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Summary description of the key features of the tool (developed and/or implemented)

Output O.T3.1 was developed within the thematic work package 3, titled “Revitalisation concepts and pilot actions”, as a part of Activity A.T3.1 - “Revitalisation concept and pilot implementation”, started in July 2018 and successfully completed at the beginning of October 2018. It is designed to be the basis for implementation phase of revitalization process of historical park and takes into account already gained knowledge, obtained through the course of the project.

Revitalisation concept deals with identified historical area - castle park around Velenje Castle, situated on the castle hill and rising above the city center. Special focus of this document is oriented towards improved accessibility for all, especially people with visual disabilities.

In order to ensure proper heritage and natural preservation of historical park, all relevant institutions had been consulted, so at the beginning of implementation phase all necessary recommendations will be obtained. In-depth analysis of values and qualities of historical area has been conducted, with all appropriate/inappropriate features recognized. Improved accessibility has been one of the most important aspects of Revitalisation concept. The document foresees parking spaces for disabled in more appropriate area, adjustment of pathways with defined edges as well as the removal of existing barriers. Tactile model of plant species and second one will be image of important historical person, which open the park for people already when established. Both tactile model will have special educational role. Signs will be installed on place accessible to all. They will have an educational component for blind and partially sighted. The castle park intend to become an outdoor classroom with areas for animations and exploration of natural environment for children.

It is important to mention that this output was created as a consensus between local and regional public authorities, public sector institutions, experts and interested public, partially within HICAPS local and regional workshops.
NUTS region(s) where the tool has been developed and/or implemented (relevant NUTS level)

SI-01 Eastern Slovenia region: SI-014 Savinjska sub-region (Velenje)

Expected impact and benefits of the tool for the concerned territories and target groups

Immediate impact of this output is the cooperation between different target groups established during the preparation phase of this document. In June 2018 workshop with interested public was organized. Participants were representatives of stakeholders, institutions, experts and interested public (Šalek tourist society, Velenje museum, The Institute for the protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia/Celje, architects, Institute Celeia). The discussion also involved representatives of different departments of Municipality of Velenje, Velenje Festival, Cole mine museum, local residents and landowners. Main points of interests of the discussion were raising awareness, getting new knowledge, learning about good examples, improving current state and attracting more visitors/tourists.

We expect that analysis of existing situation, conceptual starting points describing possible activities to employ in historical parks as well as proposals for future in terms of sectional priorities, maintenance and management will empower public administrations involved with better understanding and improved knowledge about historical parks in general.

Sustainability of the tool and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders

Sustainability, especially cultural sustainability will be reached in the next phases of thematic work package 3. Revitalisation concept is the basis for the development of detailed technical plans and the development of Local action plan, which will ensure the implementation of revitalization process and final goal of revitalized historical park around Velenje Castle, open for public use and accessible to all. Successfully completed revitalization process will have an immediate impact on public citizens as well as local and regional public authority.

Evaluation of the tool will provide us with data, which will be presented in Transnational Strategy which will be transferred transnationally. Transferability will also be ensured through already established partners network to transfer the outputs to other regions and cities in Central Europe.

Lessons learned from the development/implementation process of the tool and added value of transnational cooperation
Output presents a revitalisation concept which is different in terms of design and complexity in comparison to other revitalization concepts, created by our partners. Each historical park has its own characteristics, level of development, ownership structure, tools already applied etc. and needs to be considered individually. Transnational cooperation is therefore extremely important, especially dissemination of know-how of already established good practices and management/maintenance regimes.

We have learned that involvement of interested local public in the development process of this document has been extremely beneficial for all parties involved. Through collaborative process we were able to get widespread support amongst locals, raise level of awareness and disseminate knowledge about the project.

Networking with our partners and sharing of our experiences has been essential for the development of this document.

References to relevant deliverables and web-links
If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

D.T3.1.1 - Revitalisation concept (RC) for identified historical area

Based on deliverables:
D.T1.1.2 - Analysis of national legislation and local regulations report regarding historical parks
D.T1.1.3 - Good practices analysis report (GPAR)
D.T1.2.1 - Report on of most appropriate locations for pilot areas and LAP
D.T2.2.1 - Socio-historical Report on Historical Parks
D.T2.2.2 - Report on plant diversity and their value
D.T2.2.3 - Transnational EOTT
D.T2.3.1 - Quality review report on proposed tools


Annex: Revitalisation concept