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## Report for the period February-August 2009

### Projects and activities

#### Current projects

**ENHANCING PUBLIC SPACES IN CETINJE by adding new artistic elements / REFLECTION OF THE ART IN PUBLIC SPACES OF CETINJE, December 2008-September 2009**

The project started in December 2008 and is now in its final phase.

The general aim of the project is to enhance public spaces in Cetinje by adding new elements/street furniture or events that have artistic character.

The aims of the project are:

- To find adequate public spaces suitable for concrete artistic interventions, to select an adequate method of work with the stakeholders in order to come to the most creative solutions for the interventions, group work in order to present in the best way the selected artistic interventions in space
- To conduct, through participatory planning and decision-making of all stakeholders, concrete intervention/s in one or more public spaces in Cetinje in order to give the spaces new contents.

The donor of the project: UNDP office in Montenegro

Awarded funds: EUR 11,740.00

The project started with a series of meetings and talks with various stakeholders, including representatives of the Municipality of Cetinje, the municipal Department for Spatial Planning, Tourist Organization of Cetinje, representatives of Music, Arts and Drama Colleges of Cetinje, local NGOs, citizens, etc.

The activities conducted within the project include:

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- **Meeting with representatives of Cetinje Municipality, April 2009**

The meeting was held in Cetinje on 15 April 2009. At the meeting, Expeditio representatives presented the project and activity plan to the representatives of the Municipality. The secretary of spatial planning Mirko Stjepčević, and the secretary of public works Vesna Tomanović introduced us to the activities and plans of Cetinje Municipality about public spaces. At the meeting we agreed on cooperation during this project.

- **Workshop for art students, April 2009**

The workshop was held in Cetinje on 28 April 2009. Besides for students of arts colleges in Cetinje, the workshop was intended for all people interested in the topic of artistic interventions in public spaces. The aim of the workshop was to presents the project to the students and to examine what they think about the usage of public spaces in general, and more specifically in Cetinje and to see what their needs are when public spaces of Cetinje are concerned.

Some of the topic discussed during the workshop:

- How to get higher-quality public spaces in Cetinje?
- What do the Art academy students in Cetinje need?
- What are the problems and actual suggestions for activation of public spaces?

- **Presentations of PROSTOROŽ & ACADEMICA groups, May 2009**

The presentations of “Prostorož” group from Slovenia and “Academica” group from Belgrade took place on 13 May 2009 at the Faculty of Arts in Cetinje. The presentations focused on examples of interventions in public spaces that these two organizations conducted in various towns in Slovenia and Serbia. The event was intended both for students and general public. The aim of organizing this even was to encourage the arts students to think about space in a different way, so that they can get inspiration and ideas for their own interventions in public spaces of Cetinje.

After the workshop and presentations, seven students of the Faculty of Arts volunteered to give their proposals for enhancing public spaces in Cetinje with new artistic elements. Right now, they are working on their projects.

In the final phase of the project, these seven installations will be placed at different locations in the town. Together with them, two other works, today displayed in the Faculty's courtyard, will be exhibited.

**DEVELOPMENT OF THE SEE HERITAGE NETWORK, December 2008-December 2009**

At the end of 2008, Expeditio was awarded a one-year grant from the Swedish organization Cultural Heritage without borders (CHwB) for the project aimed at coordinating the activity of the SEE Heritage network and strengthening its capacity.

A general aim of the project is to strengthen the capacity of the SEE Heritage Network through defining the Network in legal and organizational terms, enhancing its visibility and influence and creating foundations for its sustainability, and turn it into a sustainable network - more stable and more active in its field of interest in the South East European region and even wider.

The goals of the project are:

- To define the Network in legal and organizational terms - to register the SEE Heritage network formally and to enhance its internal organization
- To enhance visibility and influence of the SEE Heritage network in the SEE region through improving its internet presentation, mailing list, producing PR material and promoting the Network and the site
- To create foundations for the SEE Heritage network sustainability through maintaining a Database of the Network members and Network's Archive and employing a secretary of the Network who will take over coordination of the Network .

