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## VALUE - NEWSLETTER N. 2

### VALUE project

"VALUE - EnVironmental And cuLtuRal hEritage development" project is supported by the Italy-Croatia CBC (Cross Border Cooperation) Programme, in its turn supported by European Regional Development Fund.

Starting from enhancement of cultural and archeological sites, VALUE main objective is to define a new model of territorial development based on integration between culture, nature and tourism. VALUE main objectives are to increase sustainable development, to promote the off-season tourism and to valorize different cultural assets by setting up cultural districts, establishing Archaeological Parks, creating tourist paths and public-private networks.

There are 8 project partners, led by the Municipality of Comacchio.

Italian partners: Veneto Region - Emilia-Romagna Region – Veneto Regional Delta Po Park - GAL Delta 2000

Croatian partners: Municipality of Kastela – Municipality of Korcula – Municipality of Cres

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**In this edition we show some pilot actions that project partners are realizing .**

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**Archeological Park "Open Air" in Comacchio, Italy**



**Digitalization of the historical archive of the Pomposa Abbey**

To make known to the general public what once had to be Spina, Municipality of Comacchio in cooperation with the Department of History, Culture and Civilization of Bologna University Alma Mater will create an Open Air archaeological park near Stazione Foce in Comacchio, province of Ferrara, Italy.

The goal is to recreate, through the practices of experimental archeology, a series of full-scale installations that allow future visitors to enjoy an immersive experience in the ancient city, where a real "museum" will be recreated open in which the public can walk through the ancient structures, to appreciate live the construction techniques, the technical expedients and the living conditions of a city of about 2500 years ago.



#### **Construction of the House of Marko Polo in Korčula**

The construction of the House of Marko Polo started on 29th of March 2019. The House of Marko Polo complex consists of 4 buildings (A, B, C and D). The construction began on the buildings A, B and D. After the complete reconstruction, the Town of Korčula will have a beautifully restored medieval house with an exhibition space that will present the story of the life and travels of Marco Polo and the historical connection between Town of Korčula and Venice.

The intervention involves the digitalization of the historical documents and texts that make up the immense archival heritage of the Pomposa Abbey, in particular the collection of the oldest documents, those between the X and XV century AD.

The texts will be scanned, digitized and illustrated and then collected within an IT platform available to users, remotely and by web, or via a computer station installed directly inside the visitor center. This large digital archive will also host some sections dedicated to the history, archeology and environmental context of one of the most visited places in the province of Ferrara.



#### **Restoration of historical island routes in Cres**

On February 24th, the Town of Cres initiated the activities within its pilot action. The work needed for the restoration and adaptation of the 75 km long historical island routes involves mostly landscaping and clearing the pathways from overgrown vegetation and removal of the fallen rocks, all of which are being done by hand and not involving any heavy machinery. On March 23rd the field activities had to be stopped due to the restrictions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the so far progression of the work has been faster and more efficient than anticipated and therefore it is expected that the deadlines of the planned activities will be met. Since the current situation does not propose a threat to the completion of the historical paths network, we hope to see first hikers walking along the island of Cres by the end of the year

***In the next newsletters will present the other pilot projects! Stay tuned!***

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