological status, in particular at Ramsar and Nature 2000 sites,
- ▶ Proposal of new Natura 2000 sites,
- ▶ Reinforcing of legal and institutional protection on transitional aquatic ecosystems through the elaboration of an handbook of regulation,
- ▶ Creation of spin-off enterprises in biological agriculture, environmental education and tourist enterprises.



Duration

Start 01/2004
End 12/2006

Budget

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WETLANDS II

Integrated Management of wetlands



Project description

Wetlands (lakes, lagoons, deltas, rivers and river plains, coastal areas, etc.) are the most sensitive and important ecosystems—because where water and land meet we find the cradle of thousands of different forms of life—and contemporarily, from the socio-political and managerial point of view, they are the most controversial and problematic natural spaces to be safeguarded and developed. In Europe, since the end of the 19th century the extension of wetlands has been reduced by more than 50%. Land owners, farmers, hunters, water and forest management bodies, local communities fearing flooding, among others, take stakes in wetland areas, which are normally against their safeguarding and natural development, but instead try to limit, reduce, control, embank, exploit and transform them to meet their interests. These stakeholders have to be get "on the boat" (or better, the Ark) for a balanced and sustainable development and a possible coexistence of man and wetlands.

Results & Effects

The following results will be expected from the project implementation:

- ▶ Improvement of tools for spatial planning and development in wetland areas,
- ▶ Increase of awareness and acceptance (from stakeholders) towards wetlands conservation and development,
- ▶ Improvement of know-how of management bodies,
- ▶ Increase of economic opportunities,
- ▶ Increase and improvement of tools for wetland management bodies,
- ▶ Definition of more efficient environmental monitoring methods,
- ▶ Improvement of indicators for development, certification and control,
- ▶ Increase of awareness and acceptance (from stakeholders, resident population and "wetland users") towards wetlands conservation and development,

- ▶ Increase of public information about wetlands management and development,
- ▶ Increase of protection projects, leverage of investments for sustainable development,
- ▶ Enforcement of EU and national policies on environmental pollution,
- ▶ Improvement of nature conservation,
- ▶ Enforcement of EU and national policies regarding wetlands protection and management,
- ▶ Increase of ecotourism activities,
- ▶ More transfer of results, to be used by other partners for future activities.

A second general effect of the whole project will be the improvement of capacities and know-how of the employees and external collaborators of the involved Wetlands Management Bodies and of the work organisation itself of these bodies, developing the skills of employees and collaborators from 'normal' agricultural technicians, biologists, architects or engineers to become step-by-step "Wetlands Managers" who pay attention to different aspects of an integrated management approach.



Duration

Start 02/2003
End 12/2005

Budget

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LOTO

Landscape opportunities for territorial organization



Project description

As emphasised by the ESDP and the European Landscape Convention, the different landscape characterisation of the territories is a resource to safeguard. Given that the territory is constantly developing, transformations of the landscape cannot be avoided, but it is important for them to be guided with awareness. On the other hand, whoever designs or plans the territory does not easily have access to tools that can be used to resolve the problem.



The project intends to provide tools that govern the evolution of the landscape through the knowledge of the dynamics of transformation, intending the landscape itself as a reference framework for any project of an accurate and territorial scale aimed at directing the territorial planning/design tools in a complementary manner. So, the project proposes identifying a method of interpreting the landscape that could be a shared operative reference to guide and verify the territorial transformation choices.

Results & Effects

The expected results of LOTO project are:

- ▶ To achieve a common language and an agreed method on landscape planning that allow the comparison of results and effects of local and regional policies,
- ▶ To introduce landscape upgrading themes in the local, regional and national spatial planning,
- ▶ To determine and test a initial list of landscape indicators that can also contribute to this theme for the infrastructure and as a result for the social system,
- ▶ To contribute to a methodological integration of various EU conventions and directives such as European Landscape Convention, Flora-Fauna-Habitat directives and others,
- ▶ To start an efficient network among public institutions, research institution and universities on landscape studies, policies and best practices with particular attention to management tools,
- ▶ To enhance spatial and landscape planning and management documents and tools,
- ▶ To start innovative actions and to raise local awareness regarding landscape upgrading,
- ▶ To develop landscape knowledge status at the different levels.



Duration

Start 05/2002
End 10/2005

Budget

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REKULA

Restructuring Cultural Landscapes



Project description

Landscapes have been altered and disturbed within a short time through industrial processes such as mining. Natural and cultural heritages as well as regional identities have often been neglected by changing economic structures.



REKULA, the Restructuring of Cultural Landscapes, aims at establishing integrated and coordinated measures for a renewed appreciation of altered cultural landscapes. A committee of experts was established in order to develop landscaping criteria and take on the tasks of evaluation. The expert commission acts as a group of consultants for the EU via the REKULA project and transmits the dialogue to the European level as an international discourse on the treatment of altered landscapes.

Pilot projects are intended to help establish the necessary set of tools for application throughout Europe. They are intended as a set of rules for the production—that is, the preservation—of the balance of natural resources as well as practical tools for managing the entire process.

The results of REKULA will be summarised and published in a management handbook. This book will present a set of tools for landscape management including various interest groups and will contain necessary steps for similar restructuring processes.