The donor of the project: Cultural Heritage without Borders (CHwB)

The duration of the project: 12 months

Awarded funds: EUR 24,940.00

So far the following activities have been done:

**- Formal registration of the SEE Heritage network**

In order to prepare everything that is needed for the registration of the Network in Montenegro, Expeditio engaged a lawyer and her activities included:

- Analysing the SEE context and Montenegrin legal system and possibilities to register an NGO network in Montenegro
- Analysing models of networking
- Finding about the existing NGO networks, analysing their organizational structure
- Drawing up a Statute of the Network
- Drawing up a Founding Act of the Network

After receiving positive comments from the Network members, the documentation was completed and the process of registration of the Network initiated. The documents were submitted to the Ministry of Interior Affairs and Public Administration in April 2009.

We are still waiting for their reply.

**- Compiling a Database of the Network members and Network's Archive**

The following activities have been done:

- Collecting application forms from the Network members
- Compiling the database of the Network members
- The Network's archive was set up on the web site and started to be uploaded. It contains the following:
  - More detailed information about the Network's activities and projects
  - Networks documents
  - Photo documentation

### **- Improving Internet presentation of the Network at [www.seeheritage.org](http://www.seeheritage.org)**

The conducted activities:

- Re-designing the old site of the Network and enhancing it with some new features
- Collecting information and uploading it to the site, adding new information
- Researching websites from which we can gather information about activities in the field of cultural heritage in the SEE region and other parts of the world, as well. Placing RSS links with news from the following sites: UNESCO .....

The work on the website re-designing is its final phase and soon the website will be uploaded.

### **- Promotion of the network**

In order to promote the SEE Heritage network the following activities have been done:

- The SEE Heritage Network was presented at the conference “Heritage Care through Active Citizenship” - European Conference on Civil Society Organisations active in the Field of Heritage, held in Mechelen, Belgium, on 23-24 March 2009. The presentation “**South East European Heritage Network**” was held within the Workshop III: The trans-border connection - Heritage & networks. The presentation can be viewed at <http://www.heritageorganisations.eu/?p=336>)

At the conference, 135 international participants and 45 local participants represented the diversity of the European civil society for heritage: local, regional, national and European voluntary organisations, civil society organisations, umbrella organisations, network organisations, foundations, etc. that are active in the broad field of (tangible and/or intangible) heritage. (Additional information on the conference [www.heritageorganisations.eu](http://www.heritageorganisations.eu))

- The Network established contact with Europa Nostra and was presented at the Europa Nostra Annual Assembly, which was held in Italy in June 2009. Europa Nostra Serbia, one of the members of Europa Nostra, is also a member of the SEE Heritage network
- The Network received an invitation from Europa Nostra to participate in the event “The Best in Heritage” – an Annual Presentation of the Best Museum, Heritage and Conservation Projects, which will take place on 24-26 September 2009 in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The entire Board of Europa Nostra will be in Dubrovnik and it will be an opportunity to discuss the relationship between the SEE Heritage network and Europa Nostra and possible future joint activities.

### **- Preparation for the seventh meeting of the SEE Heritage network in Serbia**

The meeting will be held in October 2009 in Novi Sad and Belgrade, Serbia. The hosts of the meeting will be the network’s members from Serbia Suburbium and Europa Nostra Serbia.

As usual, the meeting will be accompanied by a workshop. Believing that the workshop should focus on current issues that can be useful for all members of the network, the following topic has been proposed: Cultural landscape and implementation of the European

Landscape Convention within the SEE region – the role of NGOs in the implementation process.

We think that cultural landscape, which is the most complex and maybe the most important part of cultural heritage, has been insufficiently dealt with in the SEE region. By treating this topic, we want to draw attention to the role of NGOs in the process of landscape protection and try to encourage the responsible authorities to take some action in that area.

