

URBAN LINKS 2 LANDSCAPE

Workshop in Umbria June 3rd-5th

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- Spello: project area and visit to cooperative “La Semente”
- Trevi - study area and the garden guided by Bernardino Sperandio

Summary

The theme for the third workshop in the Urban Links 2 Landscape project, was Accessibility & Design and took place in Umbria in the towns of Todi, Bevagna, Foligno, Trevi, Spello.

The workshop for partners and stakeholders was divided in 3 “study days” and “study tour” in some peri-urban redevelopment projects target areas. In fact, the Umbria Region involved in UL2L project 10 municipalities, that are working on new uses and functions of public open spaces, especially in landscapes of proximity to urban centres, in relation to rural diversification, biodiversity, social inclusion and urban renewal.

The theme of Accessibility & Design has been applied in all its many meanings: accessibility as social relations, as infrastructure, as alternative mobility, as peri-urban agriculture, as services to community, especially to those with difficulties. On the other side, for the theme of design was considered issues related to new uses, new forms and new landscapes.

3rd of June – Ciuffelli Agricultural School TODI

As stakeholder of the project, the Umbria Region involved the Ciuffelli Agricultural School of Todi, that hosted the partners on the first day of the workshop.



Meeting of international steering group

Participants:

All partners are represented by the ISG-members and/or substitutes: Roswitha Arnold (LVR, Project Manager); David Greenwood (Surrey CC); Fredrik Winberg, Per Blomberg (Kristianstad), Wojciech Zamorski, Pawel Kojs (Silesia Park); Maria Carbone, Alessandro Cherubini, Diego Mattioli (Umbria Region); Kaspars Rasa, Liene Jürmale (Kuldiga); Martin Wolthaus (Communication Manager, Schloss Dyck Foundation); Hildegard Stahl (Financial Manager), Christian Gruessen (Project Coordinator)

During the UL2L meeting at Ciuffelli Agricultural School in TODI the international steering group discussed the financial reports and the reports on implementation (including stakeholder meetings, action plan development, joint studies), both on the overall project level and on the level of individual partners.

The notes of this meeting have been distributed with all representatives and is available from the Lead Partner on request.



Presentation of the school

In the afternoon started the workshop, opened also to stakeholders, with the Institutional welcome greetings made by Antonino Ruggiano, Mayor of the Municipality of Todi and Francesco Grohmann, Region Umbria, Forest Service Manager and UL2L project manager Rinaldi Marcello, Agricultural Institute Manager. The School Director presented the Agricultural Ciuffelli Institute, that is the most ancient of Italy, founded on 1864. The school complex is inside an old Monastery, situated next to the city walls of Todi, in the peri-urban area of the city.



With a video, were presented the activities that the school does with the students for the conservation and enhancement of the rural landscape.

Antonello Turchetti – Presentation of the work done with the students and videos of the laboratory and feedback from laboratory participants



In the second part of the afternoon, Antonello Turchetti presented, with a video, the outputs of the laboratory of perception of the landscape, made in 3 months (from March to June) by the students of the School, using photos.

Umbria Region chose students as stakeholder of the project to have a point of view of those who experience the landscape daily and enjoy it, those who, like the younger generation, will in the future "take delivery" and take care of it, with its values and its critical points and contradictions. (Further information on <https://youtu.be/YoAmhrxsy6q>).

Workshop with partners

The mediator Antonello Turchetti, after outlined the outputs of the workshop with students, involved partners of Urban Link in a participatory photography lab to stimulate them, with the help of images, to define and to better understand the concept of accessibility.



Moreno Premieri, Councilor Urban planning of the Municipality of Todi and Arch. Marco Spaccatini short indoor presentation and visit of the city and project area

The stakeholders Moreno Premieri and the Arch. Marco Spaccatini presented the project “the landslide park”, funded by the rural development programme (measure 7.6.2), a project for setting up a playground, in which are recovered the historical soil protection structures of the landslides that characterized the hill on which the city of Todi rises.

To better understand the project, the two stakeholders led the group on an excursion around the city walls of Todi to visit the project area and the historical tower Porta Orvietana.



4th of June – BEVAGNA



The moderator Mariella Carbone started the workshop and presented the day and speakers. Annarita Falsacappa, Mayor of the Municipality of Bevagna, and Ciro Becchetti, Umbria Region - Agriculture, Environment, Energy, Culture, Cultural Heritage and Entertainment - Regional Director welcomed the guests to Bevagna.

Brief Presentation of the UL2L Project by Roswitha Arnold and Christian Gruessen

Christian Gruessen, project coordinator for the project UL2L, had the first presentation and explained how we can identify or define the transition from “urban” to “landscape”. He presented the next communication tasks and their management and context and definition of good practice and action plan, showing their template and how each partner must transmit them correctly.

Roswitha Arnold, project manager, gave an overview on the work done till the workshop in Umbria and the future steps to be taken. Hildegard Stahl, Finance Consultant for the UL2L-project, presented the activities to be done from each partner related to the second Progress Report.

Design and accessibility: Good Practices

Mariella Carbone, Landscape enhancement office manager of Region Umbria, introduced the workshop and the theme Design and accessibility and Good Practice and presented the significant

policies implemented in recent years in Umbria, introducing the 10 projects concerning redevelopment of green areas and abandoned peri-urban areas, close to 10 municipalities.

