

BUILT HERITAGE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY INTEGRATED TOOLS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF HISTORIC URBAN AREAS

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Dear all. Lots of new things happened since our last issue! The most unexpected thing was the withdrawal of our project partner - the City of Poprad. That is why the lead partner asked for and got the **project prolongation approval**. The newly set **end of the project is now in February 2020**, and the **final conference in January 2020**. Having in mind the last conference is going to be held in January in Idrija - just wondering, are you a snow lover? If yes, good for you! ;) However, it's a bit too early to talk about snow now and there is some catching up to do!

A wonderful summer and happy reading to all!

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- SPECTRA Centre of Excellence of the EU, Slovakia
- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences BOKU, Austria
- UIRS - Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, Slovenia
- REGEA - North-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency, Croatia

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Partners that are involved in pilot projects and work package leadership had a working meeting in Vienna to discuss the next steps and approaches that would be most suitable and effective in achieving the best results in the upcoming work.

We discussed the differences among pilot areas and the stages of implementation of their pilot projects. Pilot projects are in the course of implementation. In addition, the implementation of pilot actions is closely related with the production of pilot project videos where the scenario for the second pilot project video is already prepared; therefore, we are expecting the pilot project video about Karlovac and Bad Radkersburg to be published soon.

The second part of the meeting was dedicated to the correlation between the work package T3 (WP), communication and approaches to address different groups. The guidelines for the implementation of project activities for different groups: decision makers, stakeholders and technicians/entrepreneurs were presented by SPECTRA. Through group work, we better defined work methods for reaching the best outcomes with each focus group. The set tools for addressing stakeholders in the foreseen areas are:

A.T.3.1 - Urban walks

The activity foresees two types of urban walks: one focusing on the maintenance and care of HBA, second focusing on the pro-active participation of residents, owners and economic operators. Each partner involved should design the walks keeping in mind the reason for the walk.

The predicted period of this activity was from April to May 2019, but due to the project prolongation some partners decided that urban walks will be executed in autumn 2019.

A.T.3.2 - Trainings for decision makers (local authorities)

This activity foresees the organization of two different trainings directed at different sectors within the local authorities. We have discussed the organization of trainings, in particular having one training or two,

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arranging shared and/or separate moments.

The idea is to have a first shared moment (coherent with the holistic approach) and then a separate moment to focus on the specific features of the target, finishing with a final shared follow-up.

The period during which this training will be performed is from May to September or October, but because of the prolongation even November would be suitable.

A.T.3.2 - Awareness campaigns for technicians and entrepreneurs

This activity foresees the realization of SPOT seminars, informal events and design workshops.

- Seminars will focus on three topics: energy efficiency, structural behavior, valorization of cultural heritage;
- The informal event will be an open-air market where technicians and entrepreneurs can offer their services (the event could be organized in the framework of existing events at local level)
- Design workshops

These events can be held from May to October or even later, depending on the whole structure of events in one country/area.

After the work meeting in Vienna, SPECTRA shared templates and draft versions of documents to be produced. The meeting was a welcome support to our activity plan and our goal of making them as effective as possible.

ICRA - Idrija Cerkno Development Agency

The Baktalórántháza meeting

Hosted by the SZRDA - Szabolcs 05 Regional Development Association of Municipalities Centre, Baktalórántháza, April 2019

The 6th Consortium meeting of the Bhenefit project was held in Baktalórántháza, Hungary between 8-11 April 2019 and was organised by Szabolcs 05 Regional Development Association of Municipalities (SZRDA) as a hosting project partner. The meeting took place in Business Hotel Fenyves**** which was the most suitable place in Szabolcs 05 region for both the conference and partners' accommodation at the same time.

