The Traveller's Festival: Co-creating cultural and creative tourism experiences in Asolo

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Policy level:

Contribute to the Veneto Region ERDF 2020-2027 programme



Governance level:

Strengthen the DMO Padova and the DMO Terme e Colli Euganei



Operational level:

Engage CCIs and tourism operators

Develop new CCT experiences in the following themes:

- Musical tourism
- Film-induced tourism
- Literary tourism





The Traveller's Festival in Asolo good practice

- The Traveller's Festival is centered on the idea of the journey as a metaphor for life
- It enhances participation and co-creation of travel experiences
- It allows to discover the local heritage of Asolo, a small town ("borghi")
- It allows to experience the welcoming attitude of Asolo, creating a sense of familiarity

 "adopt a guest"





• Since 2015, five editions

- 5000 visitors each, 30 events, 28 active locations, 13 private residences, 8 immersive trips, 3 exhibitions, 3 musical moments, 3 events with artisans and an award to writers whose stories could be turned into film.
- Live events broadcast via social networks, networks and TV channels: 117,687 people reached in 2019, national and international users.
- All locations sold out in 2019.
- **22% increase** in visitors (2018-2019).
- Restaurant menu of the traveller.
- Logo «Restaurant of Asolo's historical center».

Growth over time





IL FESTIVAL DEL VIAGGIATORE NEL TEMPO

Organised by the: Association InArtEventi – Cultura in Movimento

32 eventi 1.500 visitatori 12 location attive

3 mostre 1 concerto 4 momenti musicali

Premio Letterario

32 eventi 2.100 visitatori 20 location attive 5 residenze private

2 viaggi immersivi 1 mostra 32 momenti musicali

Premio per la narrativa per il cinema 73a Mostra Internazionale del Cinema di Venezia 25 eventi 3.300 visitatori 25 location attive 10 residenze private

3 viaggi immersivi 1 mostra 1 "Grandi eventi Artigiani"

Premio
UN LIBRO UN FILM
74a Mostra Internazionale
del Cinema di Venezia

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1 mostra 1 concerto 2 "Grandi eventi Aritigiani"

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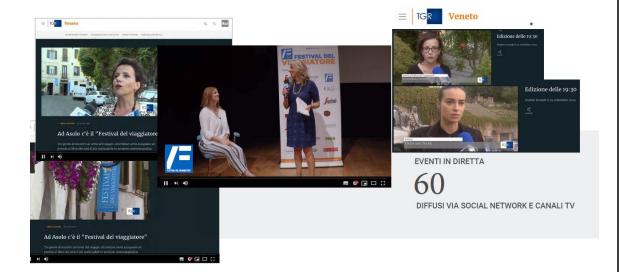








2015 2016 2017 2018 2019









Development Fund

Develop into the first Italian Itinerant Traveller's Festival

- Share its unique format with other small towns, part of the Most Beautiful Borghi of Italy, Wins Cities and Slow International Cities network in 2021
- Valorise towns outside of the tourism flow
- Discover talents and vocations of/in a territory
- Create a network of places
- Provide 'live' experiences, outside the web

2020-21: one theme, one calendar, one marketing plan, in five towns, with five videos



How the festival has responded to Covid

- «Travel in a room»: a weekly series of one-hour interviews on streaming developed during the lockdown in April
- A monthly newsletter to keep connections alive with followers
- September 2020 on-site edition
 - Plan for a flexible format including in-presence and streaming events





Opportunities for CCIs and Cultural Tourism (I/II)

The festival and CCIs:

- Help express the **genius loci** of a place
- Enhance authentic tourism experiences
- Promote **slowness** and a quality appreciation of place





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The **destination (DMO)** can:

- Create connections between the event and the location, i.e. **itineraries**
- Create new experiences, beyond the festival
- Regenerate its tourism products
- Support **CCIs in niche sectors** (i.e., music, art, film, literature)
- Connect tourism operators to niche cultural products





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