The project actions presented concerned:

- enhance the rural areas and open spaces with an increase in naturalness also in relation to their usability and the quality of the landscape;
- enhance the green infrastructures of the territory also in coherence with the regional ecological network;
- requalify and regenerate rural and suburban landscapes, open spaces and buildings, urban fringes, and peri-urban areas in order to improve the environmental, landscape and architectural quality of these contexts;



Then the Architect Mariella Carbone presented the other speakers: the Arch. Alessandro Bruni, who presented the redevelopment project of the city of Spello (Hybrid park and Olive bend), and Paolo Pacifici, who illustrated the national strategy for the enhancement of the Italian inland areas and in particular, for Umbria, the area of the Nera River valley in the Apennines, in the state of abandonment.

David Grohmann, Researcher at the Dept. of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences, Perugia University showed the works made at the monumental complex of St. Peter, located in the Italian city of Perugia, that has hosted for centuries a Benedictine monastery and later the National Institute of Agricultural Education and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (DSA3), of the University of Perugia.

After serving the monastery as a place of food production, in the late 19th century, the area once occupied by the vegetable gardens has undergone a radical transformation in the form of experimental fields and an area of presentation of an extraordinary collection of herbaceous plants. Unfortunately, with the passage of time and the change of the needs of its users, an area of approximately 1500 m² have been left abandoned.

Today, this area, thanks to the project of the University and an active citizenship group becomes a space of social relations and urban gardens.

Isabella Dalla Ragione, agronomist, spoke about Arboreal Archaeology, created by her husband Livio Dalla Ragione and her, more than thirty years ago, to collect and preserve historical, cultural, and botanical patrimony of the Upper Tiber Valley.

Archeologia Arborea became a not-for-profit Foundation in 2014. The Foundation is headquartered at a eight hectare farm called San Lorenzo in Lerchi, Umbria. There are also several buildings at San Lorenzo.

Archeologia Arborea was founded to collect, reproduce, and sustainably preserve old local varieties of fruit trees and to make this living collection available for study and education. Because several fruit-tree varieties are lost each year, and because the biodiversity and sustainability of the collection is important, the work of the Foundation has always been characterized by urgency. The research on the old varieties of trees and the plants of the rural landscape of the Upper Tiber Valley has also focused upon traditional farming systems, food history and culture, folklore, and old traditions. Unexpectedly, this research has also rediscovered extraordinary connections with art and the medieval and Renaissance culture of Umbria and Tuscany.

Good Practices presented by UL2L partners and excursion in and around Bevagna - study area /historic centre

The meeting included also a discussion and presentation space for partners and stakeholders, where in particular the Latvian and Swedish stakeholders presented their projects.

Jana Jakobsone with the talk “Urban Space. Design and Accessibility. Maintenance, Renewal, Creation”, introduced the participants of the workshop to the example of the public space of Kuldiga city historical centre on the topic “Design and Accessibility”.

The good practice example of maintenance and renewal of the public open space of Kuldiga city historical centre includes elaboration of conceptual guidelines for urban development and their

implementation in order to provide a design and accessibility which is appropriate to a modern old town and create a harmonious and common urban and landscape environment.

Several concepts of urban environment development were presented: Greenery – parks, squares, plants in pots; coverage of streets and squares; accessibility; advertisements; traditional maintenance and renovation of historical buildings; usage of river and nature territories; painting solutions for historical buildings.

The author more detailed analysed Alekšupīte river with its adjoining territory focusing on conceptual solutions, their implementation and achieved results.

Councilor Bonetti of the Municipality of Bevagna and the Architect Pochini presented the landscape redevelopment project of Bevagna town; the theme of the project is the construction of an archaeological park due to the many Roman remains scattered in the landscape around the city. In the afternoon they accompanied the partners to visit project areas such as Lake Aisillo.



It has been shown how the landscape of Bevagna is rich not only of historical elements but also of modern structures and interventions, interesting from the point of view of inclusion in the landscape, such as the "Wine farm" the Carapace, an innovative sculpture created by Arnaldo Pomodoro, well-known Italian sculptor.

5th of June – SPELLO and TREVI



Spello: project area and visit to cooperative “La Semente”

The day after, the excursion continued at La Semente, in the municipality of Spello, where was visited the structure of the cooperative, that deals with the job placement of autistic people through social farming projects.

The partners visited the cultivated fields and farms area, handed over by the Municipality of Spello to the cooperative to manage it, implementing a dual objective: the recovery of abandoned areas and the possibility to work to people with mental and physical disabilities.



Trevi - study area and the garden guided by Bernandino Sperandio

The last stop in the excursion was at Trevi and its study area, where Bernandino Sperandio, Major of Trevi, guided the group and talked about it. To recover abandoned areas and to give back to the community a space for leisure time will be made a park between the historic and the new settlement of the city. In this way a peri-urban agriculture project and ecological connection will be completed.



Next steps:

The next ISG-meeting is planned to be held during the next workshop in Silesia (30. September – 2. October 2019). It was agreed that the next meeting of the working group should focus on "Action Plan Development" - to foster knowledge exchange and collaborative learning". It will join partners and their stakeholders to exchange on preparing action plans and to address open questions. The workshop will jointly be outlined by the partners and will be open to partners and stakeholders.