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Newsletter

Community-led Urban Strategies in Historic Towns (COMUS)

State of play

Chiatura (GE)

Project phase initiated – vision and PTA projects identified

Dusheti (GE)

Project phase initiated – vision and PTA projects identified

Goris (AM)

Project phase initiated – vision and PTA projects identified

Gyumri (AM)

Project phase initiated – vision and PTA projects identified

Lutsk (UA)

Project phase initiated – vision and PTA projects identified

Mstilav (BY)

Planning phase – in progress

Pryluky (UA)

Project phase initiated – vision and PTA projects identified

Soroca (MD)

Project phase initiated – vision and PTA projects identified

Zhovkva (UA)

Project phase initiated – vision and PTA projects identified

Highlights



The **COMUS Project Phase** started in June 2016. This phase includes 4 steps: selection of priority projects, preliminary technical assessment, feasibility study, conclusion and planning. During this phase, projects in line with Reference Plans for the rehabilitation of monuments, buildings and/or sites through technical documents (“rehabilitation projects”) will be studied by pilot towns. During the consolidation phase in 2017, the agenda will include mobilising partners, creating long-term synergies and securing resources.



Bamberg (Germany) on 25-26 July 2016

The first **COMUS study visit** took place in Bamberg (Germany) on 25-26 July 2016. Co-organised by the Organization of World Heritage Cities Regional Secretariat and the Bamberg World Heritage Coordination team, this visit focused on heritage planning and management practices in Bamberg.

The **third COMUS Regional workshop on Urban Planning** was held in Ukraine (Kiev-Pryluky, 4-6 July 2016). Being the starting point of the COMUS project phase, this workshop – which brought together 22 people from 9 Pilot Towns, included sessions on heritage as an asset versus liability, heritage and urban planning in Ukraine and community involvement. It was completed with a study visit to the Pryluky Historic Centre.

Visibility



Brochures and films for the towns will be produced by the end of the year. They will highlight the projects identified for feasibility studies by the pilot towns. More specifically, the brochures should focus on the selected sites, while the films should cover selected areas for the reference Plans, underlining the visions for the towns and community involvement. Brochures and films are considered as essential tools for promotion and fundraising for the selected sites. **National coordinators are invited now to provide their draft material (texts and scenarios) to the Secretariat.**

The **COMUS website** is developing. Since June 2016, periodic news about the latest COMUS developments in the Pilot Towns has been published. Furthermore, postcards have been provided (3 published, 2 ongoing), giving an attractive vision of the towns. **National coordinators are invited to continue communicating regularly about COMUS progress in the field and to provide their postcards by the end of September.**

Facebook and local media news have been introduced as new features on the COMUS webpage.

Next steps

Belarus

Lead expert visit and workshop

22-23 September 2016, Armenia

4th Regional Workshop on heritage management

24-25 October 2016, Salzburg (Germany)

2nd Study visit on commercial and business activities and historic towns

Last week of October 2016, Ukraine

Research study

October 2016

Country based workshop on feasibility study

5-25 November 2016

EU results oriented monitoring mission

6 December 2016, Tbilisi (Georgia)

Steering Committee Meeting

6-8 December 2016, Tbilisi/Dusheti (Georgia)

5th Regional workshop – Mayors' Academy



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Consolidation phase content

The Secretariat is working on the **consolidation phase content** which will gather and consolidate experiences in order to provide recommendations for national policies and strategies.

More information and news about COMUS can be found at:

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