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EDITORIAL

Dear project partners, dear friends of Cultural Landscapes,

today's issue of our project newsletter focuses on the partners and their activities in East-Thuringia. In the **PROJECT NEWS** we report about the International Annual CULTURAL LANDSCAPE conference in June.

Furthermore we introduce the Regional Planning Association East-Thuringia who was hosting this conference in co-operation with the other German project partners.

Autumn is "conference season" - therefore

we invite you to have a look at the **PROJECT CALENDAR** where we announce several interesting events within the CULTURAL LANDSCAPE project and beyond.

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With best wishes for a colourful autumn,

Ulrike Jurrack

Typical elements of European Cultural Landscapes, examples from the Valley of the river Lafnitz, Burgenland, (AT)



1 individual tree



2 grazing land



3 the meander of the river Lafnitz

PROJECT CALENDAR

Project Calendar

14th - 15th of September 2007 in Wisniewa, Poland "Intangible Qualities of Cultural Landscapes – the spiritual sphere, contemplation, experiencing landscape"

19th - 22th of September 2007 International seminar in Lviv, Ukraine within the conference "Cadastre, photogrammetry, geo-informatics - modern technologies and prospects for development perspectives"

18th - 21th of October 2007 International Workshop in Buchschachen, district Oberwart in the Burgenland, Austria with workshop and excursion to the valley of Lafnitz, organized by the Grazing Association Ramsar Site Valley of Lafnitz

details of the programme:

- nature and cultural landscape Lafnitztal
- LIFE-Nature project 'Lafnitz – cross-linking habitats along an Alpine-Pannonian river'

• activities of protection and development of the cultural landscape Valley of Lafnitz:

- procedures of rural development
- passive flood protection, water supply and waste water management
- grazing project "Lafnitztal"
- eco-tourism
- regional planning (designation of land use, land register)
- inter-regional exchange of experiences

Further conferences on the subject

19th - 23th of September 2007 International Conference „Landscape and Rural Patrimony" in **Sibiu** (Hermannstadt), the European Capital of Culture 2007

28th - 29th of November 2007 Trilateral conference (Austria, Hungary, Slovenia), **Loipersdorf, Lafnitztal, Austria** „Watermanagement – Dynamisation of Waterbodies", LIFE-Nature project Lafnitz

PROJECT
NEWS**International conference
“Regional Structure - Cultural Land-
scapes - Regional Development”****13th - 14th of June 2007****Annual CULTURAL LANDSCAPE conference
in Ronneburg at the BUGA'07 (German
Federal Garden Show) in Thuringia, DE**

At the conference which was organised by the Regional Planning Association East-Thuringia (PP6) and the Heritage Association Thuringia (PP5), 165 participants, guests and speakers from 10 European countries met each other.

The presence of international guests like Ms Maguellonne Déjeant-Pons, Head of the Department for Regional Planning of the Council of Europe, Dr. Bas Pedroli, Landscape Centre, ALTERRA Wageningen, Netherlands and experts/officials responsible for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia, Austria and Poland made very clear that the CULTURAL LANDSCAPE project is internationally highly recognised by now.

All speakers pointed out the importance and the urgency of co-ordinated activities on European level for the protection and sustainable development of landscapes. Like stated in the European Landscape Convention, landscape is a common European heritage and an important part of the quality of life, contributing to human well-being and the consolidation of the European identity.

As one essential part of the conference programme Dr. Jacek Pijanowski (Agricultural University Krakow), representing the Polish lead partner, as well as representatives of the German project partners introduced the CULTURAL LANDSCAPE project and informed about interim results.



After decades of use as a mining dump the “Valley Gessen” was recultivated within the project BUGA and connects nowadays Gera and Ronneburg like it used to be.



At the end of the first conference day Mr Edgar Dally (PP6) guided through the area of the Federal Garden Show in Ronneburg and presented the exemplary approach of re-developing an old mining field as an example of cultural landscape development, the so called “Future Initiative Wismut Region”.

In the evening Ms Schweinsburg, president of the Regional Planning Association East-Thuringia, invited to a reception. The participants made use of this get-together for an intensive exchange of knowledge and networking between German and international cultural landscape experts.

The conference was supported by the Ministry of Building and Transport Thuringia and the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt.



International guests on the panel discuss common ways for a sustainable development of cultural landscapes



The guided tour through the BUGA'07 inspired to talks and exchange of opinions

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*About the Regional Planning Association
East-Thuringia*

The Regional Planning Association East-Thuringia is one of four planning sectors in Thuringia and incorporates the areas of the district Altenburger Land, Greiz, Saale-Holzland, Saale-Orla, Saalfeld-Rudolstadt as well as the urban districts Gera and Jena.

Being in charge of the coordination of regional planning, all regional matters are discussed, consulted and coordinated by several boards of the Regional Planning Association. Nowadays the association becomes more and more a forum of communication and coordination on subjects of general planning, concrete projects and other affairs of regional politics. Like the „Future Initiative Wismut Region“, regional development policy in general became, beside regional planning matters, a central task. But also the protection and the sustainable development of other cultural landscapes in East-Thuringia stays a main topic for the coordination board.

By order of the Regional Planning Association, the „Cultural Landscape Project East-Thuringia“ was elaborated by the University of Applied Sciences Erfurt, department of landscape architecture. The project dealt with questions like: which characteristic landscapes are really distinctive, what gives the different regions their typical character and wherein lies the scenic specifics.

Tasks and objectives within the project

- elaborating a concept of regional development of the „Middle Saale Valley“:
 - as an exemplary approach for sustainable regional planning policy
 - survey of cultural landscape elements as legwork to the digital cultural landscape cadastre (in close cooperation with PP4, PP5)
 - networking of awareness rising measures with interactive methods of informing and transferring of know-how to the stakeholders
- participating in the Regional and European networking:
 - Transfer of know-how (theory-practice-interface to the subject cultural landscape as impulse for European planning strategies)



Middle Saale Valley - main topic of PP6

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