**SOSTENUTO - ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INNOVATIONS IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE AND CREATION ACTIVITIES, 2009-2011**

This is a partner project funded within MED programme of the EU. The project is led by the organization „A.M.I. - Aide aux Musiques Innovatrices” from France and includes partner organizations from Slovenia, Italy, Spain and Montenegro (Expeditio is the only partner outside the EU). The project was officially approved by the EU in February 2009, while Expeditio’s project was approved by the Secretariat for European Integrations of Montenegro and funded within IPA (Instrument for Pre-Accession) programme.

The contract between Expeditio and the Delegation of the European Commission to Montenegro has been recently signed and we are now beginning with the preparatory phase of the project.

The lead organization: AMI-Aide aux Musiques Innovatrices, FRANCE

Partners in the project are:

- University of Valencia, SPAIN
- Bunker, SLOVENIA
- Zunino e Partner Progetti, ITALY
- CITEMA, ITALY
- Relais Culture Europe, France

The duration of the project: 30 months

Awarded funds: EUR 112,000.00

The general objective of the Sostenuto project is to reinforce the capacities of innovation in the MED space by the cultural and creative sector through a support to the potential of growth, innovation and competitiveness of this sector as well as through its integration in the local economies.

In Montenegro, the Sostenuto project is aimed at improving cooperation between institutions and organizations in the field of culture in Boka Kotorska. In administrative terms, the area of Boka Kotorska is divided between three municipalities: Kotor, Tivat and Herceg Novi. Although Boka Kotorska is perceived as a unique cultural landscape in reality, the spatial management of the area is not a unique process coordinated jointly by the three municipalities, but each of them sets its own priorities. In the field of culture none of the

municipalities has drawn its local cultural strategy and there is no regional or national cultural policy either.

A general aim of the Sostenuto project in Montenegro is to improve the management of cultural resources of Boka Kotorska through developing capacities of cultural stakeholders and establishing a system of governance coordinated jointly by the municipalities of Kotor, Tivat and Herceg Novi.

So far, three meetings of the Sostenuto project partners have been held (in Kotor, Paris and Avignon) in order to discuss some practical matters of the project realization (finances, accounting, reporting, etc.).

#### **PROJECT OF DISTRIBUTING ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHT BULBS IN SERBIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, MACEDONIA AND MONTENEGRO, September 2009**

Expeditio is a partner in this project conducted by VITRA - Centre for Sustainable Development from Cerknica, Slovenia.

The project consists of lectures, workshops and light bulbs distribution.

In each of the four countries (Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Montenegro) 4,500 light bulbs, to the value of EUR 25,000.00, will be distributed free (totally 17,960 light bulbs, total value EUR 101,888.00).

The light bulbs will be distributed to households, schools and villages. Sixteen lectures and three workshops will be organized for the three target groups: households, schools and villages in Montenegro.

In Montenegro, the project will be realized in September 2009.

#### **EDUCATING YOUTH/CHILDREN ABOUT THE VALUES OF SPACE, July 2009**

The aim of the project is to educate youth/children about the values of space, its advantages and capacities for the community development. This is an important topic considering that public spaces in Montenegro are generally rather neglected and often dangerous for their users and that education about the values of space is insufficient in Montenegro.

Schoolyards are among the most neglected public spaces. Instead of being creative oases, places of creative energy and unique juvenile spirit that reflect the way of life and needs of youth/children, schoolyards are very often in a poor state, they are not used in an adequate way and their potential for developing various activities for youth/children is completely unused.

Because of that, the education of youth/children about the values of space will be conducted through a concrete intervention in a schoolyard of one primary school in Kotor, where the children will have a chance to express their ideas about the arrangement of their schoolyard and to make 3D models.

