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Challenge

Located between Vienna and Bratislava, the Römerland Carnuntum region boasts rich cultural heritage dating back to Roman times. One of the fastest growing regions in Europe, its 30 municipalities are increasingly confronted with competing interests. On the one hand, the great land-use pressure resulting from the development of settlements, industries and services; on the other, the development of a planning and building culture that considers and preserves its cultural landscapes.



Solution

The Pactum of Römerland Carnuntum, signed by the region's 30 mayors, calls for an intermunicipal commitment to common, mindful planning and execution of building activities.

Built around nine principles, the pactum is tested in follow-up projects, including innovative participatory formats, to implement criteria to preserve built cultural heritage through a regional planning advisory board.



Guidelines for sustainable habitat development



Participatory Governance



How?

- The Vienna University of Technology moderates a participatory adaptation of overarching federal guidelines on building culture to regional level.
- Participatory workshops shape an exchange with mayors, politicians, civil servants, master builders, architects and spatial planners, etc.

 The discussions include other regions, as well as lectures from international experts.
- Discussions are built around topics such as planning culture, sustainable intercommunal habitat design, construction, housing and settlement.
- Nine principles are identified, guiding the future of habitat development. They constitute the core of the Pactum, signed by all the region's mayors during a public ceremony commit to a common regional planning and building culture.
- The LENA Toolbox provides practical tips to implement the nine principles, with measures such as establishing a regional advisory board, and advice to facilitate communication, etc.
- Local activities to increase awareness and knowledge of land use and building culture are organised by municipalities, such as an architectural competition for the construction of a primary school.

















Budget/Financing

€ 90,858

- 40% for personnel costs
- 40% for professional management by the Vienna University of Technology
- 15% for the organisation and implementation of events (workshops, plenary sessions, etc.)
- 5% for public relations, printing, events

The initiative received funds from the EU LEADER programme.



Management

- The 30 municipalities are members of the Regional Development Association Römerland Carnuntumn which is responsible for the main implementation of the Pactum, and is committed to strengthening and developing the region of Römerland Carnuntum.
- The purpose of the association is to preserve and improve living conditions in the region and develop of a profile for the living, working, economic and educational area in the region.
- The Vienna University of Technology (Institute of Spatial Planning) was in charge of managing the participatory process, as well as for the evaluation of the activity.



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Transferability

- This practice provides public authorities with a participatory methodology to co-define shared principles for sustainable habitat development.
- A toolbox with practical tips facilitates implementation and indicates how to secure long-term impacts. From this experience, you can learn how to build consensus amongst the locals while securing broad intermunicipal political commitment.
- It also provides an example of how to transfer national/federal guidelines to the local level via a broad participatory process.



Impact

- Increased involvement of all stakeholders in the development of planning and building policies.
- Broad acceptance of cultural preservation measures.
- Improved building culture within the region, which takes into account the preservation of cultural landscapes.
- Intermunicipal political commitment for a common planning and building culture.



Links

(In German)

LENA: https://cutt.ly/Zfp3MMJ
Video: https://cutt.ly/pfp3CgZ

https://www.youtube.com/embed/HtlrCSmjDTc



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