

REPORT: Internal working session

Meeting of Lab4

Kotor, 26-28 October 2009

EXPEDITIO, Centre for Sustainable Spatial Development, Škaljari bb, Kotor

On 26-28 October 2009, a meeting of the SOSTENUTO project partner organizations was held in Kotor, Montenegro. The meetings was attended by:

- Jacques Mattei, Zunino e Partner Progetti, Italy
- Enrico Zunino, Zunino e Partner Progetti, Italy
- Raul Abeledo, University of Valencia, Spain
- Nataliya Velikaya, Russian State University for the Humanities
- Ilija Janović, Municipality of Tivat, deputy mayor
- Dinka Čečur, Municipality of Tivat, Department for the Economy and Social Activities
- Tatjana Rajić, Expeditio, Kotor
- Biljana Gligorić, Expeditio, Kotor
- Aleksandra Kapetanović, Expeditio, Kotor
- Vesna Leković, Expeditio, Kotor
- Marijana Ivanova, Expeditio collaborator
- Tomislav Žegura, Expeditio collaborator
- Uroš Mihailović, Expeditio collaborator



On Sunday, 25 October 2009 the guests from Italy and Spain arrived at Dubrovnik airport.

MONDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2009

The aim of the first day was to acquaint the guests from Zunino e Partner and University of Valencia with the territory of Boka Kotorska where the activities of Expeditio are being implemented. For this reason, we first gathered in Kotor and visited the cultural core of the Old Town. After a working lunch, we visited Perast, an important cultural destination within the municipality of Kotor, and then the town of Herceg Novi. On the way back we passed through the Municipality of Tivat.

TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2009

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The internal meeting of the Sostenuto partners started with a discussion about the activities conducted so far within the Sostenuto project, gained experiences and recommendations. We talked about how to ensure that through the Sostenuto project the goals are achieved at all three levels - the effect of partnership between ZEP and Expeditio, benefit for the entire Sostenuto project, and also activities that produce results at the local level.

During the rest of the meeting, a presentation of the project activities that are implemented within the Sostenuto project in Montenegro was held:

- **General overview of the project and activities realized so far**, presented by *Tatjana Rajić*
- **"Creating a data base of cultural stakeholders"**, presented by *Vesna Leković*, coordinator
- **"Youth about culture in Boka Kotorska"**, presented by *Tomo Žegura*, coordinator
- **"Non-Institutional Partakers of Cultural Policy in Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia"**, presented by *Uroš Mihailovic*, coordinator
- **Presentation of Zunino e Partner's activities**, presented by *Jacques Mattei*



We expected that the presentation would be attended by representatives of the Delegation of the EC to Montenegro and The Ministry of European Integration of Montenegro who had been invited to participate, but unfortunately they did not come.

Raul from University of Valencia had an advisory role in the meeting, commenting after presentations.

After the lunch, we continued the discussion about further plans, joint activities and models of collaboration. We decided on a time frame for the next meetings and possible joint activities within the project.

Since it had been already dark the previous day when we passed through the municipality of Tivat we decided to visit Tivat after the afternoon session. Because of that, we postponed for the next day's morning session a final decision about the time frame of further activities.

WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2009

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In the morning session we continued the discussion about the time plan of further activities, which began the previous day. The work plan is as follows:

Year	Month	Description of the meeting	Where
2009	December	Meeting of the Steering Committee of SOSTENUTO partners	Albenga, Italy
2010	January	Meeting of SOSTENUTO partners	Kotor, Montenegro
	March	Working visit of two persons from Expeditio to ZEP partners	Liguria, Italy
	July	Study visit of the Italian delegation of cultural actors to Montenegro	Kotor, Montenegro
	October	Study visit of the Montenegrin delegation to Italy	Liguria, Italy
2011	Spring	Study visit of the Italian delegation composed of policy makers to Montenegro	Kotor, Montenegro
	Summer	Working visit of one person from Expeditio to ZEP partners	Kotor, Montenegro

It was agreed that, according to need, we would organize additional meetings and intensify our internal communication by e-mail, skype, etc. We concluded that our communication so far has not been sufficient.

We discuss themes that could be topics for the study visits that will be organized for the delegations from Italy and Montenegro, about possible activities during the visits and a suitable time frame. A possibility of organizing a workshop during the study visit was mentioned. Further discussed was the activity which includes the analysis of EU documents and our local legislation and possible activity of their comparison in order to draw further guidelines. We also talked about publishing the results of our activities, as one of the results of the project.

During the meeting, we had a short visit of the deputy mayor of the Municipality of Tivat, to whom the project and the plans for the next period were briefly presented.



After that we had consultations with Exeditio collaborators who are conducting a research within the activity "Cultural Needs of Youth in Boka Kotorska". They presented the concept of the prepared questionnaire which was then discussed and suggestions for its improvement given. University of Valencia had an important role in giving suggestions about the questionnaire. The partners from ZEP expressed interest for conducting a similar research on their territory in order to make comparisons.

After the lunch, a meeting with representatives of the local governments of Kotor, Tivat and Herceg Novi had been planned. Unfortunately, only the representative of the Municipality of Tivat came and the project was briefly presented to her.

At the end of the third day, we exchanged our impressions of the meeting.

Additional note:

In addition to formal part of Sostenuto meetings, Exeditio took a chance to discuss with Raul about another current project on National Park of Parkletije in the northern part of Montenegro. He suggested to consider a concept of Ecomuseums which is focused on the identity of a place, largely based on local participation and aiming to enhance the welfare and development of local communities. Raul said that he would contact Italian expert Mr Maurizio Maggi who is dealing with this topic.

Ecomuseums originated in France, the concept being developed by George Henri Rivière and Hugues de Varine, who coined the term 'ecomusée' in 1971. The term "éco" is a shortened form for "écologie", but it refers especially to a new idea of holistic interpretation of cultural heritage, in opposition to the focus on specific items and objects, performed by traditional museums. There are presently about 300 operating ecomuseums in the world; about 200 are in Europe, mainly in France, Italy, Spain and Poland.