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Interregional Thematic Workshop REPORT

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Interregional Thematic Workshop Agenda

	<p>European Union European Regional Development Fund</p>	
<p>RFC Interregional Thematic Workshop 1</p>		
<p>Topic</p> <p>Preservation and development of the cultural heritage by improvement of the mutual impacts of Fortresses and Cities (positive x negative)</p>		
<p>Responsible partner – P6 Teruel, SP</p>		
<p>Moderation – LP, Ústí Region, CZ</p>		
<p>Objective of the TWS</p>		

Interregional Thematic Workshops represent the specific part of project interregional learning, i.e. exchange of experience among project partners that contributes to individual, institutional and stakeholders learning by exchange of experience among partners. The Interregional session is targeted on sharing the experience within the partnership on preservation, development and exploitation of cultural heritage with the aim to support the policy improvement /change in partner areas.

The TWS is designed to be held in smaller group, involving project partner's representatives and their key stakeholders, politicians and experts.

Agenda

- Brief introduction of the topic of the TWS – LP
- Presentation – P6 Teruel
- Summarisation of the issues tackled, presentation of the examples from praxis – LP
- Partners contributions – experience, burdens, wishes – LP Ústí, CZ, P2, Antwerp, BE, P3 Komotini, EL, P4 RO, P7 Magdeburg, DE
- Comments, Recommendations, Discussion - ALL
- Final evaluation of the session, definition and approval of the main issues to be included in the TWS report - ALL

Summary of the event

The LP open the 1st Interregional Thematic Workshop of the RFC project, focused on the topic Preservation and development of the cultural heritage by improvement of the mutual impacts of Fortresses and Cities (positive x negative).

Interregional thematic workshops course has been launched by the introductory presentation provided to partners by expert, Ing. Arch. Patrik Kotas (world wide experience in praxis, City Master plans development).

The example of the development of the fortress city since its establishment was provided to participants, the problems tackled, solutions realised, know-how and experience reached, the existing status and ongoing works on Master Plan development of the original fortified City.

Mutual relations and communication among the City administration on the planned developments and residents were presented and discussed with participants, the unexpected problems that arise, e.g. the weak will to reduce parking places and car transfer through the historical centre of residents, etc.

The presentation introduced to participants the necessity to prepare a quality design to include the historical space into the city. The chaotic demolition of the walls is not the solution, the systematic planning of the area, searching and definition of the functions and forms of the new planned city areas represents the key for the balanced future development.

The quality defined design of the transcription of the fortifications is crucial to create the functioning city centre. The good Master Plan should cover and solve the road infrastructure, together with environmentally friendly public transport plan, parking spaces and green spaces design, keep on mind also the possible industrial development of the City, future housing development and provision of the good availability of the other districts of the City.

As an important issue to be evaluated in the planning phase to be taken on account is, that the historical monuments reconstruction and inclusion in the city is always limited by their historical value and restrictions regarding their utilisation and reconstruction.

Partner contributions:

LP- Ustí, CZ, presented the idea, how to solve the problem of management and financing of the huge historical complex in Terezín, which is not possible to cover from the City budget. The idea currently under discussion by the Regional Council, is to create the Allowance organisation of the region, responsible for the future development, management and financing of the fortress.

P2 – Antwerp, BE, provided a detailed presentation on the already proved solution to utilise the waterbus to the small fortress in Lillo to support the tourism and local small businesses, also the impacts of these solutions, communication with the private owners and the next steps planned with the focus on maintenance and improvement of the green spaces.

P3 – Komotini, EL, explained problems with the constructions built on the area of the fortress, but without the building permit, the problem is, that these are mostly the religious buildings. The overall Master Plan of the whole area is necessary to be worked out and there the consensus of key stakeholders is crucial, to be able to solve all the administrative bottlenecks and to define the clear idea of the future utilisation and development of the historical spaces.

P4 – introduced the The Oradea City Museum – Cultural Complex – the huge reconstructed complex needs that the management and marketing will be improved, the communication with the City board, regional stakeholders as e.g. technological centre, travel agencies, cultural organisations, small private businesses, to increase the number of events held in the monument, also the question of the restrictions linked with the historical value of the area representing the burdens for its utilisation was discussed with partners.

P6 - Teruel, SP, continued with the presentation of the situation Piquer Tower monument, where the consensus of private owners and the public administrations is necessary to reach the financing. The monument represents the situation and status of other similar cases scattered around the province. P6 explained, that stakeholders reached a final agreement for the consolidation of the building and this enabled to start with drafting of a tourism development plan for the tower and its surroundings, focused also on improvement of the availability of the area and definition of sources of financing of doors, stairs, info panels and equipment.

P7 – Magdeburg, DE, demonstrated the conversion of the casemate of the railway fortress gate, this gate served as the entrance of the railway into the fortress and the city, there the way of private owners involvement was presented. The city has advertised the object for a gastronomic use, with the possibility to enlarge the building with a modern extension. The city supported this project by funding through a national urban redevelopment program.

The 2nd example of P7 is the reconstruction of the ruin of the historical tower, which was financed from the national budget, the City supported in this way the private owner by funding through a national program of preservation of monuments in urban context; nowadays use is an office and holiday apartment, so again the successful example of the public x private sector cooperation.

Conclusions:

The presented examples and the following discussion show, that the range of problems solved by partner fortified cities is wide and that there is a number of factors to be taken in account in the development of the future development strategies. The main conclusions defined:

- The quality and tailored master plan of all the respective area is crucial for the future preservation, utilisation and maintenance of the fortified city
- Master plan should be designed with involvement of key local and regional stakeholders, in case of big historical monuments, the national level is necessary
- Involvement of private sector represents an important step, but overall management by the public administrations should be kept, regarding to the historical value of the fortifications
- The historical value and status of the fortified sites must be taken on mind and the communication with the respective institutions of the historical monuments protection represents the 1st step in planning the future functions and reconstructions of the fortified spaces
- Preservation and good maintenance of such monuments will keep the cultural diversity, make the image of the cities and gives a number of opportunities in their future utilisation, in many cases linked with creation of the new job occasions
- Stakeholders and residents involvement represents the basis for success in “RECAPTURING” of fortress cities.

Interregional Thematic Workshop Attachments:

Presentation Patrik Kotas – RFC_ Thematic_WS_Kotas

Partner contributions:

P1 - LP – RFC – Terezín Fortress

P2 – RFC_P2_TWS_1_Partner_Contribution

P4 – The Oradea City Museum – Cultural Complex

P6 - Albarracín, Parador Alcañiz, Matarraña's fortified hamlets

P7 – a) „Culinaria” (restaurant) – conversion of the casemate of the railway fortress gate, the gate was the entrance for the railway into the fortress and the city

- b) fortified tower „Fürstenwall“ – conversion of the tower funded by the national programme, the private owner was supported by the city