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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD WAR I HERITAGE BETWEEN THE ALPS AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

Newsletter 1



REGIONE DEL VENETO



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PROJECT

The project "WALKofPEACE" concerns the enhancement of the heritage of the First World War between the Alps and the Adriatic. It is co-financed by the Interreg Italy-Slovenia Programme 2014-2020 (ERDF), Italian national funds and Slovenian private and public funds. It has a duration of 36 months and will end at the end of 2021.

The "WALKofPEACE" project aims to protect and promote the material and immaterial heritage of extraordinary historical significance of WW1 through shared cross-border activities, aimed at implementing its use, also through a rich selection of cultural events for history buffs.

A Walk of Peace brand will be proposed to encourage the integration, updating and development of a new sustainable and culturally oriented tourist offer, based on engaging presentations of the WW1 heritage and thematic routes. There will also be an important work of museum restyling, the renovation of exhibition spaces, new installations including multimedia and the creation of new thematic paths and info-points.

<https://www.ita-slo.eu/it/walkofpeace>



Posoški razvojni center-PRC

Investments concerning WALKofPEACE project present the largest share of funding. Posoški razvojni center, which is also the lead partner of the project, in cooperation with the municipalities of Tolmin, Kobarid and Bovec, takes care of the implementation of five investments with the expected realization in year 2020. **At the end of 2019, the investment of Memorial Church of the Holy Spirit in Javorca was completed.** It included the replacement of roof, the reconstruction of the path from Srednjica to Javorca and the reconstruction of the wooden fence along the way.

Memorial Church of the Holy Spirit in Javorca, dedicated to fallen Austro-Hungarian defenders of the Isonzo Front (1915-1917), celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2016. It was built in Austria-Hungary and was restored and maintained by the authorities of three countries: Italy, Yugoslavia and today Slovenia. After the war, it was first rebuilt in 1934 (Italy), then in the early 1980s

(Yugoslavia), followed by earthquakes in 2004-2005 (Republic of Slovenia), with minor construction interventions carried out in 2016 and 2017 (<https://www.soca->



[valley.com/sl/sights/first-world-war/javorca/](https://www.soca-valley.com/sl/sights/first-world-war/javorca/)). As part of the WALKofPEACE project, the church got a new roof and an accessible road with a wooden fence at the end of 2019.

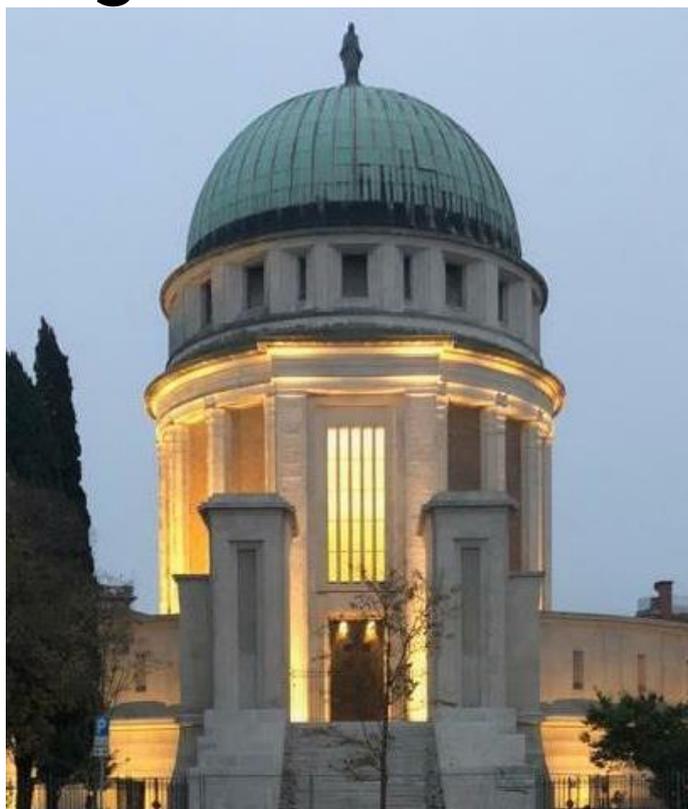
The investment makes a significant contribution to the preservation, upgrading and conservation of World War I heritage, what is one of the main goals of the WALKofPEACE project as well as of local institutions with great efforts to preserve the memory of this historic period.

The Memorial Church of the Holy Spirit in Javorca was proclaimed a cultural monument of national importance in 1999 as the most beautiful monument of the First World War on the territory of the Republic of Slovenia, in 2007 it was added to the list of especially important historical and cultural heritage of Europe and in 2018 received the European Heritage Label (<https://www.soca-valley.com/sl/sights/first-world-war/javorca/>).

This year, in the territory of the Municipality of Tolmin, the German Chamel House will be also rearranged. In cooperation with the Municipality of Kobarid, an exhibition pavilion with military truck will be erected and also Bes Military Chapel will be reconstructed. A footpath and a wooden footbridge will be rearranged near the fortress of Kluže in Bovec.



Regione del Veneto



With a view to the development of sustainable cultural tourism and to increase the enjoyment and enhancement of the historical heritage of the First World War, the Veneto Region will be committed to creating the Venetian segment of the "Path of Peace".