Results & Effects

REKULA has already provided incentives for reshaping cultural landscapes which have been severely altered and disturbed by industrial processes such as mining within a short time.

A committee of European experts has been established and is meeting four times a year to evaluate the outcomes of REKULA and to develop landscaping criteria.

Different international workshops, conferences, excursions and project meetings have taken place during the last two years. Insights gained in pilot projects in the fields of energy and water will help establish the necessary set of tools for application throughout Europe. They are intended as a set of rules for the preservation of the balance of natural resources as well as practical tools for managing the entire process. The results of REKULA will be summarised and published in a handbook by the end of 2005.



Duration

Start 01/2003
End 12/2005

Budget

Total Budget EUR 3,435,100
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REVITAMIN

Revitalisation of former brown coal mining areas/ Development of a transnational computer-aided multicriteria decision aid for mining regions

Project description

REVITAMIN, the revitalisation of mining regions, is aimed at upgrading and developing post-mining landscapes at transnational level.

The partners in this project intend to identify innovative, cost-efficient, sustainable and transferable scenarios of landscape revitalisation resulting in a transnational strategy for the revitalisation of mining areas in line with European principles of spatial development without neglecting national regional diversity.



The project team will develop a transnational computer-aided, multi-criteria decision aid for mining regions as a suitable and efficient tool to implement strategic revitalisation plans.

Finally, an information and cooperation network for mining regions for the exchange of information and transfer of know-how and a platform for business activities beyond the scope of this project will be set up.

Results & Effects

The expected outcomes of the project are:

- ▶ Detailed catalogue of criteria for the systematic collection and description of the economic, social and infrastructural characteristics, and endogenous potentials of mining regions (methodical manual),
- ▶ Development of input and evaluation modules,
- ▶ Coordinated textual and structural creation of individual topic-related databases as annexes to the computer-aided decision aid,
- ▶ Overview of formal and informal instruments of regional planning in the individual partner countries at various planning levels,
- ▶ Detailed regional analyses of the mining regions with reference to the catalogue of criteria; initial collection of fundamental current strategies for regional development in the mining regions relating to regional and textual stipulations,
- ▶ Selection of cases in the mining regions involved to demonstrate innovative ways and methods of landscape protection and revitalisation efforts,
- ▶ Definition of the investigation area for planning study.

Duration

Start 01/2004

End 12/2005

Budget

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SURE

Successful Restoration and Rehabilitation Accompanying Infrastructural Interventions



Project description

The objective of the project is to put basic strategies into practise that guarantee ecological and sustainable restoration or rehabilitation under extreme site conditions.



Sustainable rehabilitation and restoration of ski slopes, road embankments and opencast mining areas

should lead to an appealing landscape with satisfying ecological value, especially enhancing quality of life for people living in the concerned regions. Pilot projects will reveal best practise methods of rehabilitation and restoration. Research conducted in the pilot area will focus on indicators that allow the expected increase of ecological value to be measured through ecological sound rehabilitation measurements.

With the help of constant monitoring of economic and ecological parameters, the data gained from the pilot projects will convince local decision-makers to put the improved know-how into practice.

To ensure that territorial operators and technicians of land rehabilitation receive up-to-date information, training activities will be organised according to the three main objectives:

- ▶ Restoration of endangered and destroyed high altitude slopes in mountainous regions
- ▶ Rehabilitation of degraded embankments and slopes caused by improvements in infrastructure measurements
- ▶ Restoration of areas devastated by coal and other ores excavation

Results & Effects

The first year for SURE (2004) brought the following achievements:

- ▶ During the Kick-off Meeting in March a detailed schedule and a common catalogue of the methodology to be used throughout the whole project was drafted and during the following months worked out in detail.
- ▶ An open workshop including a conference was held in October in Italy.
- ▶ A bibliography on the three main objectives of the project was compiled.
- ▶ The main achievement was the selection of pilot areas and the set-up of nine trial sites at different locations in the Alps and Low Tatra, the lowlands of southern Austria and northern Italy, and in mining areas of the Czech Republic (the Ostrava region) and eastern part of Germany (the Leipzig region). Another two trial sites will be set up during spring 2005 in the mountain region of Friuli (Italy) and northern Greece.



Duration

Start 01/2004
End 12/2006

Budget

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Priority 4

Environment protection, resource management and risk prevention

The aim of this priority is to set up a common understanding of the importance of natural resources such as water and to set up common parameters, indicators and rules for protection and prevention. It is addressed to spatial planning as well as water management authorities or civil protection and subjects able to provide a common approach to technical rules.

Three areas of intervention are foreseen:

Measure 4.1

Promoting environmental protection and resource management

This measure aims at the development and implementation of transnational projects focusing upon functionally integrated environmental protection and resource management.

Measure 4.2

Promoting risk management and prevention of disasters

The major objective for this measure is the development and implementation of transnational projects focusing upon prevention of natural and man made disasters and upon risk management.

Measure 4.3

Promoting integrated water management and prevention of floods

The measure deals with the development and implementation of transnational projects focusing on integrated water management and the prevention of floods such as improved sustainable best practices for land use and for agricultural and forestry management in flood risk areas, designation of threatened and sensitive flood areas, integration of infrastructures in an active development of passive barriers, development of retention areas, development of solutions and feasibility studies for discharging rainwater, planning dikes moved further back, development and further enhancement of common strategies for monitoring, warning and protection systems.

