

Partner search

Culture sub-Program

Strand/category	Smaller scale cooperation projects (maximum EU funding of € 200.000)
Deadline	October 2016

Cultural operator(s)

Name	Consortio para el Desarrollo de la Vega-Sierra Elvira
Short description	Consortio para el Desarrollo Vega-Sierra Elvira (ES) http://www.consvega.com The Consortium for the Development of Vega-Sierra Elvira is a Local Public Entity, consisting of more than 32 municipalities in Granada, Andalusia (Spain).
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Project

Field(s)	Heritage
Description	<p>European Network Watchtowers - Discovering the old boundaries (WatchNetEu)</p> <p>Historical watchtowers are spread all over Europe. In Andalusia (ES), for example, still survive many watchtowers built during the 13th-15th century along the borders of the catholic/muslim kingdoms. Many of them are situated in extraordinary natural sceneries and could play a new role in the fruition of these cultural landscapes and also as witnesses of a past dominated by frontiers, stimulating a reflection on the present situation within EU. The project aims to promote at European level their preservation, the development of new ways of accessibility and reuse, a new role in the territory integrated in an interconnected network.</p> <p>The project aims to achieve the following objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) to strengthen the importance of historical watchtowers as part of our common European history and to make this heritage accessible and understandable to a world-wide audience;2) to promote a EU wide reflection over the history and role of frontiers within Europe in the pre-modern age.

3) to increase awareness on the importance of preservation and conservation of historical sites and their surroundings –and History and Environment in general– as a touristic attraction and as an economic booster for certain communities.

4) to increase self steem and pride in communities about their local history and, at the same time, to provide them with the idea of belonging to a larger and European network with a common past

Project activities foreseen:

- transfer of knowledge and skills among partners related to management, conservation and promotion of these peculiar historical sites;
- development of pilot experiences;
- investigation on ways for presenting this heritage to the public, in order to create a better visitor experience (with the use of new technologies)
- communication and dissemination activities to promote interest in the history and role of watchtowers and develop heritage tourism.

Description of added value/european dimension:

Cooperation within EU is vital to reach the objectives of this project. Mobility of cultural operators builds up knowledge and awareness of the interlinked nature of this cultural heritage. The promotion and circulation of pilot experiences and works allows to facilitate the development of best practices at European level and the creation of an international network.

Audience development. Public engagement

- Strong communication and dissemination plan that includes differentiated audiences: tourist sector, historians/academia, local government managers, enviromental sector,....

Expected results / Impact

- different models of reuse and fruition of watchtowers, as integration of pilot projects and other shared activities;
- enhancement of fruition by local and international visitors
- raised awareness on our common European past
- Growth of the local economy around the watchtower
- Awareness on conservation of historical sites or constructions and their surroundings

Partners searched

Countries

(or region)

Profile

Potential partners could be located in countries where watchtowers played an important role in safeguarding boundaries in the past. Should be interested in sharing their experience in managing and

promoting this heritage, and to develop an interconnected European network.

Other

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Currently, the partnership is composed by Italy and Spain. But, we are waiting for English partner.