It is a question of connecting the Slovenian "Pot miru" - Walk of Peace, through a connecting route that branches out towards the north-eastern Italian territories, in Friuli Venezia Giulia and Veneto, touching some places particularly significant for the memory of the first world conflict. Of this ideal itinerary through places of the Great War, the Region has the task of coordinating the definition with regard to the eligible area of the Programme, coinciding specifically with the territory of the Province of Venice.

In order to outline a route hypothesis, the Region has planned the activation of a thematic table with the representatives of the local authorities involved and interested, in order to agree on the monumental emergencies that will constitute the crucial reference points



of the itinerary; now **we are** in the process of establishing a working table. Meanwhile, thanks to the extensive reconnaissance that the Region has carried out in recent years, also on the occasion of the commemorations for the Centenary, compared to the historical testimonies of the Great War existing in the territory, a preliminary selection could be made on the basis of criteria of consistency with the content and objectives of the European project. Closely connected to this initiative is the study on the inland waterway network, activated during the Great War, between the Po delta and the Isontino front, called "Venetian coast", which the Region has started in collaboration with the IUAV University of Venice, by concluding an agreement to this end; this research aims at both the deepening of historical knowledge and the analysis of issues of enhancement of the territory, with particular regard to the aspects of alternative mobility and sustainable tourism, also in the perspective of providing a tool that can act as a support to the creation of the "Venetian segment" of the "Walk of Peace".

Ustanova »Fundacija Poti miru v Posočju«

The Foundation co-ordinates the whole project in terms of content and carries out many activities in the field of tourism and study and research. With the PP Promoturismo FVG, the PP and the numerous municipalities has been expanded the hiking path Walk of peace from the Alps to the Adriatic, which will now reach 400 kilometers and will be enriched with signs by the tourist season of this year 2020. With the PP Promoturismo FVG and the Veneto Region were selected other places with a legacy related to the First World War that will be included in the Walk of Peace.

Together with the PP ZRC SAZU will continue with the collection of the names of fallen soldiers along the Isonzo front in the archives of Vienna and Rome, because it is intended



to create a database by the end of the project. In collaboration with the LP Posoški razvojni center and with Municipality of Nova Gorica, the necessary improvements on the trail and new museums on the Walk of Peace are being recorded. A new very modern and interactive website, www.thewalkofpeace.com, will be prepared to serve a variety of audiences interested in the Path of Peace. The concept for the renovation of the Path of Peace Information Center in Kobarid is being prepared.

The final phase is the preparation of the corporate identity of the Walk of Peace brand, which will be used by the project partners to carry out their activities. An external associate promotes the Path of Peace and the Heritage of the Isonzo Front at fairs in Italy. Partial photography of the heritage has already been carried out, which will continue in the spring months, and a calendar of events is being prepared to be organized in 2020.





GAL Venezia Orientale



Vegal has signed two agreements, one with the Municipality of San Donà di Piave and the other with the BIM Consorzio Imbrifero Montano del Basso Piave for the transfer of activities and a budget respectively of 350,000 euros to the Municipality of San Donà di Piave, for the renovation of part of the MUB (Museum of reclamation) and 50,000



euros to BIM for the realization of a memory park in a gorge of the Piave River in the Municipality of Musile and for the ordinary maintenance of n. 6 monuments to the fallen in the Municipalities musical members of Piave, Fossalta di Piave, Noventa di Piave, San Donà di Piave, Jesolo and Eraclea.

The next activities in cape to VeGAL will see the exhibition and multimedia set-up of the battery Pisani of Cavallino-treporti with use of new technologies of communication and information in Convention

ZRC-SAZU Znanstvenoraziskovalni center Slovenske akademije znanosti in umetnosti



ZRC SAZU and Fundacija Poti miru are proceeding to collect the names concerning the soldiers buried in the cemeteries of the First World War along the former Isonzo Front. In the first phase of the work at the Military Archives in Vienna, all the material from the collections Kriegsgräber,



Italien and Kriegsgräber, Jugoslawien and the transcription of data from the registers and cadastral registers were collected. The information collected contains the name of the buried soldier, the rank and unity, the date of death or burial.

E.R.Pa.C.



The ERPAC, Regional Agency for the Cultural Heritage of the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, thanks to the WalkofPeace project, will be able to make the gardens and



the areas belonging to the Museums of Borgo Castello di Gorizia more accessible, in particular the area after the Museums, providing a general cleaning of the area and a reorganization of the same, pointing to the plant element, which becomes a design theme like the paved spaces and the artifacts that will be placed in the area. The prevailing theme of the green project is based on the red colouring of the foliage and the herbaceous, grassy and shrub essences chosen. The red colour wants to evoke the suffering and anguish linked to the First World War. The tree of the fog (*cotinus coggygia*) represents a typical essence of the Karst and therefore evocative of those landscapes. Benches will be arranged, from which you can enjoy the surrounding landscape. The total cost of the investment will be € 240,000.00 of which € 150,000.00 financed by the Project wop and the additional € 90,000.00 from funds of Ente Erpac FVG. The project has already obtained all the authorizations, the phase of selection for the identification of the enterprise to which entrust the intense activities, the yard will open at the end of April in order to conclude between August and September 2020.