The aims of the project:

1. To increase knowledge of primary and secondary school students about the values of space through delivering thematic lessons and workshops in the primary school "Savo Ilic" in Kotor
2. To increase practical knowledge of schoolchildren about the designing of space through concrete arrangement of the schoolyard of "Savo Ilić" school
3. To promote the values of space, with special emphasis on space for youth/children
4. To support the Education Office of Montenegro in their efforts to introduce education about space as part of regular curriculum in Montenegrin schools

The lead organization: Expeditio

Partners in the project:

- Primary School "Savo Ilić" in Kotor
- Office for the prevention of drug abuse and risk behavior, Kotor
- NGO Forum MNE (Forum Youth and Informal Education), Kotor
- Education Office of Montenegro

The donor of the project: Foundation Open Society Institute – Representative Office Montenegro, Podgorica

Awarded funds: EUR 11,320.00

### **CULTURAL NEEDS OF YOUTH IN BOKA KOTORSKA, June 2009**

The project "Cultural Needs of Youth in Boka Kotorska" aims at researching the culture related needs of youth in the municipalities of Kotor, Tivat and Herceg Novi, and integrating the conclusions of the research into a platform for developing a "Cultural Strategy of Boka Kotorska".

More specifically, the project aims to:

- To examine what young people understand by culture
- To identify cultural needs of youth and how they can be fulfilled
- To examine whether various groups of youth have equal access to culture and how to improve the situation
- To identify the obstacles young people meet in fulfilling their cultural needs and how they be removed

The donor of the project: the Commission for co-financing projects for youth, in accordance with the National action plan for youth and Action plan for 2009

Awarded funds: EUR 3,000.00

Expeditio obtained a written support for the project from the Cultural Centre "Nikola Đurković" from Kotor and the Municipality of Kotor – Department for Culture and Social Services (Sector for Youth Policy).

The project "Cultural Needs of Youth in Boka Kotorska" is conducted within a larger initiative, i.e. a MED programme funded project named SOSTENUTO - Economic and social innovations in the field of culture and creation activities.

The project is in its initial, i.e. preparatory phase.

#### **BLOG ON THE SITE OF SINGAPORE GROUP [re:Act], May 2009**

On the site of Singapore association of young architects "Really Architecture", there is a blog posted about Expeditio called Introducing Our Network- Expeditio. [re:Act] is group of architects- visionaries and enthusiasts interested in the development of architecture in Asian region. We got familiar with their work during the visit to Montenegro of its member Yu Sern Hong in 2003.

More information about [re:Act] group at: [www.reallyarchitecture.org](http://www.reallyarchitecture.org)

For visiting blog about Expeditio go to INTRODUCING OUR NETWORKS - EXPEDITIO .

#### **MUSEUM TREASURE OF PERAST, May 2009**

This project relates to a particular segment of cultural resources of Boka Kotorska, i.e. museum holdings and collections found in the town of Perast. This town has valuable collections of cultural heritage kept in its museums.

The aim of the project is to presents the museums of Perast and their collections in one place on a website designed for that purpose. The phases of the project include data and photo documentation collection and designing of the website. The project is conducted in cooperation with the museums of Perast.

The donor of the project: Ministry of Finances of Montenegro, part of the income from games of chance is awarded to co-funding NGO projects and programmes

Awarded funds: EUR 4,300.00



## Newly approved projects

### **NON-INSTITUTIONAL PARTAKERS OF CULTURAL POLICY IN SERBIA, MONTENEGRO AND MACEDONIA**

The project „Non-Institutional Partakers of Cultural Policy in Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia” has a three-fold aim: a) to examine the capacities of key cultural policy partakers in these states who act outside the system of public/state cultural institutions (NGOs dealing with culture, independent cultural organizations, artist associations, informal art groups, non-profit culture clubs); b) to map and assess the strength of these independent culture scenes, and c) begin the process of an operative/tactical networking of cultural policy partakers at the national and regional levels.

The key activities within the project include:

- a) Conducting one hundred semi-structured interviews with representatives of key non-institutional cultural policy partakers in these states,
- b) Publishing a book with the results of the mapping of three independent culture scenes,
- c) Organizing three one-day networking meetings at the national level, and
- d) Holding a three-day conference with the participation of representatives of non-institutional cultural policy partakers from all three states.

