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COUNTRIES

10 PROJECT PARTNERS

10 REGIONS

2.1 MILLION EURO

1.7 MILLION EURO

PROJECT BUDGET

WHO WE ARE

Partners from seven Central European countries join their forces to improve the integrated environmental management capacities for the protection and sustainable use of natural heritage and resources.

Austria
- Central Mining Institute
- Business Upper Austria - OÖ Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH

Croatia
- City of Križevci

Czech Republic
- Mendel University in Brno

Hungary
- BOKU 94 Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Development Agency Nonprofit LLC
- Hajdú-Bihar County Government

Italy
- LAMORO Development Agency
- Polo Tecnologico di Pordenone SCPA

Poland
- Central Mining Institute
- Dolnoslaskie Region - Institute for Territorial Development

Slovenia
- Development Centre Novo Mesto, Counseling and Development Ltd.

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Integrated Strategy for sustainable management of SPAs natural resources

One common Integrated Strategy will be compiled focusing on how to improve sustainable management capacities of Central European SPAs, including innovative and responsive decision making processes built upon partnerships between local and regional authorities, thermal business sector, environment and health management organisations.

Additionally, a transnational Handbook on best practices in environmental and socio-economic pressures mitigation and conflict solving will be developed.

The pilot action experiences are planned to affect the joint formulated strategy for sustainable SPA management.

As a final joint action, partners establish a shared Integrated Strategy for sustainable management of SPAs natural resources, building on tools application and pilot actions results, which bring practical elements for Integrated Strategy development.

Outputs planned until March 2022

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The well-structured process to achieve project goals is based upon the development of common tools for an integrated assessment of existing as well as future threats and pressures on mineral and thermal water resources in SPAs across Central Europe.

Proceeding step-by-step, pilot actions will support the practical implementation of sustainable thermal water use in SPAs, understood primarily as ensuring effective and rational use of identified resources and protection of ecosystems while realizing social and economic functions. The pilot action experiences are planned to affect the jointly formulated strategy for sustainable SPA management.

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