

**Project RUINS CE902:**

*Sustainable re-use, preservation and modern management  
of historical ruins in Central Europe  
- elaboration of integrated model and guidelines  
based on the synthesis of the best European experiences*



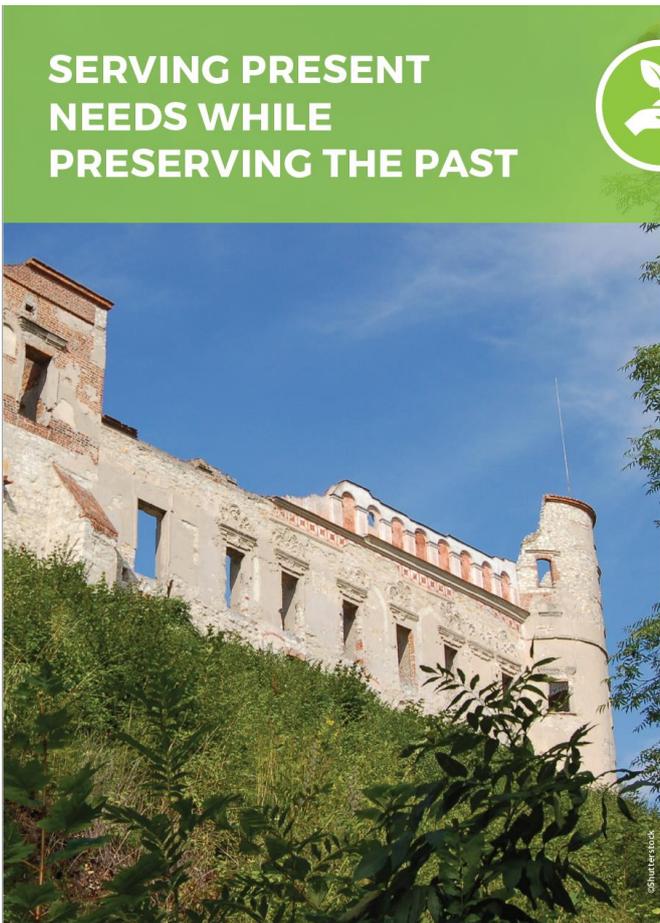
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## ABOUT THE PROJECT

Topic of the project are **medieval ruins**. In Europe there are at least several thousand historical ruins. Owners and managers of these sites struggle with the same problems: **protection of ruins is problematic due to ongoing process of destruction**, and **modern use of ruins is limited**. Ruined historical buildings are often either neglected or increasingly transformed. They lose their key features – authenticity and integrity. Problem applies to entire Europe.



**SERVING PRESENT  
NEEDS WHILE  
PRESERVING THE PAST**



Owners and managers of the thousands of medieval ruins around Europe face the challenge of preservation despite limited options for modern use of their sites. The RUINS project develops approaches that help managers to find contemporary, social uses for old ruins while keeping historical heritage intact. Research and evaluation of various sites will create a basis for comprehensive management plans.

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PROJECT BUDGET  
**1.77  
MILLION €**

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ERDF FUNDING  
**1.47  
MILLION €**

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Importance of project arises from fact that **historical ruins** in many countries **are in danger** for two reasons. Firstly, all historical ruins are in state of constant destruction (it results from their form - lack of appropriate protection against weather conditions). Therefore, their technical protection - assuming minimal interference in historical form and substance - is difficult and expensive, moreover, it is a continuous process. Such a process is difficult to organize, so for many ruins **destruction process keeps progressing**. Secondly, form of ruin often is not considered a proper form of maintenance of historical object. Increasingly, owners, users, public opinion, journalists, local communities demand rebuilding of ruins. Rebuilt ruins are transformed into hotels, restaurants, museums, offices, etc. Such **reconstruction irreversibly destroys authentic historic ruins**. The number of such projects keeps increasing. Cultural heritage represents a big potential



for economic growth, generating value and thereby directly benefiting citizens. **Finding better balance between preservation of cultural heritage and sustainable socio-economic development of regions is necessary.** Therefore there is urgent need for development of modern, attractive forms of re-use, management and protection of ruins in their present form, while preserving their historical value.

**Project objective is to give “the second life” to medieval ruins** through modern management and attributing contemporary, socially useful functions, while preserving historical value of these sites.

Project aims to **develop** and disseminate **transnational guidelines and integrated model of contemporary use, modern management and protection of medieval ruins in Central Europe in order to enable elaboration of comprehensive management plans for ruined historical sites.** Elaborated comprehensive **management plans will help** owners and managers of historical ruins, local, regional and public authorities **exploit economic potential of this heritage in economic development** of regions, and to **preserve value of medieval ruins as cultural heritage.**

**Traditional approach** to preservation of ruins has been focused on only one issue - **how to maintain historical ruins from technical point of view.** Innovation of project is to go beyond technical problems and to **create integrated model that brings together three elements: contemporary use, modern management and sustainable preservation of ruins.** Activities undertaken within project will be combination of research tasks concerning documentation and evaluation of technical state of ruins, conservation tasks concerning the form of protection of ruins and, most of all, activities aimed at contemporary use and modern management of historical ruins.



**RUINS**

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OF HISTORICAL RUINS IN CENTRAL EUROPE  
- ELABORATION OF INTEGRATED MODEL AND GUIDELINES  
BASED ON THE SYNTHESIS OF THE BEST EUROPEAN EXPERIENCES

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	<b>1.474.095,48</b>	ERDF funding in EUR
	<b>06.2017 - 05.2020</b>	Project duration

Cooperation of 6 countries with various traditions and experiences will result in **development of universal models that could be applied for management, use and protection of medieval ruins all over Europe**, providing European added value.



## OUTPUTS

- **Tools developed for the sustainable use of cultural heritage:**
  - Universal transnational model of sustainable preservation and protection of the medieval ruins
  - Universal transnational model forms of contemporary use of medieval ruins
  - Universal transnational model form of modern management of medieval ruins
  - Transnational guidelines: how to apply integrated model in development of comprehensive action plan
- **Pilot actions implemented for the sustainable use of cultural heritage**
- **Action plans developed for the sustainable use of cultural heritage**
  - 6 plans of modern management, contemporary use and sustainable preservation of selected ruined sites
- **Trainings implemented on the sustainable use of cultural heritage**
  - Study visits to ruined medieval sites in Poland, Slovakia, Croatia, Slovenia and Italy
  - Training seminars for stakeholders dealing with management, use and protection of cultural heritage

## PARTNERS

- **Politechnika Lubelska (Coordinator)** [www.pollub.pl](http://www.pollub.pl)
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- **Consiglio Dei Comuni e Delle Regioni D'europa Federazione Regionale Del Veneto** [www.aiccre.it](http://www.aiccre.it)
- **Venetian Heritage Cluster** [www.venetiancluster.eu](http://www.venetiancluster.eu)
- **Mestna občina Velenje** [www.velenje.si](http://www.velenje.si)
- **Agencija za razvoj Zadarske županije ZADRA NOVA** [www.zadra.hr](http://www.zadra.hr)

## NEWS

At the beginning of project implementation all Partners attended kick-off meeting in Lublin, Poland. Detailed presentation of project, its outputs, activities, and deliverables was aimed at ensuring that all Partners are ready to start their work on project implementation and know what steps to take next. All Partners presented their institutions, which made the meeting also a team-building event.



Kick-off meeting in Lublin, Poland.

Official dinner after the meeting.





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