The lead organization: Committee for Civic Initiative, Niš, Serbia

Partners in the project:

- REMONT- independent artistic association, Belgrade, Serbia
- EXPEDITIO, Kotor, Montenegro
- CAC – Skopje (Contemporary Art Center – Skopje), Skopje, Macedonia

Donor of the project: ECF – European Cultural Foundation

Awarded funds: EUR 27.600,00

## Current projects proposals

### **BENEFIT LIVING /A NEW LAYER OF CREATIVE BUILDING AND PLANNING IN MONTENEGRO/**

The project was submitted within the call for proposals: EuropeAid/128253/L/ACT/ME SUPPORT TO CIVIL SOCIETY IN MONTENEGRO

Contracting Authority: The European Community represented by the Delegation of the European Commission to Montenegro

The concept note of the project was approved by the Delegation of the European Commission to Montenegro.

The overall objective of the project is to promote intercultural dialogue and creativity between EU and Montenegro in the field of contemporary architecture and planning. This objective means the transfer of knowledge with EU (Slovenia) and partners from Serbia in the field of contemporary architecture, urbanism, design, new culture of living and planning creative cities.

A specific objective of the project is to create models of contemporary, low energy and low cost house which would form a new space that would put together characteristics of Montenegrin surroundings and the accomplishments of contemporary architecture, new technologies and knowledge taken from EU and neighboring counties.

The lead organization: EXPEDITIO

Partners in the project:

- CORNUCOPIA, Institute for Space and Culture, Vransko, Slovenia
- ACADEMICA –Academic Group, Belgrade, Serbia

Cost of the action: EUR 45,000.00

Duration of the action: 18 months

#### **BEEP! - BALKAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP**

The project was submitted within the call for proposals: EuropeAid/128287/C/ACT/MULTI

SUPPORT TO PARTNERSHIP ACTIONS "ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, AND HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK"

Contracting Authority: European Commission

The overall objective of this action is to strengthen the role of the Western Balkans environmental CSOs in the sustainable energy field, to transfer sustainable energy knowledge and experience to WB stakeholders from their EU counterparts, to stimulate creation of sustainable partnerships between WB CSOs, and to reduce energy dependence on fossil fuels and contribute to environment protection.

The overall purpose of the action is to strengthen the voice for energy efficiency in policy debates and practical energy solutions by building multi-sectoral cooperation among stakeholders in the field and equipping them with knowledge, know-how and experience.

The following specific objectives of the action are:

- to transfer experience and knowledge to WB CSOs from their EU counterparts;

- to form national and international energy efficiency platforms;
- to initiate multi-sectoral dialogue on energy efficiency;
- to develop and acknowledge a model approach towards energy efficiency implementation.

The lead organization: EXPEDITIO

Partners in the project:

- Focus, Slovenia
- Society for Sustainable Development Design – DOOR, Croatia
- Ecological society Endemit, Serbia
- Center for Ecology and Sustainable Development – CEKOR, Serbia

Cost of the action: EUR 302,310.00

Duration of the action: 24 months

<b>REGIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS</b> <b>PUBLIC SPACES: TIME TO TAKE BACK OUR CITY SQUARE</b>
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Expeditio applied as a partner in this project, while the applicant organization is Coalition for Sustainable Development – CSD, from Skoplje, Macedonia.

The goal of the project is to examine, interpret and evaluate the importance of city squares, their role in the formation of cultural identity and promotion of cultural diversity. The project aims will be achieved through a research and comparative study on Balkan City Squares, a Conference, a Travelling Exhibition and innovative Street Theatre activities on the theme of City Squares, a Multilingual Website and an Illustrated Publication.

Primary target groups are architects /urban planners, local and national governments and cultural institutions / city museums as key stakeholders in shaping of city squares and cultural policies.

Expected results

- Generation of a significant platform for formulating cultural policy relating to the role of contemporary city squares in the formation of cultural identity
- Strengthened cultural networks across borders and language and ethnic barriers
- Enhanced participation of citizen in development of local urban and cultural policies that affect them.

