



INTERREG III B / CADSES (2000 – 2006)

Project title	Revitalization of historical cities as chance to promote a sustainable urban development
Acronym	Hist.Urban
Priority	1. Promoting spatial development approaches and actions for social and economic cohesion
Measure	1.2 Shaping urban development, promoting urban networks and co-operation
Summarised description of the project	<p>The CADSES area is shaped by a plurality of city personalities, whose historical urban centres belong to the heritage of European urban architecture. Due to a rapid social and economic transformation process these cities are faced with an accumulation of problems and an increasing loss of functions and quality. Past approaches of the classical urban restructuring and renewal take less and less effect. Therefore, for a future sustainable urban development new urban planning methods and procedures as interdisciplinary strategies are necessary, which foster the restructuring and renewal of the historical urban city centres as an engine for the social and economic development within the city. At the same time such strengthens cities will support the establishment of a more balanced city network within the CADSES area.</p> <p>The project partners from different countries will develop innovative strategies for the revitalization and urban renewal of the city centres and will prove their practicability by putting pilot projects into practice. In the context of a transnational exchange of experience best practice examples will be pointed out and solutions to common problems will be discussed.</p>
Project duration	2006-2008
Project financing	<p>Overall project costs: approx. 1,500,000.00 €</p> <p><u>Financing</u></p> <p>The project partners receive EU-funds from the Interreg III B Cad-ses programm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • objective 1 areas: 75 % EU-funds, 25 % own funds • objective 2 areas: 50 % EU-funds, 50 % own funds • own funds through local and/or national funds and services <p><u>Eligible activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • studies and planning activities (transnational development concepts, projects, programmes, feasibility studies for investments and policy assessments) • establishment of new and extension of co-operation in transnational networks • pilot actions, pilot and demonstration projects (with transnational dimension) • exchange of know-how and experience about strategies, instruments, methodologies (conferences, seminars, publications)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • financing of small scale complementary infrastructure investment, proposed by transnational strategic concepts • financing of small scale investment, proposed by transnational strategic concepts <p><u>Eligible organizational costs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • co-ordination / project management • travel and accommodation • personnel expenditure, external experts
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Project partner	<p>Preliminary talks with potential co-operation partners are held (municipalities, research institutes, associations, enterprises, regional authorities).</p> <p>In particular project partners from the new and non-member states of the EU shall be incorporated (s. map at the end).</p>
Problem to be addressed	<p>The CADSES area possesses a unique net of cities grown over the last centuries. Their historical centres are a crucial part of the local and regional heritage and identity. The functions of these inner urban areas as centre of economic, social, cultural and political actions are threatened by a multitude of developments.</p> <p>Apart from the change of functions from the industry to the service-oriented society, the advancing suburbanization (accompanied by ecological and traffic burdens) the cities are facing social segregation, population drifts and demographic changes.</p> <p>Many cities are not prepared to confront and steer these developments. Adequate strategies and instruments are missing - in particular in the field of urban management. Besides, the rapid transformation process requires new and interdisciplinary solutions.</p> <p>In the context of transnational co-operation models will be developed handling the culture and build-historical heritage as well as the restructuring and creation of attractive and dynamic cities for inhabitants and enterprises within the CADSES area.</p>
Main objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strengthen the inner urban functions (housing, working, recreation) and developing attractive and competitive cities, which – as engines for the regional development – take an important role for the establishment of a balanced, polycentric settlement structure in the CADSES area • sensitizing the importance of the build-cultural heritage as an element of identity as well as a factor for the social and economic development, which leads to the dismantling of disparities in the CADSES area

- development, testing and illustration of new methods, techniques and instruments to control and steer urban development processes
- exchange of experience and know-how in the range of urban policies, new alliances for the development of inner urban areas and the integration of policies within the administrative and political structures
- promoting urban renewal and restructuring by restoring, preservation, maintenance, utilisation and further development of the historical urban structures with the goal to set off a sustainable development
- strengthens the urban economy, in particular in the areas of culture, tourism, trade, services and recreation
- formulate solutions and approaches for reactivating historical city centres on the basis of concrete pilot projects and projects for the preparation of investments

Expected results

The project will give an impulse for the promotion of revitalising historical city centres by the utilization of the build-cultural heritage and point out exemplary solutions, which are transferable to the entire CADSES area. Following results are to be achieved:

- The project partners will develop innovative and transnational strategies for the revitalization and restructuring of historical inner urban area
- Local, meaningful pilot projects will be put into practice, being a component of a transnational solution.
- In the context of transnational exchange of knowledge and experience meetings and workshops will be held and a transnational network will be established, which integrates existing regional networks.
- The results of the project will be promoted over the Internet as well as with publications and events. A manual, usable for other cities, will be made under the title "Strategies, instruments and actions to foster inner urban renewal and development in the CADSES area".

