

# TEMPLATE

## Output factsheet: Tools

Version 1

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

Output O.T3.1 was developed within the thematic work package 3, titled “*Revitalization concepts and pilot actions*”, as a part of Activity A.T3.1 - “*Revitalization 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.

The walk lane J. J. Strossmayer or more known as Old Town is situated in the historical city centre of Varaždin, it has great monumental value and it is registered in the national Register of monuments of culture and suggested for entry in World Heritage list. Within, there are several buildings with the status of a cultural heritage site. The Castle of Old Town within walk lane is first mentioned in 1181 as the centre of Varaždin County.

Revitalization of pilot site will restore partially historical appearance of walk lane and the choice of materials for paths and flowers/herbs for flowerbeds will attempt to mimic historic look of renaissance garden. The biggest problem in revitalisation of the Old Town is the lack of original documentation that would tell us how it was envisioned and how the tree line looked through history.

Special focus of our revitalization concept will be on paths and urban equipment, flowerbeds and existing stonewall.

With the finishing of paths, flower rows and by rebuilding the wall we would get a whole object of the highest historical value in artistic, botanical and cultural sense.

Stylish garden, where a garden used to be, will have a simplified form best suited for the renewed Old Town.

Reconstruction of paths will be made by using panels - paths will become more functional and more accessible, especially for disabled people. Panels enable to keep gravel in place and eliminate unevenness, holes and puddles. Panels are waterproof and equipped with geotextile that prevents gravel to go under them. It also protects from weeds and growths. The existing stone wall will be cleaned from vegetation around it and renewed in parts where it's broken or where parts are missing.

The students of the Varaždin elementary schools in the framework of extra-class forms of teaching, i.e. field teaching within the framework of history teaching, natural and historical and cultural sights, visit places that are important for acquiring specific knowledge in this area, such as buildings and sights inside the protected historic core of Varaždin. Among other things is the area of the Old Town and the park. The activities of this work package and their outcomes (outputs) will improve the educational offer in the park as students will acquire new knowledge in a more accessible and efficient way.

**NUTS region(s) where the tool has been developed and/or implemented (relevant NUTS level)**

HR-04 Kontinentalna Hrvatska region: HR-044 Varaždinska županija sub-region (Varaždin)

**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 which has been established while developing the document.

We had different target groups; schools, institutions and civil associations. Within civil associations our target group were are people with disabilities, especially active was Association of Muscular Dystrophy, Children's Cerebral Paralysis a other disabled persons in City of Varaždin. They were attending meetings with project team, giving ideas for improvement of this area. There was good cooperation with Varaždin City Museum; they were very active in restoring historical data about the pilot site. All this was in accordance with Conservation Department in Varaždin since the pilot site is protected heritage. Our target groups were active participants on local and regional workshops, they were giving comments and suggestions, asking questions and discussing with all interested parties proposed solutions.

### 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 revitalised historical park around Old Castle Varaždin, 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 partner's network to transfer the outputs to other regions and cities in Central Europe.

Our contribution to the sustainability of cultural heritage through the applicable tool is evidenced through the awareness of the availability of this site of exceptional cultural value for the City of Varaždin and through the gathering and constant interaction of interested parties. By applying this tool to this historic entity, we hope to contribute and pass on our experience as an example of good practice to all interested stakeholders in our country and beyond.

### Lessons learned from the development/implementation process of the tool and added value of transnational cooperation

Output presents a revitalization 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 were thrilled by examples of good practice of our partners, although some of the solutions seen in other pilot sites are not transferable to Varaždin. Especially important for us were findings and comments from other partners about our pilot site since they have more objective view about our challenges and solutions.

### 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

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Annex: Revitalisation concept