

PP 6 – Regional Planning Association East-Thuringia

The main project activity of Regional Planning Association East-Thuringia was to elaborate a regional development concept of the Middle-Saale-Valley in cooperation with the City of Jena and the Saale-Holzland district. The project “Middle Saale Valley” aimed for a dynamic overall concept as a basis for a sustainable development with the focus on the attractiveness and efficiency of the cultural landscape.

The area of the development concept includes the Saale Valley between Kahla in the south and Camburg in the north (36 km) as well as the adjoining valleys.

Landscape architects, urban planners and communication experts analysed essential strengths, weaknesses and conflicts of the area as one important source of the following overall concept and general approaches.

The parallel development of a communication concept aimed at establishing a public dialogue and winning actors to implement the measures and to suggest flexible communication instruments. This is important for the implementation of the concept which, in the long term, will be carried by regional stakeholders (mayors, economy, tourism, associations etc.).

At the end of the project, all riparian municipalities were invited to a common bicycle tour along the ‘river Saale path’ to Camburg. The joint signature of the “Charta of Camburg” for the protection and development of the Middle Saale Valley will be the final highlight of the project in May.