Besides the sessions of the consortium meeting on the second day, SZRDA invited partners to a visit of the beautiful Dégenfeld Castle in Baktalórántháza to see an excellent example of good practice of functional compatibility of use and historical value. Linked to the objective of the Bhenefit project, SZRDA showed the partners the Dégenfeld Castle which is a local history, ethnography and science museum based on the use of innovative technical solutions being able to provide visitors information through interactive IT tools. The castle museum which was ruined after communism and was out of use since 1995 was renovated by the Baktalórántháza City Council supported by the European Union and the Hungarian Government. Nowadays, it functions with the 21st century technology to promote contemporary life by developing custom applications and software presenting the virtual world through the use of tablets.

On the third day of the consortium meeting, partners were invited for a half-day visit to the eastern part of Szabolcs 05 region to the memorial village of Nagygéc and the small village of Géberjén. The village of Nagygéc was destroyed when the Tisza River flooded in 1970 and all inhabitants had to move from the settlement; the village was deserted and ruined until its reconstruction in 2014. Thanks to the support of European Union and Hungarian Government after the revitalization, the memorial park now functions as an interactive visitor centre providing tourism attractions to promote the preservation of cultural values like the medieval church and environmental-friendly development issues like the wooden structures designed by Imre Makovecz,



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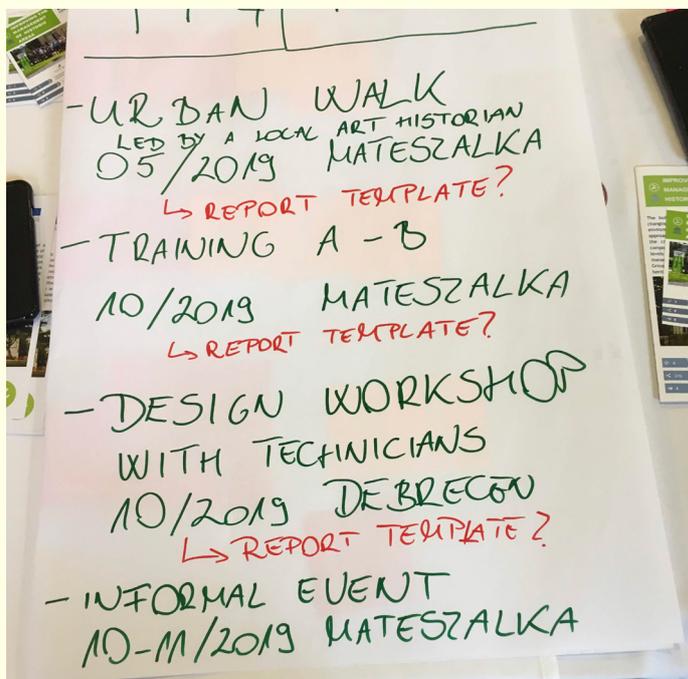
the famous architect designer and founder of Hungarian organic architecture. At the end of the day, partners were invited to enjoy Hungarian traditional folk music and taste the gastronomy heritage in the Jékey Mansion of Géberjén.

Project Development

The key development of the meeting from the point of view of the work package (WP) T3 was the elaboration of draft versions of guidelines and methodologies for working with various groups of stakeholders via events with the general public, decision makers and technicians. These materials were prepared before the meeting and were presented and discussed at the partner meeting in Hungary where we could discuss the overall ideas as well as specific country conditions to be incorporated into the materials. It allowed us (SPECTRA), as the WP leaders, to better customize the materials to be useful to the partners and to be able to reach their audience with a long-lasting impact. The project is slowly entering its final stage in which the main goal is to reach the audience and disseminate the results, train the professionals and prepare the technicians to use the project outputs. This phase is ongoing at the moment, in several countries the urban walk events already took place with great results as can be seen on the project social media platforms. Until the end of the year, there are more than 15 events planned so plenty of work for partners to do, but so far, they were all acting effectively and responsibly. The Lead partner as well as Spectra CE are ready to support them as much as needed to deliver the best results and successfully conclude the project.