CER²

Central European Regions Cluster for Energy from Renewables.NETwork



Project description

CER² is a valuable activity to boost regional development and to increase local economic growth and regional employment by promoting environmentally-friendly energy technologies and the rational use of energy. The project supports the regional resource management and reduction of CO₂, because its activities assist the implementation and use of renewable energy equipment and the rational use of energy.

The goal of this project is to develop and implement a "Central European Regions Cluster for Energy from Renewables" NETWORK using:

- ▶ Regional energy clusters and energy concepts and support of "Renewable and Rational Use of Energy" start-ups,
- ▶ Standardised "Education Schemes" for building service engineers, architects, planners, installers and energy advisers in the fields of "Renewable Energy Sources" (RES) and "Rational Use of Energy" (RUE),
- ▶ A "Quality Assurance Support Programme" to guarantee high quality of new RES and RUE technologies in production, planning and installation.

Results & Effects

The following results will be expected:

- ▶ Strengthen cooperation between partners: seven meetings, three cluster network board meetings, three cooperation exchange conferences (200-250 participants),
- ▶ Three cooperation exchange platforms (education, quality, energy concept experts),
- ▶ Final project report and detailed business plan for ongoing cluster networking,
- ▶ Database with necessary information of inner and outer circle countries and project homepages available,
- ▶ Six education concepts developed, adapted, translated and implemented for the inner circle countries,
- ▶ Quality schemes for production, systems, buildings, education and marketing supported, adapted or introduced,
- ▶ Three regional cluster concepts developed and implemented,
- ▶ Opening events performed,
- ▶ Energy proponent committees established and energy concepts supported and/ or developed (AT 13, AT 113, DE 11A, PL 03, PL 09; CZ 031, CZ 072; SK 04; HU 02; SI 00A),
- ▶ 34 education courses (six in PL, CZ, SK, HU SI, three in AT, one in DE),
- ▶ Five regional RES and RUE company start-ups support programmes conducted (PL, CZ, SK, HU, SI),
- ▶ 11 newsletters published,
- ▶ Homepages implemented, workshops for informing important regional and national institutions, organisations, decision-makers and the public on the project content,
- ▶ Publication of articles in important newspapers and professional magazines,
- ▶ Actively participated in connected conferences, seminars, etc.

Duration

Start 11/2003
End 10/2006

Budget

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Drava River Basin Project (DRBP)

Environmental infrastructure measures in the River Drava Basin



Project description

On the environmental sector, problems are often transnational with the cause lying in one country and the effects in the bordering one.

The characteristics of regions along borders are similar to less developed regions in other countries. The lack of financial means makes it very difficult to improve the infrastructure in the regions, although from the point of view of EU standards, they are necessary and being requested, especially projects concerning waste and waste water management, which require considerable amounts of money, technological know-how and complex organisational and legal structures to be effective.



The Drava River Basin Project will develop a methodology to enable the authorities in less developed regions to approach these

infrastructure projects in a way such that a long-term sustainable, economically and socially-viable solution can be found taking into consideration the EU-wide environmental and technological standards and using modern organisational and financial models.

Results & Effects

The expected results of the project are the following:

- ▶ Transnational methodical approach for development and implementation of an environmental infrastructure with special focus on Eastern European countries. Integration of relevant environmental fields (water, waste water and waste management) within one regional master plan,
- ▶ Prioritisation methodology for selection of prior project implementations,
- ▶ Establishment of a cooperation framework (regional self-government), feasibility study, economic framework and implementation structure (ready to tender) for one waste management pilot project for the Drava region in northwestern Croatia,
- ▶ Integration of waste management in northwestern Croatia into the Croatian ISAP strategy,
- ▶ Selection and ongoing preparation of two waste water pilot projects based on the regional master plan,
- ▶ Enhancement of the environmental situation in the Drava River Basin and along the Drava flow and in the regions on and along the River Danube, into which the Drava flows,
- ▶ An increase in the quality of life (positive effect for the population and tourism),
- ▶ Enhancement of the infrastructure of the region,
- ▶ Optimisation of the administration structures,
- ▶ Raising public awareness on the environmental issue.

Duration

Start 01/2003
End 12/2005

Budget

Total Budget EUR 2,283,834
thereof ERDF EUR 750,000



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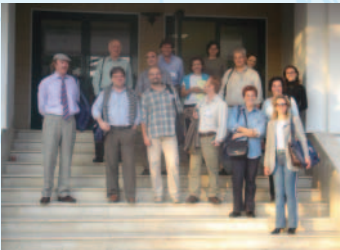


ISOTEIA

Integrated System for the promotion of Territorial/ Environmental Impact Assessment in the framework of spatial planning

Project description

The aim of the project is the establishment of an integrated system designed to promote the best means to assess Territorial and Environmental Impacts (TEIA) within the framework of resource management and regional planning in the CADSES region for environmental protection. During the project run-time, eight TEIA case studies are planned, which are based on alternative scenarios generated by the Spatial Decision Support Systems (SDSS) in national and transnational study areas in different environmental fields such as surface water management, ecosystem protection, forest management, integrated irrigation management, water supply optimisation and precision farming.



