Municipality of Ecer (Lead Partner), Hungary

Municipality of Eger needs in close collaboration with both national and international partners to develop and implement sustainable management models in the sector of Cultural Heritage.

Eger is the cultural and economic centre of the Hungarian county of Heves and has 56,000 inhabitants. The town has 120 Kilometre north east from the capital, Budapest, in the Eger-Ivan valley, at the south western foot of Bükk Mountain.

Eger is known as the town "The Hungarian Athens" – its Baroque town centre, internationally renowned wines, and hot medicinal springs attract many tourists from around the world. Eger is a well-established spa town known for its healing hot mineral springs.

As a centre for education Eger offers a diverse spectrum of institutions. There are fifteen secondary schools and two institutions of higher education. Because Eger today is an archbishopric, the town plays an important religious role in the lives of its citizens. It also has an irresistible array of monuments including the Basilica, Lyceum, Episcopal Palace, Castle and Minaret.

Local Challenges for HerMan

The Municipality of Eger has a well-founded urban development plan that out of principle emphasises up-to-date historic building conservation measures. These are realised in cooperation with national and international partners and with the support of the Municipality of Eger. In the future Eger aims to create a Cultural Heritage Coordination Network to nurture smooth cooperation among local actors and businesses, and to sustain local culture versus over the long term.

Eger aims to protect cultural heritage values by providing sustainable and economically viable management models. Eger is also a local government committed itself to developing a sustainable cultural heritage management model through a pilot program.

Responsibilities in HerMan

- Responsible partner of the Work Package 1 "Project management and coordination" (management and financial handbook, progress report, monitoring)
- Organisation of the internal kick-off meeting and the kick-off press conference
- Preparation of an European Benchmark Study for the Work Packages 2 (Management models) and 3 (Innovative services), in common with others partners
- Hosting of the pilot action "Monuments Diagnosis System"
- Hosting of the pilot action "Talking Monuments"
- Hosting of the pilot action "The Mikve is the Little Synagogue"
- Organisation of a staff exchange
- Hosting of a good practice visit

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News and Events from Ecer

Cultural Heritage Management Conference – 4th March 2012

Cultural Heritage Management Conference was held at Eszterházy Károly College in Eger on 4th March 2012 within the framework of the project Central Europe "HerMan", jointly coordinated by the Municipality of Eger.

Cultural Heritage Days in Ecer, 21st September 2012

Promoting the Monumentenwacht van

Instead of the complete renovation of monuments it is more simple and cost effective to prevent damage by regularly inspecting the monuments and the needed minor repairs right away. This method has been used in the Netherlands for 40 years now. The **Monumentenwacht** pilot action offers Eger the possibility to be the first town in Hungary testing the method with the assistance of the Forster Centre and with the support of the Dutch. Their experts and the Municipality of Eger inspected the monuments in Dobó István Castle and took over the we on behalf of the Forster Centre on 20th September 2012.

Cultural Heritage Days in Ecer, 21st September 2012

Talking Monuments project begins with an adventure game

The "Talking Monuments" program lasting until spring 2014 and aimed at mapping the stations of the city of Eger and the owns maps with and adventure game. Those who visited the item of Talking Monuments in the Archbishop's Palace on 20th September and followed the instructions could withdraw the Tablet pc prototype of the game in 2012. A news released with material and aspects of the game, its history and monuments.

International Press Conference on the Heritage Management Program Inaugurated in Ecer 4th/5 October 2012

László Rácz, Mayor of Eger held a speech in a recognized international conference and a press conference in Ferrara, Italy on 4th/5th October 2012, together with Ms Manuela Zappaterra, President of the Province of Ferrara. The event is an important stage of the project "Management of Cultural Heritage in the Central Europe Area (Central Europe HERMAN)".

Conference in Budapest at 12th/14th February 2012

The conference titled "Introducing and Running Preventive Maintenance Services for Cultural Heritage Buildings" will take place on 13th February 2012, in Budapest. The conference is aimed at examining the possibility of adopting the Dutch Monumentenwacht method.

Eger was represented by Attila Rácz, chief architect of Eger, who participated in a roundtable discussion entitled *Attitudes Towards the Heritage, who essential stakeholders (private and state owners, monument protection authorities, local governments, heritage protection organisations and NGOs) should join a PPP scheme, "carrot and stick" systems as tools of inspiration and motivation.*

Inspection of Eight Building and Three Ruins – March 2012

The inspection of eight buildings and three tombs in Eger has finished at the end of March 2012. Many thanks the restoration teams, who let our pilot team work in their property! Many thanks for the Municipality of the Eger, who helped a lot to fulfil this experiment!

Meeting on the "Regula Monastica" Pilot Action – 12th April 2012

The first test of the operability of the creation art creator of the „ Management of Cultural Heritage.
In the Central Europe Area" EU-founded project is the organizing of a meeting between the Jewish Community and the Municipality of Eger Synagogue. The movement on the process is story-marked and participants later analyse it together. The pilot action is coordinated by Pari Eger Cultural, Youth and Environmental Protection Association, the meeting took place in the Hazas Centre on 12th April 2012 > www.pari.hu

The Talking Monuments Tour Introducing the Monuments of Ecer to Pioneer – 30th May 2012

From 30th May 2012 anyone can download the Talking Monuments tour application for free from Google Play and Apple Store and use it on their mobile apps experts of near history and people knowing a lot about the town tell interesting stories of the monuments. On the same day when the application was introduced guided tours were organised where anyone could try out the sightseeing tour even with tablets they could rent free of charge.
> http://play.google.com/store/apps/

The Night of Museums 2012 June 2012

The pilot action of the „HerMan" project run by the Municipality of Eger is entitled "Creative Monuments. The main theme in exhibition areas of the heritage sector in the action was "and"PRO museum"! on 23rd June the Night of Museums, inspiring many famous artists.

Event in Ecer, Creative Monuments– Harmonised Exhibition 9/11 – 27th August 2012

Institutions and organisations running exhibition sites in Eger are to harmonise their programs, launch a common website and set up their exhibition in the period of 9th – 27th August 2012. Events coordinated by Pari Association and is part of the "HerMan" project. > www.pari.hu

"HerMan" Closing Conference, Regensburg, 19-20 September 2012

Representatives of Eger participated at the Closing Conference of the project entitled „HerMan – Management of Cultural Heritage in the Central Europe Area" between 20-28 November in Regensburg. Retired Rácz Vilmi Mayor of Eger, project manager in his presentation said „The city of Eger as a lead partner considers it an honor that we could work so intensively with our partners in the project. Together we discussed and faced many challenges of cultural heritage management in central Europe."

News

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