The lead organization: Coalition for Sustainable Development – CSD, Skopje, Macedonia

Partners in the project:

- ACADEMICA – Academic Group, Belgrade, Serbia

- EXPEDITIO - Centre for Sustainable Spatial Development, Kotor, Montenegro
- KulturwerkStadt Südost, Vienna, Austria

Cost of the action: EUR 572,000.00

Duration of the action: 36 months

Donor of the project: Pro Helvetia / Swiss Cultural Programme (The Swiss Cultural Programme in the Western Balkans (SCP) is run by Pro Helvetia, the Swiss Arts Council, upon mandate of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs)

The project proposal has been approved after the first round of decision. However, there was a project proposal submitted by the Albanian organization Co-PLAN (Institute for Habitat Development) from Tirana focusing on similar topic. Because of that, it was suggested by the donor that these two projects should be combined and conducted jointly.

With our partners from Albania, we are now discussing the possibilities of combining the elements of these two projects so that they can be conducted as one joint project.

## Participation in other projects

### **PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT (PTA) FOR BALŠIĆ PALACE, Godinje, Skadar Lake**

A representative of Expeditio is a member of the expert working group responsible for conducting Preliminary Technical Assessment (PTA) for Balšić Palace situated in the village of Godinje on Skadar Lake. The project is conducted within the framework of Component C – Pilot Project for the Local Development of Skadar Lake - of the European Commission/Council of Europe joint Regional Programme for Cultural and Natural Heritage in South East Europe 2003-2010 (RPSEE). In Montenegro, the project has been implemented by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Media.

## Seminars, trainings, study visits

### **BUSINESS SKILL TRAINING / BUSINESS PLAN WRITING, July-August 2009**

The seminar was organized by Business Start-up Centre (BSC) from Bar.

Business Start-Up Centre-Bar supports young people up to 35 years to establish their own SMEs. In order to create 10 new SMEs every year they organize Business Plan Competition and free of charge training sessions for actual and potential entrepreneurs.

The BSC-Bar offers to 10 new established SMEs individual consultancy, free of charge registration, micro credits and business incubation space.

Business Skills Training sessions are especially developed for the following target groups: young people up to the age of 35; students and recent graduates; and active or future entrepreneurs from the Bar region. The training sessions are designed to help participants upgrade their knowledge and business skills and use the actual entrepreneur tools in a more effective and efficient way.

Wishing to develop our services further and to increase our sustainability, we have decided to establish a firm that would deal with architectural design.

The main services provided by our firm would be design and enhancement of public spaces */urban (RE)design/* and architecture, in order to create high-quality, safe, modern, and ecologically friendly public spaces and buildings.

Guided by this idea, we applied to BCS-Bar for the award of START-UP and SME credits. We won the third award for a business plan, which entitles us to free registration, 50 hours of consultancy and possibility to receive a credit.

#### **CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING, April-July 2009**

The training was organized by SNV – Netherlands Development Organization. SNV has operations and offices in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, and Montenegro. Its programme in Montenegro was launched in 2005.

The training consisted of two modules:

- Advanced training in LFA (Logical Framework Approach) and preparation of project proposals for EU grants, April 2009, in the duration of four days, Kolašin, Montenegro
- Training in financial management, 25-26 July 2009, Podgorica, Montenegro

#### **STUDY TRIP: WOODEN ECO-HOUSES IN STYRIA, 15-18 July 2009**

The Austrian organization proHolz Steiermark from Graz organized, in cooperation with Expeditio, an expert excursion "Eco-houses in Styria" for Montenegrin construction firms and professionals in the fields of architecture and construction (architects, civil and mechanical engineers, etc.). The excursion took place on 15-18 July 2009 in various cities of Styria where the participants had a chance to visit different buildings (family houses, business buildings, schools, etc.) built according to ecological principles of construction.

The excursion was organized in cooperation with the firm "Holzcluster" and ADA (Austrian Development Agency).