They will serve as examples and as feedback to further improve the methodology and tools. The main expected result of the project is the promotion of effective and sustainable management of natural resources in CADSES.

Results & Effects

- ▶ One thematic network comprising research and technological institutions as well as local and regional authorities and organisations,
- ▶ Integration of methodologies and tools for TEIA using the Spatial Decision Support Systems (SDSS) in national and transnational study areas,
- ▶ Eight case studies (two transnational) based on the application of SDS on different environmental fields,
- ▶ Ten researchers among the project partners trained in Geographical Information Systems and Remote Sensing (GIS-RS) tools and applications,
- ▶ 13 researchers and 12 invited professionals trained (in two separate courses) on best practices in TEIA using SDS,
- ▶ One multi-task digital service offering all the necessary documentation and sources of updated information to planners, stakeholders and professionals for TEIA and SDSS applications as well as a forum for consultancy,
- ▶ Course curricula related to GIS/RS, SDSS and TEIA.

Duration

Start 01/2004
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Budget

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KATER II

KArst waTER research programme

Project description

In many countries belonging to CADSES, karstic areas are important and acutely essential for public water supply. These areas are at the same time highly sensitive and valuable natural environments. Conversely, exploitation pressure on these areas is increasing, such as in the fields of tourism, settlements, transport infrastructure, forestry and pasture management.

The project aims at safeguarding water supply and the required, largely natural conditions of the catchment areas. The conflicts between often incompatible land use activities by necessity lead to effects of high relevance for regional planning. To facilitate and optimise the decision-making process relating to the problems of land use/ water management/ environmental protection, it would be useful to develop and implement a decision support system. This work is based on the scientific and methodological considerations derived from the results of the KATER project. The collection of data documenting the natural environment calls for the well-considered design of both data collection and measuring station set-up. Optimising the data collection process is a key output of the project. This will be determined for the karst aquifers situated in the project territories and will be transferable to other areas. The development of the decision support system will be based on a software developed for the KATER project (metadata and presentation tools) and will be handled by individual project partners. The relevant activities derived from the project therefore do not merely address the public at large, but also, and in particular, the competent policymakers, scientists, regional planners, water supply companies and administrators (conferences), students and university teachers (excursions), and schoolchildren and their teachers ("weeks in the country").

Results & Effects

Publications:
Karst Phenomena in Veneto Region, Hydrogeological Map of Sette Comuni Plateau (Regione del Veneto, Giunta Regionale, Italian and English); CELICO F., MUSILLI I., VARCAMONTI M., NACLERIO G. (2005) - Microbial groundwater pollution in Italian carbonate aquifers, *Giornale di Geologia*, 1, 215-219; Köck R.; Hochbichler E.: Effects of pasture abandonment on subalpine plant species diversity, *JOURNAL OF VEGETATION SCIENCE*.

Public relations activities:

- ▶ KATER II and the first transnational university excursion, September 2004: 38 students participated in an excursion through all partners' pilot areas for nine days,
- ▶ "Weeks in the Country (Ecocamp Hochschwab)": 50 pupils in two classes experienced a week in the catchment areas of the Viennese water supply and learned by doing in the field about the goals of KATER II.

Reports from subcontractors:

Reports and Maps on structural geology, karstmorphology and mountain pasture.

Duration

Start 01/2003
End 12/2006

Budget

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SAWWTACA

Sewerage And Waste Water Treatment in the Adriatic Coastal Area: development of an adequate tool on project development

Project description

The main objective of the SAWWTACA project is the improvement and harmonisation of policies and actions aimed at upgrading sewerage networks and waste water treatment in urban settlements around the Adriatic Sea. The project will, in the first place, create a durable network of local authorities and experts. The network aims at a continuous upgrading of the overall awareness and know-how on safeguarding Adriatic surface water by improving sewerage systems and waste water treatment, being a platform for exchange of experiences and transfer of knowledge on innovative technologies and management tools.

Secondly, an innovative tool will be developed, elaborated as a set of guidelines, which should enable local authorities to identify which infrastructure investments are needed, how to implement them, which restrictions and standards follow from national and Community legislation, and which technologies are most suitable to use.

In order to establish the specific needs of the Adriatic area, a thorough analysis of the state of the art on sewerage and wastewater treatment in Adriatic coastal regions will be carried out. Said analysis will be confronted with local experiences and expertise available within the partnership, resulting in a Master Plan for the Adriatic area, which will serve as a reference to policy development in the Adriatic area. With this background information, the final guidelines on project development in sewerage and waste water treatment in the Adriatic area will be elaborated.

Results & Effects

The following outcomes are expected:

- ▶ Creation of a transnational cooperation network on sewerage and waste water treatment in order to improve jointly the surface water quality of the Adriatic sea by improving sewerage systems and waste water treatment facilities.
- ▶ Improvement of management skills and technological know-how within agencies in the Adriatic area dealing with sewerage and waste water issues. Dissemination of information on how to cope effectively with the growing demand on waste water infrastructures in line with European legislation.
- ▶ Identification of common, transnational standards, methods and technologies for sewerage and waste water treatment planning, which meet the specific requirements of Adriatic seaside resorts (one database, one master plan, one manual). The results will be published in paper and online, and presented at a conference. Dissemination will furthermore be enhanced using appropriate occasions and forums, in which to present the results.
- ▶ Increased awareness among administrators, planners and scholars in the entire Adriatic area on the importance of a joint development of adequate waste water policies and the use of innovative technologies in the region.

