ATLAS World Heritage

Heritage in the Atlantic Area Sustainability of the urban world heritage sites



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To protect World Heritage Sites' identity, while enhancing their cultural assets, in order to stimulate heritage-led economic and cultural development, are the main challenges of AtlaS. The main result of this project will be the sustainability plan for each World Heritage Site, by implementing an integrated and participative management and monitoring model, which arises from the common construction and the exchange of know-how and best practices.

Who we are

The AtlaS.WH network is constituted by:

- Historic Centre of Porto, Luiz I Bridge and Monastery of Serra do Pilar (Portugal)
- Historic Centre of Florence (Italy)
- Bordeaux, Port of the Moon (France)
- Old and New Towns of Edinburgh (United Kingdom)
- Santiago de Compostela Old Town (Spain)

What we intend to do

The urban World Heritage Sites (WHS) represent an important cultural value in the context of the Atlantic Area (AA). AtlaS.WH will be an important step for their preservation, enhancement and sustainability aiming:

- a) To address, within a common methodology, the main challenges that each World Heritage Site is facing, including tourism, population, risk management, climate change, energy efficiency, among others;
- b) To develop strategies and public policies for the sustainability of urban World Heritage Sites;
- c) To create governance models, open to the community, integrated and participative;
- d) To develop management tools, recommendation guides, assessment and measurement models;
- e) To create a long-lasting network of World Heritage Sites, in order to disseminate best practices and to reinforce cooperation.

Specifically, AtlaS.WH wants to:

- improve World Heritage Sites' protection;
- improve World Heritage Sites' attractiveness, notoriety and projection;
- reinforce the sense of belonging of the communities and World Heritage Sites identity;
- promote local economic activities;
- promote the exchange of knowledge and experiences, in order to improve the World Heritage Sites' sustainability, their economic development and the social well-being of the populations.

How we will do it

From December/2017 until November/2020 AtlaS.WH will carry out studies, working sessions, training for professionals, community actions and other activities which will enable these five World Heritage sites to reach their new Management and Sustainability Plans in the framework of the Atlantic Area.



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