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INTRODUCTION OF PROJECT NETWORK



Ms. Vesna Kozar, Project Manager at PRC, Slovenia presented the NETWORKD project during the **kick-off meeting, held in Kobarid, Slovenia**, on 14–15 February, 2017. There were presentations on the six project work packages by respective coordinators:

WP1: Project Management - *PRC, Slovenia*

WP2: Communication - *VEDA, Bulgaria*

WP3: Database and Strategy - *DUK, Austria*

WP4: Quality Cultural Tourism - *INCDT, Romania*

WP5: Demonstration and Testing - *VMJV, Hungary*

WP6: Education and Exchange - *UNIPO, Slovakia*

The implementation of project “**Networking in preserving the First World War multicultural heritage in the Danube countries**” started on 1st of January, 2017 with the financial support of the Danube Transnational Programme and under the leadership of Soca Valley Development Centre (PRC) in Slovenia. Fourteen project partners from ten DTP countries and eleven associated partners joined efforts during the project, which will continue until June 2019, to support management of sustainable use of World War 1 (WW1) cultural heritage by combining it with quality cultural tourism.

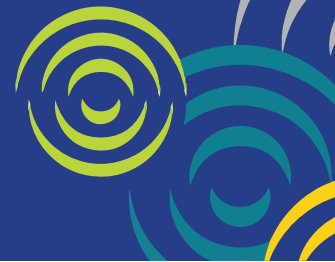
Along with the main NETWORKD goals, the **project aims** to make WW1 heritage more visible and accessible for tourism in the Danube region, to increase attractiveness of the targeted regions based on the WW1 heritage and cultural tourism, to sensitize the target groups (mostly the younger generation) and general public on the impact of the WW1 and the importance of the historical events of the past. The **Walk of Peace trade mark** is going to be recognized and promoted in PP’s area as an international brand for thematic WW1 paths and monuments in Europe.

More information about the project partners and activities could be found at the project web-page following this link <http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/networkd>

First NETWORKD Project Partners Meeting Austria

The 1st NETWORKD project partners meeting was held at Danube University Krems (DUK) in Austria on June 1st, 2017. Opening and welcome speeches were made by Ms. Julia Walleczek-Fritz, NETWORKD Project Manager at DUK and Mr. Christian Hanus, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Arts and Architecture at the Danube University Krems. There were presentations detailing on project advancement by respective project coordinators, who outlined the main tasks until the end of the first project period as well as the activities for the second period. All partners took part in the discussions about implementation of activities and achievements during the first project period: January-June, 2017.





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International Conference "PROTECTION MEASURES OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR HERITAGE"

The Conference was organized by Danube University Krems, Austria on June 2nd, 2017. It started with a welcome address to participants by Mr. Christian Hanus, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Arts and Architecture at the Danube University Krems, followed by a presentation of the NETWORKLD project by Ms. Vesna Kozar, Project Manager at PRC, Slovenia and Masa Klavara–the Walk of Peace in the Soca Region Foundation, Slovenia. The live stream of the presentation is available at <https://www.facebook.com/networkworldproject/videos/381102032290536/>

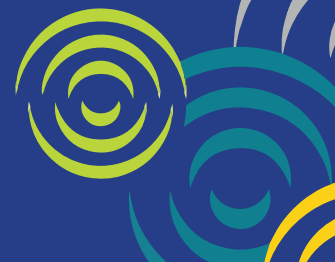
Mr. Peter Strasser from DUK presented „Protection of Cultural heritage & UNESCO – Lessons learnt, Challenges and Trends”. He outlined the main issues of a cultural heritage management plan that need to be stressed on, when developing plans, i.e. location, description and significance of the sites, the ownership and governance, legislative framework, the management of visitor flows, conservation issues, aim of the plan and its long term visions, interpretation, education and research. All these issues were of great importance for participating project partners who need to develop a heritage sites management plan under WP4 Quality Cultural Tourism. The live stream of Mr. Strasser's presentation is available at: www.facebook.com/networkworldproject/.



