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Eco-museum progress in Tricase, Italy

Progress so far

The infrastructure works in the Port of Tricase have restarted at the internal flooring of the cistern after 45 days of stopping due to COVID19 pandemic. Also, the construction of the lift has started which will allow going directly to the quay from Piazzetta San Nicola, located just above the structure. In the meantime, the Municipality of Tricase together with Magna Grecia Mare Association, are planning and defining the systems and equipment that will be installed inside the tank to make it a truly attractive access point to the Port Museum of Tricase.



the new deadline to complete works is on mid-June.

Way ahead

Cisterna opening is now planned for the summer months of 2020. The cistern will be an access point to the Port Museum of Tricase. The multimedia totem that will be installed inside will allow visitors to acquire initial information on the Port Museum. Tourists will be able to know some basic information on the history of the port and its structures. It will also allow them to be informed about scheduled events and other similar information. The accessibility of the structure will be guaranteed by the presence of a lift that will allow visitors to access the platform directly from the square above. The styles and technologies used in the totem and app under development will help make content accessible.



Challenges

The most important challenge faced was to ensure the end of the works in the scheduled time, despite the uncertainties about the restart of works due to the ongoing health crisis. The lockdown imposed in the first days of March 2020, to contain the spread of the coronavirus in Italy had led to a total block of the activities also on construction sites and building material suppliers. So, on 20 of March 2020 infrastructure works had to stop and they have resumed on 04/05/2020. It means that



Eco-museum progress in Himara, Albania

Progress so far

During this period, the Municipality of Himara has started the works for the external and internal restorations of the 2-story building, which will be transformed into an eco-museum for the municipality of Himara and the nearby villages around it. So far, interventions in outdoor and indoor environments have had a good performance, referring to the chaotic situation created by Covid-19.



Challenges

Structural interventions work for the restoration of the building started a little later from the forecast made in the Action Plan. Certainly, the administrative actions have been slightly slower due to the situation of the local elections in 2019 and the restrictions of mobility at the beginning of 2020 affected the slow but sure steps in the implementation of the Co.Co.Tour project.

The difficult situation created by COVID-19 has had an impact on the progress of infrastructure works by Municipality of Himara, as it has affected all other sectors. Restriction of mobility, even to the point of complete isolation of municipal employees and private companies involved in the procurement process has affected the abnormal progress of infrastructure works. The attention of the municipality of Himara to have progressed in the restoration work for the eco-museum has been great. This is evidenced by the immediate start of work as soon as the relief measures for the movement in the territory of Himara began. Fortunately, covid19 has not had a financial impact but only time delays.



Way ahead

Given the government's relief of mobility measures, we certainly expect to intensify work and finalize structural interventions on ecomuseum spaces within the summer season. Also, providing public guarantees to all citizens and involved stakeholders of the project area in the seriousness and public interest of the project and its results. Since the beginnings of the project implementation, Himara

Municipality gave their contribution to draft territorial analysis and identification of the Point of Interest in the project area in order to guarantee all citizens and involved stakeholders of the seriousness and public interest of the project and its results for a sustainable community tourism management.



Infrastructure works for the realization of the eco-museum spaces and facilities will respond also to the accessibility needs for the disabled people as part of the coastal communities and tourists that will spread interest in this project. The eco-museum will be an info-point for any tourist which will be guided by promotional materials and ICT tools infrastructure inside the Eco-museum space. The community will benefit by incorporating its touristic capacity and services to offer a diversified touristic package of the Himara region.



Eco-museum Progress in Herceg Novi, Montenegro

Progress so far

All most complex and difficult infrastructure works are completed. This refers to the drainage, new electrical installation, removal of certain physical structures (walls, barriers) inside the house that were previously installed while the house was used as a restaurant. The carpentry is completely renovated in the way to obtain the original appearance, the ground at the first floor is leveled. Additionally, some interventions in the garden were undertaken, such as the removal of a "circular veranda" in the southern part of the garden. Beside the fact that this was not a part of the original project, the Municipality of Herceg Novi together with architects decided to remove the circular veranda because it was not integral part of the house while Ivo Andrić lived there.



Challenges



The idea to have an eco-museum in Herceg Novi, significantly different form of museum that is so innovative and interactive, immediately sounded great. And we accepted to be part of the project and together with our partners to create the first eco-museum in Montenegro. But also, many challenges and doubts were surrounding the idea of opening an eco-museum. We saw this during the project implementation when we were facing with numerous minor and slightly higher obstacles. Thanks to joint efforts and commitment we achieved to overpass all challenges and to be so close to the project successful complementation. The national measures against

covid 19 directed the work dynamic on the Ivo Andrić house, the pace of works has declined, some construction deadlines needed to be reconsidered and prolonged.

Way ahead

In the following period we plan to launch two tenders, one for the purchase of furniture, that will be serve as gallery/museum exhibits, and another for the purchase of digital equipment. Worth to mention that this equipment will not be set in the way to dominate the Ivo Andrić house overemphasizing the digital interactivity. Considering the fact that eco-museum will be designed according to the tangible needs and aspirations of the local community, it will significantly increase the interest about Herceg Novi material and non-material heritage. All local stakeholders dealing with the tourism and cultural matters will be encouraged to cooperate and together try to valorize full potential of the eco-museum, first one in Montenegro.



About "Co.Co.Tour" Project

The "Co.Co.Tour" project aims at securing a smart, inclusive and sustainable growth of the coastal communities in the target areas through the development of a cross border eco-museum model and a common strategy focused on community tourism.

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Safeguarding, enhancing and promoting the natural and cultural heritage of COastal Communities by boosting the eco-museum model aiming at smart and sustainable TOURism management