



PROJECT NOTE

- application for MED programme -



Internal project name:

ConserveRevive of old town Lastovo - building the historical core



Interreg MED project name (proposal):

Historical town centers: Building a historical CoRe(Conserving/Reviving)

Proposing Legal Body: Municipality of Lastovo, Croatia

Coordinator of MED actions: HERITAGE GO PRO Ltd.

BACKGROUND

Lastovo is an island municipality and is a part of the Dubrovnik-Neretva County in the Croatia and the whole archipelago is under the state protection from 2006. when it was proclaimed Nature park.

The municipality consists of 46 islands with a total population of 792 people and a land area of approximately 53 square kilometers. The largest island of the municipality is also called Lastovo as well as its largest town.

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The Lastovo Archipelago has a rich cultural and historical heritage - numerous stone churches and chapels, picturesque and characteristical chimneys as well as the traditional Lastovo Carnival that dates from medieval period (currently it has 532 years of tradition). But the continuity of life and persists from the ancient times.

THE MAIN PROBLEMS OF LASTOVO MUNICIPALITY:

- i. Detached historical core and excessive focus on geographically peripheral zones of community
- ii. bad condition and lack of historic hub utilisation
- iii. inadequate promotion of cultural and natural landscape
- iv. lack of accommodations and services
- v. inadequate infrastructure and road connectivity
- vi. negative demographics and lack of young population
- vii. isolation of community from the mainland and nearby islands

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PREVIOUS AND CURRENT PROJECTS ON LASTOVO:

- I. The successful funding of *the Lastovo Poklad (Carnival square)* (infrastructural investment in the worth of approx. 250.000 euros)
- II. Successful funding of the **Tourist Walking Routes** (in the areas of Barje, Korita and Pasadur). Investment worth of first stage is approx. 200.000 euros
- III. **Revitalisation of summer cinema (Cinema LA)** in the settlement of Ubli successfully funded. Investment worth of 40.000 euros.
- IV. The placement of **HOTSPOT LASTOVO** point in the town center of Lastovo (worth of investement – 2.000 euro)
- V. The protection of nature project **“Together for nature and environment“** (*IPA-Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance*). In partnership with several of towns municipalities, public institutions and NGOs in Croatia.
- VI. **The Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund, Croatia projects:** funding of the communal vehicle, equipment, garbage depots and several other aspects of recycling process assistance.

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PROJECTS IN PREPARATION:

- VII. **Conservation and protection** of single nave christian basilica (V - VI. century), Roman villa and other potential zones of ancient settlements
- VIII. Appliance for membership in **ATRIUM** association (Architecture of Totalitarian Regimes in Urban Managements) - future guideline for projects of renewing original Italian settlement **Luigi Razza** built in fascist architecture

ABOUT CoRe PROJECT

The main legal body of the proposed CoRe project idea is the Municipality of Lastovo that gave the authority of coordinating the project with the potential partners is to the Heritage Go Pro Ltd. The Municipality has expressed operational and financial support in the worth of 100.000 euros, and with their and other potential future backing, including MED support we would like to realize our efforts with the maximum budget of 1.000.000 / 1.500.000 euros for the improvement of Lastovo.

The project objective is the protection and restoration of the town core and the everyday life that is currently detached from

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it's natural and historical center and placed on peripheral areas of the town. The main geographical attention is the nucleus of the public structures (fish market, Kuzma and Damjan main church, Duke's palace, Carnival square) placed in the old center of the

city that are surrounded by residential and sacral structures from the XVI and XVII century. The aforementioned structures are interconnected with the old street network that needs attention as well. Open spaces that are linked with streets such as squares, as well as gardens and parks near church of Kuzma and Damjan and Duke's palace require restoration and frequent maintenance.

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THE MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ Placement of the **main central hub** in the historic squares and clearings of the town
- ✓ **Duke's palace** - the reconstruction and adaptation of the structure to serve as a multi-functional space, primary for the purposes of the museum
- ✓ The establishment of the **touristic walking routes** with renovated streets and nearby area (focus on the nearby drywalls that are in need of renovation)
- ✓ Conservation and protection of the **churches and chapels** and listing their inventory that could be placed in the future museum
- ✓ The forming of the **new cultural hub** which would consist of the congress hall, exhibition spaces,

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cultural center and museum and their mutual networking

- ✓ The creation of visitor's center in strategically well placed position

- ✓ The renovation and linking of relatively peripheral areas of significance such as unique old windmill, **church of Saint Lucy and Kašćel fortress** with the central hub of the town
- ✓ The arranging of **gardens and parks** and organising their further maintenance system
- ✓ Creation of the **graphical and digital platform** for CoRe project
- ✓ Stablishment of **power grid** in and around the main historical landmarks and nearby streets based on renewable power sources
- ✓ Effort to utilize **recycled materials** used for the renovation of the structures

