



Revitalization of industrial landscape

Proposed activities in the framework of the ELC



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☞ Industrialization is a process common to all countries (at different times) and the site of Senjski rudnik mine is an example of the impact of the changes caused to landscape by industry.

Mining industry has shaped the area, its landscape and settlements, forged their identity and permanently transformed the lifestyle of its inhabitants. The heritage that the coal mining has left behind offers an authentic illustration of the changes caused by industrialization.





- ❖ Senjski Rudnik is the site of the first project which deals with the rehabilitation of industrial heritage in the Western Balkans and the problem of economic stagnation and depopulation of industrial towns.
- ❖ The EU has donated 1.5 million EUR for the reconstruction and restoration project: "Technical assistance for the establishment of the Regional Cultural Heritage Centre in Senjski Rudnik old mine," which encompasses education and training of the local population.
- ❖ Promoting this old mining town as the first industrial landscape in Serbia, supports landscape development which is based on the European Landscape Convention principles.

Promoting landscape development according to ELC principles



Developing a model for the future implementation of the ELC principles according to a community-based approach, *Ministry of Natural Resources, Mining and Spatial Planning, with the EU Technical Assistance Team* initiates to promote the pilot project of Senjski Rudnik and the Municipality of Despotovac, as a case study and model for other Municipalities. Promoting this old mining town as the first industrial landscape in Serbia, supports landscape development which is based on the European Landscape Convention principles.

This project seeks to use the European Landscape Convention, as a fundamental tool for the promotion of a community-based approach to local development lead by the valorization of cultural and territorial resources, including the rich human and community capital.

Policies on landscape planning in revitalized industrial sights would appear to benefit from greater attention articulation, and also from examples of “best practice”.

Proposed activities in the framework of the European Landscape Convention:



- ❧ Developing the first focal point in Senjski Rudnik for raising public awareness on the ELC and its implementation in local municipalities and in Pomoravlje region, to promote and ensure the integration of landscape into regional and municipal planning policies and other socio-economic policies.
- ❧ Developing and implementing training programmes for promoting concepts and principles of the ELC at the local level and with local communities and associations.
- ❧ Developing curricula for educational trainings (training for local trainers from Pomoravlje region) for the ELC and developing skills of representatives of local municipalities and local community members, to ensure that the ELC is properly implemented in public policies and that the local communities are able to monitor its implementation and may influence and participate in local decision-making processes.
- ❧ Developing a model for the implementation of the ELC according to a community-based approach,
- ❧ Promoting Senjski Rudnik as the first industrial landscape in Serbia, the development of which is based on the ELC principles.
- ❧ Creating guidelines for the integration of ELC principles into local public policies and promoting the implementation of an integrative approach (landscape protection, management, and planning), based on Senjski Rudnik case study.



It is important to implement the European Landscape Convention not only in national and regional policies and plans, but to bring its message directly to neighborhoods and to individual people.



- *This would require, among other activities, the involvement of communities that are managing landscape change.*
- *Landscape related learning and education appears to need attention.*
- *Landscape policies will have to be translated into specific measures which should be adopted at the level closest to the local people, wherever possible.*
- *Through processes of local consultation, people should decide on their own landscapes, and people should also inform each other about landscape values.*





Senjski Rudnik is an outstanding example of industrial heritage and landscape in the Balkans and could become an exceptional case study for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Serbia. The inter-ministerial and inter-sectoral working group for such implementation has shown great interest and eagerness to support the site regeneration process.

According to experts on industrial heritage, the site features all qualities and authenticity to become a World Heritage Site and part of the European Route of Industrial Heritage, in terms of physical witness of industrial-related heritage, among which some unique pieces of machinery (in particular the steam engine).

Moreover, it features a close interconnection between natural and cultural as well as tangible and intangible heritage.