### **MEETING OF THE SEE REGION NGOs DEALING WITH ARCHITECTURE AND SPATIAL PLANNING, KOTOR, 18 July 2009**

On the initiative of Archis Interventions from Berlin, a meeting of NGOs dealing with architecture and spatial planning was held in Kotor on 18 July 2009. The meeting was attended by the following NGOs:

- Archis Interventions, Berlin, Germany
- Platforma 9,81, Split/Zagreb, Croatia
- Pulska Grupa, Pula, Croatia
- Analog, Zagreb, Croatia
- Co-PLAN, Tirana, Albania
- EXPEDITIO, Kotor, Montenegro

The aim of the meeting was to discuss possibilities of cooperation within regional and EU projects.

### **WORKSHOP: REINFORCEMENT OF BALKAN/ EU/ FRENCH CULTURAL COOPERATION, Avignon, 7-10 July 2009**

A representative of Expeditio attended a workshop "BUILDING A ROAD MAP FOR THE REINFORCEMENT OF BALKAN/ EU/ FRENCH CULTURAL COOPERATION" which was held on 7-10 July 2009 in Avignon, France. The workshop was organized by the French organization "Relais Culture Europe"(Resources center on Europe and Culture and National Contact Point for the EU Culture program).

### **PARTICIPATION IN THE LANDSCAPE STEWARDSHIP EXCHANGE IN ROMANIA, 25 June-3 July 2009**

A member of EXPEDITIO participated in the Landscape Stewardship Exchange programme organized in the region Faget in Romania, from 25 June to 3 July 2009.

The programme was organized by the Quebec-Labrador Foundation / Atlantic Center for the Environment (QLF) from the USA, in cooperation with the Center for Rural Assistance from Timisoara, Romania.

### **FOUNDING CONFERENCE: ICOMOS MONTENEGRO, June 2009**

A representative of Expeditio was a member of the founding group for the ICOMOS National Committee for Montenegro. The founding conference of the ICOMOS National Committee for Montenegro was held in Kotor on 25 June 2009.

ICOMOS (International Council for Monuments and Sites) is an international non-governmental organization of professionals, dedicated to the conservation of the world historic monuments and sites. ICOMOS is one of the two advisory bodies of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.

**SEMINAR “SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ACTION”, 25-30 May 2009, Bečići, Montenegro**

The seminar was organized by REC (Regional Environmental Centre), Hungary. The second part of the seminar is going to take place in Venice, Italy and Saint Andre, Hungary on 27 September -7 October 2009.

**SEMINAR “RAISING THE INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL NGOS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS” , 4-8 May 2009, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina – 6-10 July, Kotor, Montenegro**

Training seminars to be held under the EU funded project „Raising the Institutional Capacities of Environmental NGOs in the Western Balkans“.

**PARTICIPATION IN THE ROUND TABLE: ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES, April 2009**

Within the project “Strengthening the Capacities of Local Governments for Carrying Out Concepts of Energy Efficiency”, NGO Green Home from Podgorica organized the round table on the following subject: “Possibilities for Application of Energy Efficiency Measures and the Usage of Restorable Energy Resources in Local Communities”. It took place on 10 April 2009 in Tivat. The representative of Expeditio had the presentation about sustainable building and sustainable cities concept.

More information at [http://www.greenhome.cg.yu/\\_english/vijesti.htm](http://www.greenhome.cg.yu/_english/vijesti.htm)

**CONFERENCE: HERITAGE CARE THROUGH ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP, March 2009**

A representative of non-governmental organisation EXPEDITIO participated in the conference “Heritage Care through Active Citizenship” - European Conference on Civil Society Organisations active in the Field of Heritage, which was held in Mechelen, Belgium, on 23-24 March 2009.

