

HerO Expert Workshop in Vilnius LITHUANIA

9th - 11th May 2010



Objective

The 1st Expert Workshop during Phase II of the network HerO - Heritage as Opportunity will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania. The first day of the conference will be dedicated to the theme 'The Visual Integrity of Historic Urban Landscapes'. Emphasis will be placed on the following subtopics which have been identified by the HerO partners as being the most relevant:

- Integration of new architecture, respecting the historic, spatial and townscape characteristics of its setting – Good design (quality standards and their enforcement)
- Instruments to protect visual view perspectives, silhouettes, townscape characteristics and panoramas, which strongly contribute to the distinctiveness of the historic urban landscape
- Proper integration of advertisement and commercial signs in public space, without harming the visual integrity of the historic urban landscape

In a keynote speech external expert Dennis Rodwell will introduce the topic and raise relevant issues before three presentations from representatives of the City of Vilnius will give insight into the local approaches and challenges. The afternoon discussion in the plenum will facilitate the exchange among the HerO partners.

The second day will allow for a more general review on the HerO network activities on project level as well as on local level in the partner cities. Project outputs will be discussed and the further project work will be defined. The aspect of 'Monitoring' as part of a Cultural Heritage Integrated Management Plan will be raised. Also, administrative and organizational issues will be discussed during the Steering Group Meeting.

Walking tours through Vilnius' Old Town will give participants the opportunity to learn about the local characteristics and challenges and to explore the city's rich cultural heritage.

Final Programme

Sunday, 9th May 2010

Arrival of partners in Vilnius, Lithuania

15:00 - 18:00 Walking tour of the World Heritage site – Vilnius Old Town. Starting at the hotel EUROPA ROYALE, Ausros Vartu Street 6.

19:30 Informal get-together at Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency, Stikliu St. 4, near the Town Hall Square.



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Monday 10th May 2010

Conference Venue: the Big Conference Room of EUROPA ROYALE hotel, 2nd floor, Ausros Vartu Street 6.

08:30 - 09:00 Registration and welcome of participants

09:00 - 09:30 Opening of Seminar: Welcome Addresses by

- Vilius Navickas, Mayor of Vilnius City
- Loreta Maskaliovienė, Deputy Director of Operational Programmes Management Department, Lithuanian Ministry of Finance
- Margit Tuennemann, European Commission, DG Regional Policy

Moderation morning session: Matthias Ripp, City of Regensburg, HerO Lead Partner

09:30 - 10:15 Keynote Speech: 'The visual integrity of historic urban landscapes'
Dennis Rodwell, Consultant in Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Urban Development, UK

10:15 - 11:00 Local challenges and approaches:
Presentations by the host city Vilnius on the topic 'visual integrity'

'Evaluation of the visual integrity in Vilnius 2010'
Gediminas Rutkauskas, Director of Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break and networking

11:30 - 12:15 'Integration of new developments in Vilnius Old Town - idea of the Architectural Park'
Rūta Matonienė, Head of Development and Planning Division, Urban Development Department, City of Vilnius

12:15 - 13:00 'Instruments/methods to protect visual view perspectives, silhouettes, townscape characteristics and panoramas in Vilnius (on the base of Vilnius case study 'Assessing impacts of new developments on the visual integrity')'
Mindaugas Pakalnis, Head architect of the Municipal Enterprise "Vilniaus Planas"

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

Moderation afternoon session: Matthias Ripp, City of Regensburg, HerO Lead Partner

14:00 - 16:00 Discussion in plenum:
The visual integrity of historic urban landscapes

16:30 - 18:30 Site visit to the Tower of Gediminas Castle (walking tour)

18:30 - 20:00 Time for leisure and return to hotel

20:00 Evening Dinner at IDA BASAR restaurant, Subaciaus St. 3



Tuesday 11th May 2010

Conference Venue: the Big Conference Room of EUROPA ROYALE hotel, 2nd floor, Ausros Vartu Street 6.

Moderation morning session: Matthias Ripp, City of Regensburg, HerO Lead Partner

09:00 – 11:00

Exchange and discussion:

- The HerO Lead Partner presents the network's overall progress with regard to the work programme
(Review: the past project meetings; Outlook: the upcoming year; Project outputs: the HerO Strategy Paper, Policy Recommendations, the Guidebook on Management Plans, etc.)
- The HerO Project Partners and their associated Managing Authorities report on their work and progress on local level
(Local Support Groups, Local Action Plans)
- Contribution from the European Commission, DG Education and Culture
Anna Athanasopoulou, Unit 'Culture Policy and Intercultural Dialogue' (tbc)

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break and networking

11:30 – 12:15

The Guidebook on Cultural Heritage Integrated Management Plans
Nils Scheffler, HerO Lead Expert

12:15 – 13:00

Monitoring (as part of the Cultural Heritage Integrated Management Plan)
Nils Scheffler, HerO Lead Expert

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 16:00

Steering Group: Organisational and Administrative Issues
Presentation, discussion and time for questions
Barbara Buehler, City of Regensburg, HerO Lead Partner

Ideas for a potential follow-up Project (Introductory presentation and discussion)
Klaus Grepmeier, City of Regensburg, HerO Lead Partner

16:00 – 18:00

Independent site visits by choice from the prepared recommendations list.

18:00 – 20:00

Time for leisure and return to hotel

20:00

Dinner at the beer restaurant "Prie Katedros" ("At the Cathedral"), Gedimino av. 5

