

## «Collaborative Digitization of Natural and Cultural Heritage, CD-ETA»

### European Programme «INTERREG EUROPE»

The Department of Environmental and Natural Resources Management, University of Patras, with Prof. **Vagelis G. Papadakis** as Project Manager, participates in the project “**Collaborative Digitization of Natural and Cultural Heritage, CD-ETA**” within the frames of the European Programme «INTERREG EUROPE».

Digitization and digital technologies became an integral part of people’s life and economy’s development. However, it is acknowledged that most natural and cultural values that are unique or can actually be seen in a single place are not subject to digitization yet. This hampers the access to the general public. The issue on how to improve this situation is a common challenge for all regions in Europe. It is clear that conventional approaches do not give the necessary results. Innovative solutions are required so that they could ensure conservation, promotion and development of natural, cultural and historical heritage.

***Digitization is an innovative approach the application of which can be addressed to solving a large part of the visible problems in the management of natural and cultural heritage.*** It is necessary also synchronization with international standards related to the information structure of the digitized objects. In this regard, for the problem to be resolved, main **project objective** is: *to improve adoption of the digitization policy for natural and cultural heritage and to be prepared the implementation of best practices into the participating regions, according to their needs.*

The implementation of this common plan for cooperation work on interregional level **will contribute for establishing of uniform standards in the mass digitization of natural and cultural heritage.** These uniform standards will represent a direct contribution to the implementation of Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe. Main products of project implementation are ***regional strategies and plans for better organization of the management and exploitation of natural and cultural heritage.*** It is expected that inspired by the project results, to implement a number of new initiatives in the participating regions that directly improve 8 policy instruments, related to Growth & Jobs or ETC programmes. All the stakeholders, participating in the project, will benefit from them.

#### *Project’s Consortium*

1. Euroregion PlevenOlt (Bulgaria), [www.cbicenterspks.eu](http://www.cbicenterspks.eu)
2. Harghita County Council (Romania), [www.harghitacounty.ro](http://www.harghitacounty.ro)
3. **University of Patras, Dept of Environmental and Natural Resources Management** [www.upatras.gr](http://www.upatras.gr)  
[www.env.upatras.gr](http://www.env.upatras.gr)
4. Association of Municipalities of the Ribera Alta region (Spain), [www.manra.org](http://www.manra.org)
5. Foundation for Research and Innovation (Italy), [www.fondazionericerca.unifi.it](http://www.fondazionericerca.unifi.it)
6. Regional Development Agency of Gorenjska (Slovenia), [www.bsckranj.si](http://www.bsckranj.si)
7. Foundation Saint Mary the Royal of Historic Heritage (Spain), [www.santamarialareal.org](http://www.santamarialareal.org)
8. Estonian War Museum General Laidoner Museum (Esthonia), [www.esm.ee](http://www.esm.ee)

**Duration:** 01/04/2016 to 31/03/2021

**Total Budget:** 2.071.748,00€

**European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Contribution:** 85%,

**National Contribution:** 15%

Web page: <http://www.interregeurope.eu/cd-eta/>