Within the Workshop I: The local connection - Heritage, place & communities, a presentation **“Activities of non-governmental organizations in the field of cultural heritage in Montenegro – examples of NOTAR and EXPEDITIO”** was held. (The presentation can be viewed at <http://www.heritageorganisations.eu/?p=316>)

Since EXPEDITIO is one of the members of the SEE Heritage Network, within the Workshop III: The trans-border connection - Heritage & networks, a presentation of the **“South East European Heritage Network”** was held. (The presentation can be viewed at <http://www.heritageorganisations.eu/?p=336>)

#### **PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL ENERGY SECURITY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONFERENCE, 20 March 2009**

The Ministry for Economic Development of Montenegro and the German Agency for Technical Cooperation GTZ (ASE project in Montenegro), with the support of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development organized in Budva, on 18-20 March 2009, a high-level conference on Regional Energy Security and Energy Efficiency. Our organization had a chance to be presented within the conference by setting up its promotional stand in the hall of the hotel Splendid in Budva. Preparation of PR material and the promotional stand were financed by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

#### **PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMME: INTEGRATED URBAN PLANNING, South Africa, February 2008**

A representative of EXPEDITIO participated in the international training programme “Integrated Urban Planning” which took place in Port Elizabeth (the Republic of South Africa) in February 2009. The programme was conducted by Hifab International and Blekinge Institute of Technology (BTH) and supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). Hifab International is one of Sweden’s leading companies in the field of urban development and is providing consultancy services in a number of related fields both in Sweden and in developing countries all over the world. BTH is Sweden’s principal University in terms of urban planning and sustainable development. The first part of the programme was held in the Sweden in September 2008.

## Reactions

#### **COMMENTS ON THE LAW ON CULTURAL PROPERTIES, 27 May 2009**

Within the public hearing about the Draft Law on Cultural Properties which was finished on 27 May 2009 non-governmental organizations PROJEKTOR – Centre for Cultural Heritage from Tivat and EXPEDITIO – Centre for Sustainable Spatial Development from Kotor sent their comments, remarks and suggestions regarding the law.

After the submission of comments, we were invited to be members of the working group responsible for elaborating the draft plan. However, because of a tight deadline and our current obligations we were not able to accept the offer.



## Publications

### **PALACES OF BOKA KOTORSKA, ENGLISH EDITION, April 2009**

The English edition of the publication “Palaces of Boka Kotorska” appeared in April 2009. Last year the Montenegrin edition of the publication was issued and the website about the same subject was posted at [www.bokabay.info](http://www.bokabay.info) which is now extended with information in English language. The publication presents all palaces and other significant and respectable houses in Boka which could be one interesting cultural route of Montenegro. Publication is based on ample published material and research about individual palaces.

Publication presents all those houses that are named “palata” or “palac” in today’s meaning of this word in Boka. Beside them there are also some smaller palaces such as “palacini” as well as selected pavilions, villas and other significant residential complexes at Boka region. Although they are not call palaces, they have justified qualities and deserve to be on the cultural route of representative houses of Boka.

### **KOSTANJICA: NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE, March 2009**

EXPEDITIO and the Faculty of Architecture in Podgorica issued the publication “Kostanjica – Natural and Cultural Heritage”. The publication is based on the “Conservation Study of the Built Heritage of Kostanjica” which was commissioned by the Municipality of Kotor for the purpose of amending and supplementing a detailed urban plan of Kostanjica.

The Faculty of Architecture in Podgorica was in charge of conducting the study, while the working team, consisting of the landscape architect Jelena Franović and the architects Aleksandra Kapetanović and Biljana Gligorić from EXPEDITIO, was lead by docent Ilija Lalošević.

## Services

- Layout and design of the publication “Philanthropy in Montenegro”, for the Fund for Active Citizenship - fAKT, Podgorica
- Layout and design of the publication “The State of Women Human Rights in Montenegro”, for NGO Anima, Kotor
- Layout and design of the publication “WOMEN, RESPONSIBILITY, SOLIDARITY – We Have Something to Say, too!”, for NGO Anima, Kotor
- Layout and design of the publication “The Handbook on Sexual and Reproductive Health” (in Albanian language), for the Women’s Safe House, Podgorica

