

Accessible tourism 4ALL

Context

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides that “everyone has the right to freely participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits”. Various countries across Europe have taken action to make culture sites, tourism and leisure activities accessible for persons with disabilities. Some measures have been very successful. Also people working there must receive training in how to cater for guests with disabilities. Governments must identify funding to make existing cultural sites, museums, galleries, libraries, sports and concert halls accessible for persons with disabilities. Together, they can make sure that all persons with disabilities are able to access culture sites, sports, and tourism and leisure activities. 4All project is being implemented under Interreg IPA II Cross-Border Cooperation Programme “Greece-Albania 2014-2020”.

Project objectives

Improve the accessibility of natural and cultural heritage in the CB area, and collect and promote internationally accurate information for senior tourists and tourists with disabilities and their families. Since accessibility is directly linked to sustainability, the project will also help to improve capacity to sustainably use of natural and cultural resources in the CB area. Other specific objectives are:

- Develop a series of actions and tools to support the **improvement of the tourist product and relevant services** of both areas by developing the heritage resources and improving their accessibility to PWD;
- Improvement of the accessibility of the significant natural and cultural heritage of the CB region;
- Transforming the Municipalities of the region into model destinations for Tourism for All.



Expected outputs

- Preliminary actions: study visits, international networking and know how exchange; listing of cultural assets, natural beauty, relative infrastructure/services or activities, accessible structures of tourist interest of the closest communities); data collection and inspections-based assessment accessibility to PwD.
- Joint study and pilot actions, common management plans, strategies and approaches for the protection and sustainable development of assets in the CB (including accessible foot/road routes design).
- Development of cultural assets and natural environment accessibility standards and of a good practices manual for their sustainable development.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DONORS:

European Union

PARTNERS:

- Urban Research Institute
- National Confederation of Disabled People of Greece
- Regional Union of Municipalities of Epirus
- Municipality of Berat
- Management Agency of Northern Pindos National Park

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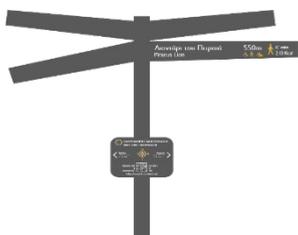
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