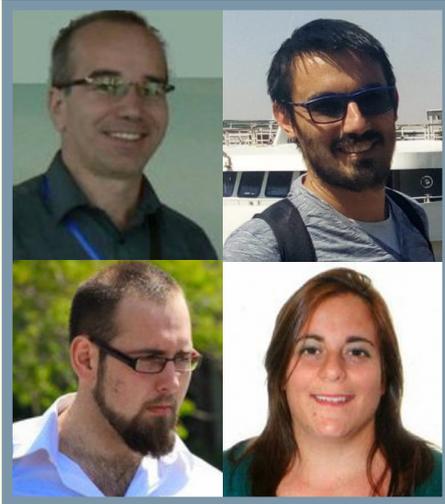
Based on project partners’ reactions, the 6th Consortium meeting together with the additional local programmes was a successful, memorable and effective event addressing knowledge transfer and cultural exchange within the project.

SZRDA and SPECTRA



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SPECTRA Centre of Excellence of the EU, Slovakia

Spectra is a modern educational and scientific institution. With our activities we are striving to contribute to economic, social and cultural integration in Europe via permanent research and proposals of the solutions for optimisation of spatial structures of settlements. Within the BhENEFIT project, our role is to be the partner with specific technical expertise as an experienced unit in sustainable approaches to the management of urban areas and their role in new approach to management in historical urban areas. As the WP T3 leader, we are managing activities on increasing awareness and capacity building. Project team: Maroš Finka, Vladimír Ondrejčka, Milan Husár, Miceala Scacchi.

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences BOKU, Austria



BOKU is a teaching and research centre for renewable resources. BOKU's objective is to help make a considerable contribution to the conservation and protection of resources for future generations by connecting natural sciences, engineering and economic sciences, to address future problems and to provide solutions of practical relevance, to strengthen the interdisciplinary cooperation for innovative problem solving. Ulrike Pröbstl-Haider is an experienced landscape planner; within BOKU, her main research field is climate change adaptation in tourism; Oliver Schmid-Selig, on the other hand, is an architect especially experienced in the field of city managing authority, heritage conservation and construction work.

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Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, Slovenia

UIRS is the main national research institution in the field of spatial, regional and urban planning and related disciplines. Founded in 1955 as a research and consultancy agency, UIRS was transformed into a public research organisation in 1993, a status which continues to apply to date. The UIRS employs an interdisciplinary research group. Within the BhENEFIT project, our role is to be involved as a support for our country partner ICRA. We play a role in T1 - Improving the governance. In WP T3 - Increasing awareness and capacity building, UIRS contributes to the development of training activities and tools for the local level in Idrija. Project team: Franc Zakrajšek, Vlasta Vodeb.



North-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency, Croatia

Established in 2008, REGEA is a regional energy agency and a recognized centre of knowledge and excellence with references and projects implemented across the European Union. REGEA's primary mission is to promote and encourage regional sustainable energy development through utilization of renewable energy sources and implementation of energy efficiency projects. Within the BhENEFIT project, we especially focus on the use of HBIM technologies and the user-friendly previsioning tool called DSS (Decision Support System). We also contribute to the development of training activities and tools, especially targeted to private design- and construction companies. Project team: Srečko Vrčec as the technical expert and Tamara Lišnjić Lang as the financial expert.

Interesting Reads

- [Evaluation of GIS and BIM roles for the information Management of historical buildings \(klick\)](#)
- [Integrating Heritage Management and Tourism at Italian Cultural Destinations \(klick\)](#)

Upcoming Events: July 2019-January 2020

- **2-4 September 2019 - Consortium meeting in Mantova, Italy**
hosted by Municipality of Mantova - lead partner
- **September 2019 - articles issue**
BhENEFIT training models of D.T3.2.1 and D.T3.2.2 implemented as pilot action in Italy by RER and *Challenges for the tourism branch to adapt to climate change while preserving the cultural heritage* by BOKU
- **January 2020 - Final conference in Idrija, Slovenia**
hosted by Idrija-Cerkno Development Agency

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