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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Title:	HISTCAPE (HISTorical assets and related landsCAPE)
Timescale:	1 st January 2012 to 31 st December 2014
Funding:	INTERREG IVC Programme
Where is the funding from?	The project has been co-financed by Interreg IVC at either 75% or 85% depending on the country involved.
What are the aims and objectives?	HISTCAPE aims to identify and establish effective policies and plans for the sustainable management of cultural heritage assets and related landscapes in smaller historic towns and villages (under 20K population). It aims to facilitate a better understanding of historic assets, promoting cultural heritage as a catalyst for social and economic regeneration.
How will this be achieved?	The project will be run through a series of Open Conferences, Workshops and Study Visits with each Project Partner hosting a series of these events throughout the life of the project.
Why is the project needed?	<p>Historic towns and their landscapes are a unique part of Europe's identity. While Europe's 500 million population is largely concentrated in larger settlements 80% of its territory is rural in character. These rural landscapes are home to a scattered pattern of smaller historic towns and villages.</p> <p>There are around 4,500 small towns with a population of under 20k. These towns have traditionally acted as community hubs – a focal point for economic activity and social cohesion. This role has, come under serious threat over recent decades with outmigration (particularly of young people) adversely affecting the demographic balance and sustainability.</p> <p>The ensuing loss of facilities and services combined with a loss of economic activity has resulted in a lack of investment in these communities. The acceleration of this trend, exacerbated by the recession, directly threatens the existence of much of Europe's historic assets.</p>

Who is Involved?

The partnership provides geographical spread across North, South, West and Eastern Europe and encompasses 12 Project Partners from 11 countries. The Partners are:

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