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INTEPA: Transfer and Adaptation of New Training Itineraries for the Qualification in the Heritage Interpretation Field

INTEPA is a 1,5 year Leonardo da Vinci Transfer of Innovation project, funded through the Lifelong Learning Programme. Within the project, the results of a previous project **IN-NATURE: "Nature and rural realm interpreter: An innovative training"** will be adapted for better use of the new target groups in new countries. The partnership is composed of organisations from the following countries: Spain, Estonia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Latvia and Romania.

As one of the first steps, a study to identify the training needs in the field of Heritage Interpretation, was carried out in each country. This study was based on a common questionnaire, adapted to the specific needs of each country, and each partner was responsible for getting feedback from at least 30 respondents among stakeholders. This included museums, nature centres, governmental agencies, NGOs, companies etc.

An important activity for exchanging best practice examples in the field of heritage interpretation, is composition of informative articles, such as the present one. Altogether, the partnership will be issuing a total of 7 articles, illustrated with photographs, to enable better envisaging the described activities.

The project foresees also creation of a common project website as well as blogs in each country. Website development is undergoing and it will be made public later in spring. Further information about this, including the respective addresses, will be published in the next articles and also advertised in informative leaflets, which are also being prepared at the moment.

The II Transnational partners meeting will take place on May 4-5, 2011 in Bulgaria. The meeting will enable the partners to share and compare the results of the study and to discuss and plan further project activities. The latter includes organisation of pilot courses in each country and elaborating a Didactic Guide as well as Dossiers of sites with a Heritage interest and employment resources related to the field.

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Guided itinerary in Siksali and surroundings (Vastseliina rural municipality, Võru county, Estonia)

To have a guided heritage interpretation experience, the visit should be booked in advance. However, there are outdoor information stands providing basic information for individual visitors during summer season (June-September).



Visitors studying the information stands in Siksali

The information stands provide information about Siksali – a historical wooden schoolhouse building from 1910, where a school worked during the times of Czarist Russia, Estonian Republic and Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic. The school building has been renovated, keeping the two big former classrooms on the ground floor in their initial size. The bigger one of the former classrooms is used also nowadays for organising training events. The room presents photos about the process of renovation. Items surviving from the old school, eg books, exercise books, a school table, benches etc are presented.



Training participants in the seminar room (former classroom)



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Also there is an outdoor classroom, where different training courses are organised. This includes trainings on outdoor learning both for children as well as adults and different training courses on renovation and re-using old materials.



Training course in the outdoor classroom

During the itinerary, visitors are introduced to different ways of using old wooden logs, as well as other wood products, which all can be observed on-site in Siksali. Wood is one of the most common and typical construction materials and natural resources in the region.



Children's playground from re-used logs



A tippee covered with wooden tiles

Also different trees growing on site are being shown and introduced to the visitors and legends and beliefs related to forest and trees are being told. Also the concept of every man's right is being explained. In the near surroundings of Siksali it is possible to go to pick wild berries and mushrooms.

After getting acquainted with Siksali, the visitors are



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recommended to visit the picturesque ruins of Vastseliina castle (some 15 km away), located on the eastern border of Medieval Livonia. It was part of a belt of border fortresses built in the 13th and 14th century by the Livonian Confederation to protect their territory against the Russians. Construction of the Vastseliina episcopal castle by the Bishopric of Tartu (part of the Livonian Confederation) was started in 1342.

There is a tourism information centre – museum open, from May to September and special itineraries can be booked.



Annual event “Old Times Day” by the Vastseliina Episcopal castle ruins

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