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The Chart

Faro Convention article 2 (27th October 2005)

“cultural heritage is a group of resources inherited from the past which people identify, independently of ownership, as a reflection and expression of their constantly evolving values, beliefs, knowledge and traditions. It includes all aspects of the environment resulting from the interaction between people and places through time”

In an increasingly globalized world, European rural centres are progressively at risk of losing their material and immaterial heritage.

However, they are characterized by great potential wealth that is often not yet adequately developed and managed. Managing a heritage is not simple because different contexts, stakeholders, perspectives and visions come into play which can lead to conflicts of interests and obstacles due to the fact that society is not static, the landscape continuously regenerates and adapts itself to new social needs.

This is the starting point from of the project T.E.A.M – Trails of Europe and Awareness in Memory project, discuss with communities to increase awareness about cultural heritage and seize the opportunities of all economic sectors linked to European routes and paths.

In the Mediterranean area, transhumance has left clear traces of a culture that unfortunately risks being lost forever, operating since the Neolithic period, processes of territorialization in functions of work, production, and exchange. The problem now arises of how to transmit and preserve tangible and intangible heritage without compromise the expectations and aspirations of local communities. Moreover the intangible value of this practice was particularly highlighted in 2019, when transhumance was included in the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage. On the other hand, the Croatian paths and waterways, even if they aren't recognized as a heritage by UNESCO, they represented the engine of development, meeting and exchange of communities, thoughts, and ideas.



Best Practices

During the work tables of the final event of T.E.A.M. project, European citizens focused on finding best practices to enhance community heritage. The things that emerged concerned both behaviours at individual level and respect for different traditions and promotion of European citizenship based on shared values.

In detail:

- “vice versa school”: generational meetings to exchange know-how between old and new generations and to understand different languages through new words;
- Creation of a digital archive to preserve and pass on local traditions;
- “Vintage start-up”: creation of a startup based on traditional products to generate new types of work starting from tradition;
- Encourage slow mobility aimed improving the psycho-physical health of the community-walking as wellness;
- “ecological corridors”: use the paths to contribute to safeguarding the biodiversity of ecosystems;
- Encourage the formation of “networks between communities heritage”;
- “Gastronomic Erasmus”: exchange of local chefs to encourage knowledge of the area through local products and traditions;
- Creation of a European-wide trail passport.

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