Duration

Start 12/2003
End 12/2006

Budget

Total Budget EUR 908,850
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SMS VOSLESS

Implementation of Solvent Management Systems as transnational approach to reducing VOC's pollution



Project description

With the implementation of the Solvent directive (Directive 1999/13/EC), which aims at reducing the direct and indirect effects of volatile organic compounds emissions in the environment, a call for action exists for implementation in the industrial sectors. There is also a need of developing the implementation of Environmental Management Systems in some industrial European sites through the Solvent Management Plan.

The companies that will be selected for the project will be small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) which can set a significant example to extend the achieved results to other companies in the same industrial sector when the project ends. The industrial sectors/ processes under investigation are: the coating of several kind of surfaces, surface degreasing, shoe production, car repair work, dry cleaning and production of coating products.

The project aims at achieving:

- ▶ The development to an operational degree of the Solvent Management Plan (SMP),
- ▶ The implementation of such plan inside some industrial European sites,
- ▶ The constitution of a network gathering some stakeholders like entrepreneurs associations and local authorities.

Results & Effects

Planned and partly achieved results of the project are:

- ▶ To implement the Solvent Management Plan (SMP) in 45 firms and seven industrial sectors,
- ▶ To establish a set of suitable indicators to verify and quantify the performance of the Solvent Management Plan. The set of indicators will allow some comparisons to the results achieved both in different countries and in different companies in the same industrial sector,
- ▶ To implement and diffuse a specific software to quantify the emissions values,
- ▶ To organise management training sessions in order to form several internal operators to perform specific and very practical actions such as using and checking VOC abatement systems, using specific painting systems and checking their performances, etc.,
- ▶ To provide the public administration with operative procedures to optimise the monitoring activities,
- ▶ To promote the diffusion of the SMP in Romania and Slovenia.

Duration

Start 01/2004
End 12/2006

Budget

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TAQI

Transnational Air Quality Improvement: A Management Tool for Regional Planning



Project description

The TAQI project aims at creating a homogenous, regionalised, transnational, up-to-date emission data information base for long-term planning decisions, such as EIA or SEA, by linking environmental data with spatial information. Emission inventories for all SNAP categories (traffic and non-mobile sources) and emission forecasts will contribute to the aim of monitoring smaller, but more dispersed pollution sources. An advanced transnational network cooperation to exchange knowledge and a common elaboration of strategies to improve the data and environmental situation will contribute to the planning of measures and finding best practice methods regarding the lasting reduction of air pollutants in accordance with the demands of the EU environmental policy (air quality management).

At multilateral cross-sector workshops, the transnational coordination of measures according to EU/ NEC directive will be discussed as well as the ozone directive, the joint handling of the benzene problem, the long range transport of particulate matters and transnational exchange of experiences regarding the "coming to terms" with the Kyoto targets including emission trading. Also training courses and seminars will contribute to a transnational know-how exchange and transfer in the field of regional planning and air quality.

The issues within the scope of spatial development to be covered by this project are social and economic issues, transport, environment, sustainability and information society matters including matters related to social integration.

The project will initiate the reconstruction and enlargement of an international internet information platform providing the public with access to up-to date emission data and environmental information in several languages.

Results & Effects

The idea of TAQI was born when it became clear that monosectoral strategies at national level seem to be insufficient for solutions in the complex field of air pollution and environmental planning.

The project creates a homogenous, regionalised, transnational, up-to-date emission data information base for long-term planning decisions, such as EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) or SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment), by linking environmental data with spatial information. Emission inventories for all SNAP categories (mobile sources like traffic and non-mobile sources) and emission forecasts will contribute to the aim of monitoring smaller, but more dispersed pollution sources.

The project has initiated so far an international internet information platform (www.air-ce.info), providing the public with access to up-to-date pollution data and environmental information in several languages. To not be confronted with heterogeneous data between the different countries of the project, intercalibration exercises were done in Prague and some field experiments organised in Vienna.



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Budget

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RISK AWARE

RISK - Advanced Weather forecasting system to Advice on Risk Events and management

Project description

Meteorological hazards, especially flooding, cause the loss of lives and the destruction building and infrastructure. This demands an improvement in forecasts and timely warnings of such hazards in order to protect lives and property. The project general objectives are prevention of geohydrological natural disasters at regional, national and transnational level caused by meteorological situations and the design and implementation of regional, national and transnational programmes for geo-hydrological hazards assessment and risk management.

The projects main activities will focus on the:

- ▶ Definition of methodologies, models and data set,
- ▶ Definition of common guidelines for risk prevention and management,
- ▶ Design and development of data communication system and archiving system,
- ▶ Implementation of the operational prototypes over selected target areas,
- ▶ Deployment of facility to end user.

