

South East Europe Transnational Programme

Project Idea Form

Project idea's title

**LANDCARE – LANDscape planning and evaluation through
Community and local Administration Responsible Engagement**

Priority

(choose priority and indicate the
relative area of intervention)

<input type="checkbox"/> Priority Axis 1	AoI _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priority Axis 2	AoI Promote cooperation in management of natural assets and protected areas
<input type="checkbox"/> Priority Axis 3	AoI _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Priority Axis 4	AoI _____

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Is the applicant the project's potential Lead Partner?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, is the potential Lead Partner already being chosen?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Background (main problems or challenges to be addressed)

Starting from the European Landscape Convention (ELC) principles, the present project aims to explore the relationships among landscape, local administrations and population.

The ELC gives “right and responsibilities” to populations concerning landscape and assigns an essential role to participation of local actors and to consultation of population in the processes of landscape identification and assessment and in the definition of landscape quality objectives.

The reasons of this participative option is rooted in the Aarhus Convention (1998) (explicitly quoted in the preamble of ELC); on its base, the signatory countries commit themselves to guarantee to all European citizens, independently from their residence and nationality, the rights to access information, to participate to the decisional processes, and to access environmental justice.

In the field of environmental, territorial and landscape policies, participation is definitely shifted from volunteer good practice to compulsory step in each decisional process.

Despite the favourable context for inclusive decision making processes in landscape issues, it is increasing the need for a deepen development of practices to improve the coherence and the effectiveness among theoretical and practical participation approaches.

On one side the differences between consultation and real participation practices need to be better defined. On the other side it is necessary to develop a comprehensive and inclusive process, starting from analysis and knowledge of landscape (and consequently value assigning processes) to a shared planning. In these inclusive planning procedures the choice of evaluation criteria and methods plays a decisive role.

These reflections are today relevant in the perspectives of European Territorial Agenda, adopted in Leipzig the 25th of May 2007,

recognizing the important role of territorial diversity and identity in development and cohesion policies in a globalized context. So, natural and cultural landscapes represent one of the most important resource of European territories.

Objectives (main and specific objectives to be achieved)

The project aims at developing a cooperative partnership among local administration and other institutions to implement responsible engagement in landscape planning and evaluation to increasing the level of territorial sustainability.
 To support local administrations in implementing organizational and technical aspects about landscape planning and evaluation;
 To support local administrations in facilitating cooperation among municipalities to develop comprehensive landscape planning and evaluation;
 To promote citizens awareness about landscape issues with special focus on changes and landscape management;
 To investigate the role of ICT in inclusive processes of decision-making and awareness raising related to landscape planning and evaluation;
 To implement methodologies for participation in planning and evaluation related to landscape.

Main foreseen activities

In order to achieve the above mentioned objectives, the following activities are planned:

- Definition of landscape planning models in the South East European area
- Pilot implementation of landscape planning models
- Activation of participatory tools and diffusion
- ICT role in the landscape planning
- Project Management and dissemination activities

Expected outputs and results

The project is output oriented and will produce concrete and quantifiable outputs.
 In particular, analysis of participatory planning models applied at the landscape planning, participatory landscape plans for the selected pilot areas, set of e-landscape tools, activation of a transnational permanent landscape forum, dissemination actions

Innovative character of the project idea

The project for sure very ambitious and innovative: the greatest innovation is creating innovation giving new dignity to the existing.

Partnership

Partners involved at this stage

ERDF Partners	AICCRE – CEMR, VENETO REGION, REK SLOVENIA, CARINTHIA REGION, UNEP, HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES – GEOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
IPA Partners	
ENPI Partners*	
Partners requested	
ERDF Partners	Institutional Partners/ Research Centres from Greece, Romania, Slovak Rep.
IPA Partners	Institutional Partners from Croatia
ENPI Partners	

Estimated Total Budget

2 MEuro

* ENPI Funds won't be available for the 1st Call. Partners from Ukraine and Republic of Moldova can be involved by applying for the 10% rule.

Does your project idea foresee the application for the 10% rule*

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Please, explain in detail what will it be used for and the relevance for the project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Estimated duration

(in months)

24

- ☒ I would like my project's idea to be published on the Southeast Europe Transnational Programme's website and presented during the SEE kick off event.

* The 20% rule is not applicable for the 1st Call.