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The last two months was a very busy and fruitful period for the NETWORLD project partners, whose life was filled with interesting conferences, workshops, exhibitions, meetings, and many other events. Here below we present you some of partners' initiatives as part of NETWORLD project package "Dissemination and Communication". Enjoy reading!

Submerged Heritage of the First World War

The International Conference „Submerged heritage of the First World War” and the Exhibition “One Hundred Years of Solitude Under the Sea” was held on Tuesday 12th of June 2018 at the St. Nikolas Church in Zadar, Croatia.



The date of the conference was symbolically chosen on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Austro-Hungarian navy Szent István. Since the Republic of Croatia has great potential for the development of diving tourism, the conference aimed at its popularization.

The International Centre for Underwater Archaeology (ICUA) in Zadar organized this conference on cultural tourism with an emphasis on the First World War in collaboration with the organization INOVAcija as part of the NETWORLD project, supported by Danube Transnational Programme.

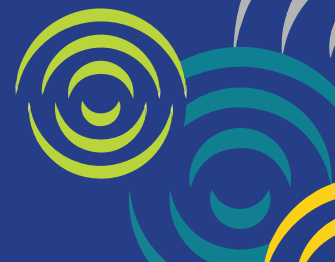
The conference gathered experts from the fields of history, cultural tourism and underwater archaeology who presented the historical maritime affairs and fleets of the First World War in the Adriatic. Among officials who gave welcome speech to participants in the conference were Mr. Luka Bekić - Director of the ICUA in Zadar, Mr. Ivan Šimunić - Head of Administrative Department for Education, Culture and Sport, County of Zadar, Ms. Ivanka Stričević - Vice Rector for Scientific Affairs and Information Infrastructure, University of Zadar; Julia Walleczek-Fritz, Project Manager, Team member of project NETWORLD and Mr. Krešimir Partl - State Secretary, Ministry of culture of the Republic of Croatia.



After the conference the participants had a guided tour at the ICUA's Gallery and the city downtown.

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The First World War heritage promotion in Sarajevo

School of Economics and Business in Sarajevo, Bosna-Hercegovina organized a city tour for media representatives on 24th of May 2018. The city tour was about promotion of the First World War (WWI) heritage in Sarajevo and development of WWI tourism related products.



The Great War told to the Youngest

In May 2018 the Regional Museum of History in Dobrich as a NETWORLD project partner launched a series of lectures, aimed at the youngest students aged 7 to 11 years old. The idea is to use the working 3D Educational Book "Dobruzhia and the First World War", created especially for the series of meetings with children in the form of games, crossword puzzles, picture puzzles and interactive tasks, to present the pupils the cultural heritage associated with this significant historical event.

More than 200 children from different schools in Dobrich and the region have registered so far. The stories of museum experts are combined with a visit to the Military Cemetery Museum, where students bring flowers to the memory of the heroes and touch upon the material testimonies of the First World War.

The lessons aim is to educate a sense of tolerance, humanism and patriotism in the youngest and to teach them the most important thing - war should not be a way of resolving conflicts, and the memory of it must remain in the museum and textbooks. The initiative will continue until the end of June 2018.



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Roundtable on Preservation and Management of Austria's First World War heritage in the Carnic Alps, Carinthia and East Tyrol



The Austrian NETWORLD project partners die Berater and Danube University Krems organised a roundtable that took place on May 17, 2018 in Kötschach-Mauthen (Carinthia) in order to discuss with relevant stakeholders the future handling of the First World War Heritage in the Carnic Alps, in the border region of Carinthia and East Tyrol. The event was organised in cooperation with the Dolomitenfreunde Association (Gabriele Schaumann and Karin Schmid), which had first introduced the idea of the "Trail of Peace" / "Friedenswege" / "Le Vie della Pace" back in the 1970s. The roundtable took place at a historic place, as the municipality of Kötschach-Mauthen belonged to the war zone of the so called Southwestern Front,

the frontline between Austria-Hungary and Italy during the First World War. The participants met in the municipality building of Kötschach-Mauthen, where the First World War museum "Museum 1915-1918. From the Ortler to the Adriatic Sea" is located and managed by the Dolomitenfreunde Association.

Together with different local and regional stakeholders from Carinthia and East and North Tyrol, Julia Walleczek-Fritz and Holger Bienzle discussed the questions of preservation, communication and potentials of a future touristic use of Austria's First World War remains in the Carnic Alps, ideas and concepts of an appropriate strategy and management plan.

Distinguished Certificate of taking care for military graves – Silver Grade for NETWORLD representative



On the occasion of the Day of the Hungarian Defense Forces on 15th of May 2018 Hungarian Minister of defence Dr. Istvan Simicsko awarded Ms. Maša Klavara who is representative of Walk of Peace Foundation in Slovenia. She gained this award because of her active work and enormous efforts related to sharing and demonstrating Walk of Peace brand in the Danube region as a common brand of the heritage of the First World War.

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Church of the Holy Spirit in Javorca, near Tolmin in Slovenia, received European Heritage Label.



Memorial Church of the Holy Spirit in Javorca was built between the First World War, dedicated to all Austro-Hungarian soldiers who died on the Isonzo Front. Surrounded by mountains, only 2 km away from the front line, Javorca Church was a place where soldiers were praying together no matter their religion or origin. The Church is part of the Slovenian national heritage since 1999. In 2007 it was recognized as one of the most important historical and cultural monuments of the European heritage.