The goal of RISK AWARE is to enlarge the spectrum and quality of meteorological information up to the short range (0-24 hours) in order to support users in hydrology, geology, civil protection and related areas whose actions are dependent on timely information about severe meteorological events evolving on short time scales and local hydrogeological conditions.

Results & Effects

The planned results of the project are:

- ▶ Database including meteo-geo-hydro data
- ▶ Data broadcasting system
- ▶ Data visualisation system
- ▶ Scientific publications and report
- ▶ Methodologies to improve the description of weather conditions at different time ranges up to two days in advance
- ▶ Methodologies to relate weather conditions to ground effects
- ▶ Software tools to integrate the different component of the system in a unique framework
- ▶ Regional and national meetings to exchange information with local, regional, national authorities, institutions and end users
- ▶ Transnational workshop/ international conference
- ▶ Project Web site
- ▶ Guidelines documents
- ▶ Pilot actions
- ▶ Civil protection plans

Duration

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S.I.S.M.A

System Integrated for Security Management Activities to safeguard and protect historic centres from risks.
“Citizen as the first rescuer”

Project description

A context of particular vulnerability due to seismic activity in the territories of the CADSES area (Italy, Greece, the Balkan Countries, Slovenia, Slovakia) and its rich architectural and cultural heritage, including several historic centres where relevant activities for the quality of urban systems are being carried out, are the reasons why the Project “S.I.S.M.A.–Integrated System for prevention of risks and protection of historic architectural pattern” has been submitted.



The purpose is to start a scientific comparison on approaches and

methodologies developed, and in the course of its application, prepared to confront and prevent the destructive action of natural events from the viewpoint of promoting and developing preventative coordinate actions outlined at transnational level.

The final target of the project, that is to protect and safeguard human life and cultural heritage, will be accomplished with the development of methodologies of integrated actions of prevention. Aspects related to urban planning and building regulations will be implemented as tools of precautionary measures to be used both as a general rule and a direct incisive proposal for programmed interventions on the existing building pattern.

As regards conservation of “historic centre system” and its components, elements will be analysed for reducing its vulnerability. Knowledge of these elements will find immediate as well as efficient application when risk management actions are organised. As a consequence, information and awareness of citizens on the degree of vulnerability of their own urban system will allow them to act as “first rescuers”, so becoming important for their own security as well as that of the cultural heritage in the historic centre.

Results & Effects

Foreseen results of the project are:

- ▶ Creation of a data processing system together with the exchange of information among partners and open to other European subjects to promote and enhance an exchange of data and experiences, and their dissemination to institutional bodies as well as universities and research institutes, under an apposite permanent observatory which will continue to operate after the project ends,
- ▶ Report references of synthesising shared methodologies to critically analyse the vulnerability degree of the “historic centre system” and its components as regards damages from natural disasters, as well as a definition of the criteria for an disaster scenario outline,
- ▶ Report synthesising guidelines for the definition of land management policy, regulations and projects aiming to reduce risks as well as to safeguard historic and cultural sites,
- ▶ Report outlining behaviours for better population training on the “citizen as first rescuer” role within risk management actions as carried out in emergency plans,
- ▶ Dissemination of risk prevention-based methodologies through staff training and education.



Duration

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Budget

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CADSEALAND

Land-sea Interaction: Coastal State and Evolution in CADSES

Project description

The complex ensemble of natural marine, terrestrial, atmospheric processes that determine the "state" of coastal areas is the result of a statistical balance which is subject to both natural and anthropogenic changes. It is of vital importance for the preservation and management of coastal areas to be able to detect these trends or their signs in the coastal state as well as to identify the nature and origin of the detected trends. It is necessary to be able to successfully address management interventions (including preservation and defence ones) in full respect of economic and social interests that are, almost invariably, linked in such circumstances. Given this complexity of coastal dynamics, trends in a statistical process have to be detected.



The project was developed simultaneously along two lines:

- ▶ A "horizontal" integration line along actions will be developed aimed at stimulating public institutions to define and develop guidelines for coastal management based on a land-sea integrated view of coastal areas; a particular effort will be devoted to fulfilling the recommendations of the European Parliament and Council concerning the implementation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management in Europe (2002/413/EC), and
- ▶ A "vertical" intervention line along actions will be developed on specific coastal areas aimed from the start at maintaining a connection with concrete territorial problems.

The results expected are essentially: guidelines for coast protection and management based on an integrated land-sea culture of coastal areas, an overall view of coastal areas in southern Europe and specific experiences in the Italian and Greek basins.

Results & Effects

- ▶ Developing international standards for the definition of a "state of the coast" useful for territorial planning and management, engineering, insurance, etc., the processes (both on land and at sea) that determine the coastal state through the land-sea interaction and the processes (both natural and human) that determine the evolution (dynamics) of the coastal state.
- ▶ Developing efficient monitoring systems for the state of the coast and its evolution, and efficient techniques for the protection of endangered coastal areas and the reconstruction of damaged ones.
- ▶ Developing and diffusing an integrated culture of land-sea interaction in coastal areas for their preservation and management as well as for planning of the future development of the CADSES area, together with guidelines to be adopted by public institutions for the protection of the coast.