NETWORKLD PROJECT EVENTS BY PARTNERS

On the Hungarian side two beneficiary institutions take part in the project. These are the ERDF PP5 **Cultural LAB Social Cooperative** and the ERDF PP 6 **Municipality of Veszprém Town**. The Ministry of Defence, Military History Institute and Museum as an associated strategic partner will provide input during the project implementation.

The MUNICIPALITY OF VESZPREM is the partner responsible for coordinating the demonstration and testing of project activities. The results of these tasks will be discussed during an international conference, to be organised by the Municipality of Veszprém in 2018.



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Within the scope of the Networld project the **WW1 Monument on the Vörösmarty Square in Veszprém** will be renovated during the first period of 2018.

Centenary Memory Committee Meeting was organized by the Municipality of Veszprém, Hungary on 13th of March 2017. The objectives and results of the Networld Project were introduced to the Members of the Committee.

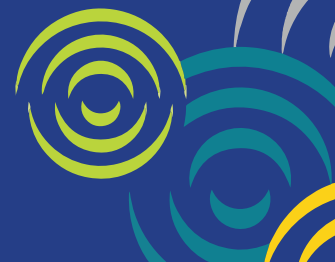
Project partner meeting workshop was also organized by the Municipality of Veszprém on 20th of April, 2017. The project partner Cultural LAB Social Cooperative from Pécs and the project partner Municipality of Veszprém conducted a meeting on joint actions in performing interviews for the international database, communication activities and partnership building.



The IPA PP1 School of Economics and Business, University of Sarajevo organized the first press conference in May 2017. It was intended to introduce the NETWORLD idea to the general public in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The conference commenced with a welcome speech by SEBS's Dean, Professor Kemal Kozaric after which Professor Almir Pestek, Project Partner Manager, accompanied by Tea Miokovic, Project Partner Coordinator, presented the goals, activities and outcomes of NETWORLD.

The project NETWORLD was presented at the International Event **Forum Building Science 2017**, held at Danube University Krems, Austria on May 10, 2017. Ms. Julia Walleczek - Fritz PhD from the project partner **Donau-Universität Krems** (Department for Building and Environment) and Ms. Petra Svoljšak PhD, head of the Milko Kos Historical Institut at ZRC SAZU and associated strategic partner in the project NETWORLD, presented the project as well as the UNESCO nomination The Walk of Peace from the Alps to the Adriatic to 200 experts from the area of cultural property protection, architecture, green space organisations and real estate industry.





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An opening event of the exhibition **Women in the First World War** was organized by the Faculty of Art / Historical Department and ERDF PP1 **Walk of Peace Foundation** from Slovenia in June, 2017.



National Student Conference "The First World War - Places of Memory" was organized by the NETWORLD ERDF PP4 Regional Museum of History in Dobrich, Bulgaria.

The conference was aimed to provoke young people's research and scientific interest in the legacy of the First World War and the places of memory associated with it. The conference took place on June 16th and 17th, 2017 in the Yordan Yovkov Memorial House in Dobrich. It was part of a series of "creative events" set in one of the work packages of the project.



For participation in the conference, materials were received from 31 schools in the country, from more than 15 cities and towns; among which were Dobrich, Tervel, Plovdiv, Razgrad, Karlovo, Veliko Tarnovo, Shumen, Montana, and Rousse. The approved materials, to be presented during the conference, included 13 papers, 11 essays and 9 presentations.

UPCOMING NETWORLD EVENTS

The **Conference „Active Business“** is planned to be held at InterHotel Cherno More in Varna, Bulgaria on June 29-30, 2017. During the second day of the conference there will be presentation of the NETWORLD project by VEDA. The event is free and all interested persons are invited. To sign for the conference please, send an e-mail to oic.varna@eufunds.bg

2nd Partnership Meeting in Bucharest, Romania will be held on November 27-28, 2017.

1st International Conference in Kosice, Slovakia will be organized at the end of September, 2017.