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LONG-TERM BENEFITS

- ✓ Creation of incubator for interested parties, initiatives and various other bodies that would be active in the center
- ✓ Establishment of twinnings and long-term transnational partnerships
- ✓ Establishment of the platform for mutual promotion of the local events and traditional products
- ✓ Expressed touristical sustainability
- ✓ Annual and long-term reduction of seasonality

/PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL/

OUR PREFERENCES:

We are interested in being partners for the projects that have a further axis:

- PRIORITY AXIS 3: PROTECTING AND PROMOTING MEDITERRANEAN NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, OBJECTIVE 3.1: To enhance the development of a sustainable and responsible coastal and maritime tourism in the MED area

We would like to prepare for multi-modular project (1+2+3) that would combine all the steps from studying, testing to capitalisation.

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The potential partners that cover mutually diverse areas of expertise are desirable.

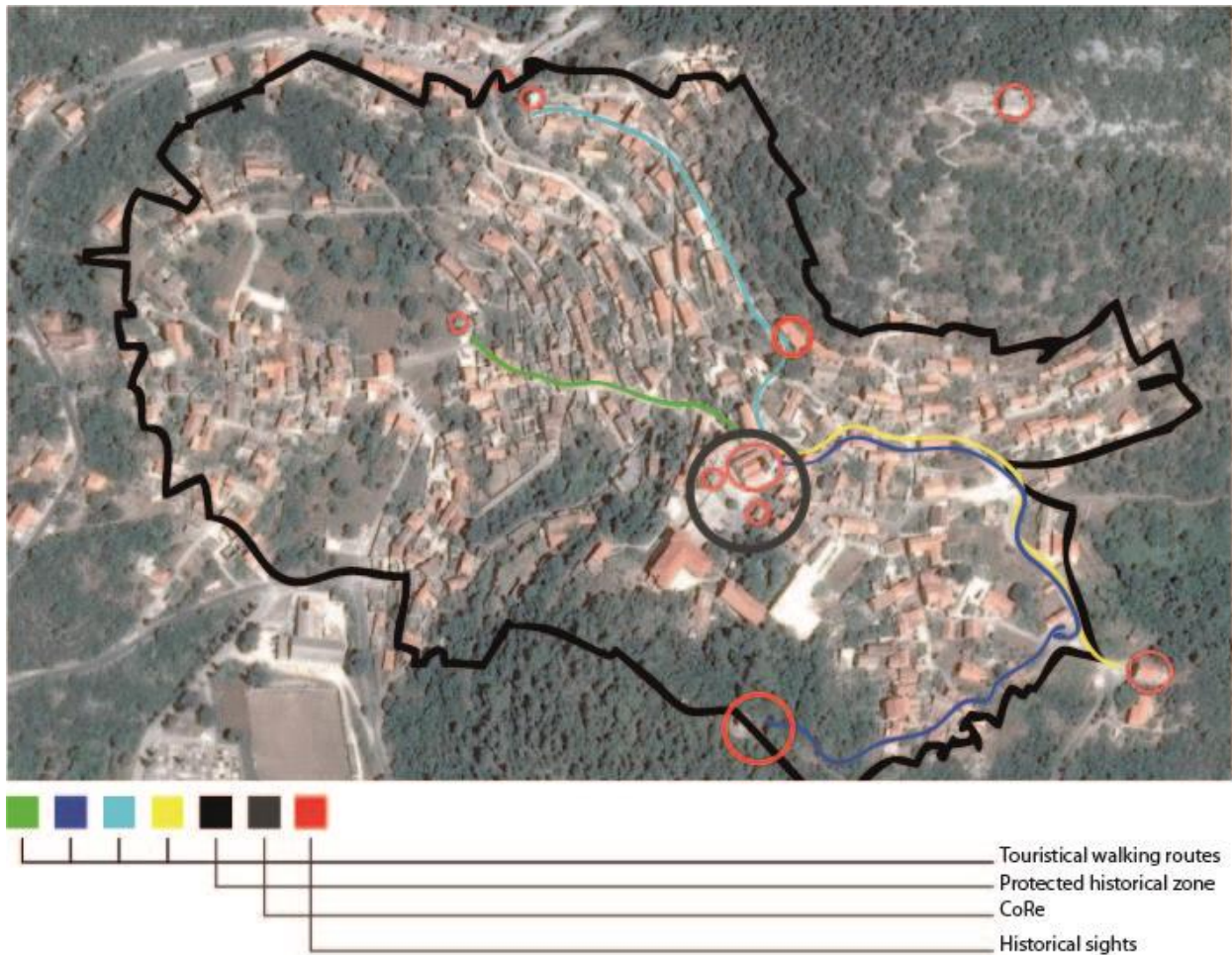
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GRAPHIC VIEW / LASTOVO CoRe



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