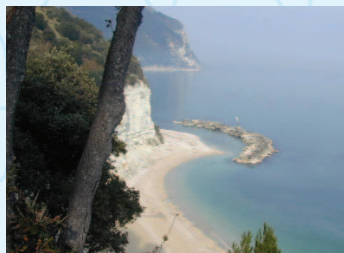
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ELLA

ELbe – LAbe flood management measures by transnational spatial planning



Project description

The ELLA project is the transnational cooperation of nearly all regional spatial planning authorities in the Elbe basin.

This partnership of national and regional partners is responsible for spatial planning, water management and agriculture. Flood prevention and common management approaches have to be improved.



The promotion of integrated water management includes:

- ▶ Transnational development and regional implementation of a common spatial planning strategy,
- ▶ Evaluation and improvement of spatial planning settings, instruments and policies,
- ▶ Improvements of several regional and local land-use plans in flood-prone areas.

Flood prevention requires the following measures:

- ▶ Risk analysis and mapping, basic implementation steps for retention measures, impact analysis,
- ▶ Retaining measures for rainwater in the fields of regional planning, agriculture, forestry, etc.,
- ▶ Solutions for downstream/ upstream burden balancing to expedite implementation of measures,
- ▶ Risk maps, agreement on retention measures, land use options,
- ▶ Production of transnational strategic planning maps,
- ▶ Improved regional plans, regional strategies, etc. following transnational needs,
- ▶ An efficient transregional network of authorities regarding spatial planning and flood management,
- ▶ A transnational strategy for burden sharing incentives.

Results & Effects

A joint declaration on cooperation and information exchange was signed by all involved national and regional ministries at the kick-off event in Berlin on 29 April 2004. A working group held meetings on the transnational strategy for flood management of spatial planning and set up a database and GIS data. Preparatory work for flood hazard overview and maps has begun. Some pilot projects have delivered concrete results such as in Stendal or Saxony.

An important outcome so far is the growing mutual understanding of all partners from Germany, the Czech Republic, Poland, Austria and Hungary. It takes time but it is becoming a good basis for future project success. The lead partner, the Saxon State Ministry of the Interior, together with the project coordinators, visits all project partners for intensive discussions on the project.

Duration

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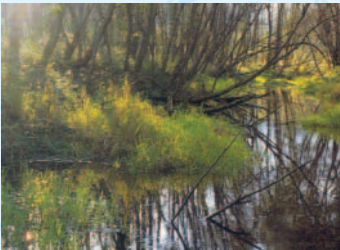
ILUP

Integrated Land Use Planning and River Basin Management



Project description

The risk potential in river basins has increased greatly due to the enormous usage pressure. Viewing the demographic concentration in river basins and potential climate changes, safety in valleys is only possible if preventative water management and other disciplines cooperate. In selected river basins, exemplary new methods are being tested, strategies developed and pilot projects implemented. Due to space limitations, infrastructure planning, land use and the protection of resources, an integrated approach is required and multifunctional strategies must be developed.



A solution for problems of foothill and hill countries regarding integrated management of water resources, risk and landscape management can only be solved in an interdisciplinary way if they shall have sustainable results. ILUP pursues the basic concept of a holistic, network-oriented landscape assessment from the problem solving approach to the implementation of measures.

Results & Effects

Based on an intensive exchange of experiences among the partners, the analysis and collation of the necessary information has been launched in the pilot regions. First results are: harmonised survey concepts, analogue and digital data sets from the different fields.

As regards the preparation of concepts for the model rivers, an initial master plan for the integration of water management into the regional development is now in discussion. Sectoral valuation models for interpretation of data (land valuation model, forestry, risk management, agriculture, etc) were elaborated on. An interim report on the examination of impacts of changes in land use and land cover on natural hazard potentials was presented.

As regards the networking concept for river basin management, an agreement on common proceeding with other fields was reached with the draft of a common management plan. Several contributions to the implementation of coordinated pilot measures via the individual sectors have been effected.

Duration

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Budget

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NETWET 2

Networking Perspectives of Transnational Cooperation and Participatory Planning for Integrated Water Resources Management through the promotion of new forms of Spatial Governance

Project description

NetWet 2 focuses on various important problems in the field of water (salinity of groundwater aquifers, ecological balance of sensitive aquatic ecosystems, drinking water, environmental impact of organic agricultural practices on waters, protection of flood risk areas, protection of drought areas in relation to flood development, protection of areas with high environmental hydraulic risk, economic value of humid areas water) and aims at the promotion of bottom-up participatory spatial planning and new forms of spatial governance at transnational level for the integrated management of water resources.

The project's principal objective is the development of transnational cooperation for water management through:

- ▶ The promotion of water management integrated methods,
- ▶ The development of new conditions of bottom-up participatory spatial planning, and new forms of spatial governance at transnational level for the integrated management of water resources.