At the end of 2017, it has been selected to receive the highest recognition European Heritage Label as it symbolizes peace, solidarity, and tolerance, which are

the main values of the European Union. Therefore, European Commission officially awarded monument in February 2018 and the ceremony in Tolmin was held on 11th of May, 2018. Slovenian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Karl Erjavec and Tolmin Mayor Uroš Brežan opened cultural program highlighting the importance of collaboration and peace, which must not be taken for granted. The event continued with Petra Kovačič (first violinist of Vienna State Opera and Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra) and finished with meaningful song Love performed by girls' choir Pueri Cantores Tolmin.

NETWORLD Workshop with media coverage (press-conference) in Bosnia-Herzegovina



Department for Development and International Projects of Zenica-Doboj Canton in Bosnia-Herzegovina organized a Press-conference for the NETWORLD project on 9th of May 2018 at the Zenica City Museum. The purpose of the event was to communicate project activities and results to wide public. The aim of the conference was to improve general public knowledge about Danube Transnational Programme, NETWORLD Project, First World War and possibilities to use the history as cultural touristic heritage.

Video of the event is available at <https://www.facebook.com/networldproject/videos/540627873004617/>

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The heritage of the First World War discussed on Europe Day



Danube University Krems as a project partner in NETWORLD project contributed to the ceremony of the Europe Day held on 7th of May 2018 in St. Pölten, Lower Austria. This year's event and presentations were dedicated to the European Year of Cultural Heritage. Experts, together with young people discussed Austria's tangible and intangible cultural heritage and Julia Walleczek-Fritz from the Danube University Krems presented NETWORLD project, focusing on the heritage of the First World War in Austria.

Borders as a Result of War International Conference



The First World War Heritage Conference Borders as a Result of War was held from 3rd - 5th of May 2018 in the beautiful town of Nove Hradky.

The objective of the conference was to help place both the tangible and intangible heritage of the First World War in a transnational context by linking stories and experiences of soldiers and civilians to battles, foreign locations, and events during the war and changes after the war. As part of the NETWORLD project the conference aim was to increase the awareness of the First World War heritage in a transnational context and to use this heritage for the development of a sustainable transnational cultural tourism.

Besides the official presentations of the numerous speakers, the conference program included excursion to the nearby open-air Border Museum and a guided tour at the exhibition "First World War - years of destruction and pain" in the Museum of South Bohemia in Ceske Budejovice, Czech Republic.

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New Monument dedicated to fallen soldiers from Nové Hradý



The third day of the International Conference “Borders as a Result of War”, organized by the Rozmberk Society in close cooperation with the Town of Nove Hradý in Czech Republic included Unveiling ceremony for the new First World War’s monument for fallen soldiers from the region. The monument was created as part of the NETWORLD project and opened officially by Mgr. Vladimír Hokr, Mayor of the Town of Nove Hradý on 5th of May 2018 in the presence of NETWORLD project partners and many representatives of the local community.

The First World War’s re-enactment group, including Slovenian International Cultural Historical Society of General Borojevič, took part in Displays on countries where Czech soldiers were fighting as well as in other ceremonies for laying wreaths and flowers on the monuments of the fallen in the First World War.



NETWORLD - Opening Event Castle Artstetten

Through the Keyhole: Narrated History! Archduke Franz Ferdinand and the First World War

Austrian education and demonstration activities included in the NETWORLD project have been focused on Castle Artstetten as a highly symbolic site related to World War I. Castle Artstetten is the family seat and burial site of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Duchess Sophie, whose assassination in Sarajevo triggered off the World War. The descendants of Franz Ferdinand and Sophie still live at Artstetten and run a museum. NETWORLD project partner die Berater, supported by Danube University Krems, facilitated the creation of a new exhibition at Artstetten: „Through the Keyhole: Narrated History! Archduke Franz Ferdinand and the First World War”.

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The exhibition was opened through a large scale-event in Artstetten, which attracted almost 200 visitors. The former Austrian President, Dr. Heinz Fischer, officially opened the exhibition and linked it to the other activities in the commemoration year 2018, of which he is the patron. Holger Bienzle of die Berater presented the NETWORLD project to the activities in Artstetten, while Dr. Julia-Walleczek-Fritz talked about the NETWORLD project database and the architectural war heritage it contains.

The exhibition can be visited until 1st of November 2018 and again from 1st of April next year.



Exhibition "Liberation of Dobrudzha during the First World War 1916-1917"

The Exhibition is dedicated to the centennial of the First World War. It will be opened at 17:00 on 29 June 2018 in the main hall of the Naval Club-Varna, 1 Vladislav Varnenchik Blvd., Varna, Bulgaria.

Organizers are Network project partners Regional Historical Museum - Dobrich and Varna Economic Development Agency in cooperation with the Naval Club-Varna. Varna citizens and guests are invited to visit the event.

To End All Wars?

GEOPOLITICAL AFTERMATH AND COMMEMORATIVE LEGACIES OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Event data: August 22-25, 2018

Location: CC Perron Theaterzaal in Ypres, Belgium

More details available are available at <https://www.teaw.be/>