Results & Effects

The realistic determination of water resources management and flood risks at local/ regional level and the capacity to link them with the greater framework of CADSES, as well as the connection with a continuous globalisation, form the main element of NetWet2. Only under this framework can an integrated planning and approach be achieved and rational decisions for future sustainable spatial development be made. The strong focus of NetWet 2 on integrated spatial development approaches through the involvement of a significant number of local and regional actors (bottom-up participation) guarantees the immediateness of the project's spatial impacts. For example:

- ▶ Improvement of knowledge for the comprehension and confrontation of flood phenomenon mainly in agricultural sensitive areas and elaboration of sustainable best practices for the protection of flood risk areas,
- ▶ Improvement of knowledge of the economic value of the water of humid areas in relation with their ecological functions,
- ▶ Improvement of practices for the sustainable management of water resources in coastal areas (e.g., salinity, drinking water, water demand and water quality of aquatic ecosystems, environmental impact of agricultural and tourist activities),
- ▶ Promotion of transnational cooperation for the designation of common spatial strategies for water resources management ("spatial governance"),
- ▶ Enhancement of enlargement policies through the elaboration of common strategies of spatial planning for water resources.

Duration

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End 12/2005

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ODERREGIO

Transnational Action Program Spatial Planning for Preventive Flood Protection in the Oder Catchment Area

Project description

The target of ODERREGIO is the production of an action programme of spatial planning for preventive flood protection between the countries Czech Republic, Poland and Germany for the complete Oder river catchment area. This action programme contains concrete feasible actions agreed on by the project partners. They include the preparation for the enlargement of retention areas by spatial planning (e.g., building of polders, retention areas and dike relocations), the protection of areas endangered by flooding as well as sensitising actors involved. This will provide an important contribution to the reduction of flood risk. The successful principle of an active cooperation and involvement of main actors from all three countries in the project will be continued and extended. Representatives of all regional spatial planning authorities and water management authorities in the Oder river region will be involved. They will be augmented by representatives from the fields of municipal politics, nature conservation as well as agriculture and forestry.

In particular the ODERREGIO project will concentrate on the following:

- ▶ An exemplary approach for cross-border spatial planning and preventive flood protection at regional level,
- ▶ An increased intermunicipal cooperation (network of municipalities) for preventive flood protection,
- ▶ A concept for comprehensive regional and structural development in the Oder river region as regards the requirements of flood protection,
- ▶ The planning of prerequisites for the realisation of concrete measures in the field of flood prevention and an active information management for a better understanding of flood hazards and protection measures.

Results & Effects

OderRegio is the continuation of an INTERREG II C project, which was concluded in 2001 and provided a transnational conception of flood protection. So far, activities in the follow-up project have been focused on information management and preparation of reliable information on possible dangers and damages caused by flooding. Therefore, intensive negotiations for provision of data were necessary. A highlight of the project was the first regional conference titled "Integration of Spatial Planning Policy in the Oder Catchment Area" on 24-25 June 2004 in Wroclaw (PL) with more than 140 participants. The conference started a process of communication and exchange with the flood-affected inhabitants and decision-makers at regional and local level, which will be intensified in future.



Duration

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Budget

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SUMAD

Sustainable use and management of alluvial plains in diked river areas



Project description

Water management agencies have cleared alluvial plains and increased the water flow rate in riparian woods as preventive measures in flood protection. However, the clearing activities (e.g., tree clearing) are increasingly becoming a contradiction to nature protection goals and existing regulations (NATURA 2000 and the respective national protection regulations). The need for integrated strategies is increasing.

The actual use of the alluvial plains is often intensive farming and does not comply with eco-logical requirements to the natural dynamic of rivers. Through the development of integrated strategies for solving the problem taking into consideration economic risk prevention, the economic interests of the land users as well as ecological requirements of natural river dynamics and European nature protection aspects, a basis for an equilibrium of the different requirements will be established. The selection of appropriate extensive agricultural forms of land use ensures low economic disadvantages in case of flood disasters. Additionally, it guarantees a minimum of negative impacts for the ecological balance of the river and ensures a minimum level of natural river dynamic. A transnational form of alluvial plain management on the basis of common data for calculation of river flow allows a favourable connection between nature protection measures and a constant channel discharge cross-section of the river bed. In addition, the implementation and dissemination of the measures contributes to an increase of attractiveness of the (cultural) landscape and thus the tourism potential of the area.

Results & Effects

The present project will—for the first time ever—present coordinated implementation procedures, tackle trans-border river catchment areas as well as develop joint management plans. Furthermore, it will produce:

- ▶ Catalogue of relevant measuring parameters,
- ▶ Development of perspectives for different types of alluvial plains,
- ▶ Management of EU funding and cooperation with EU institutions,
- ▶ Information system for the calculation of the stream flow taking into account plant cover, sedimentation, river flow obstacles, summer dikes, etc.,
- ▶ Agro-economic management and steering instruments for sustainable use of alluvial plains in diked river areas,
- ▶ Testing of implementation strategies for an optimised use of alluvial plain areas in the respective parts of the rivers taking into account national legal requirements,
- ▶ Involvement of research institutes in the project implementation,
- ▶ New land use of an alluvial plain implemented information material and sign reporting on compliance of land use with NATURA 2000 and the improved river flow management,
- ▶ Integrated improvement of retention capacity carried out in one defined area,
- ▶ Model plans for beaver management and protection measures for dike and beaver in compliance with NATURA 2000,
- ▶ Connection between river and backwater re-established,
- ▶ Concrete measures to ensure water quality on the basis of data monitoring.

Duration

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Budget

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