

Black Sea Basin Programme

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Priority 1 - Supporting cross border partnerships for economic and social development based on combined resources

1.2: Creation of tourism networks in order to promote joint tourism development initiatives and traditional products



OLKAS. From Aegean to the Black Sea. Medieval Ports in the Maritime Routes of the East

**Central Macedonia, Greece - Istanbul, Turkey - Severoiztochen, Bulgaria
-South East, Romania - Odessa, Ukraine - Georgia**

About the Project

Duration:

24 Months

Total Budget (ENPI+IPA):

€ 694.692,33

Total Grant (ENPI+IPA):

€ 625.223,10

Start-End Dates:

03/01/2012-
02/01/2014



Official Opening. The Partners (28/3/2012)

Overall Objective:

Contribution to the confrontation of an important void in the development of cultural tourism in the wider region from Aegean to the Black and Caspian Sea. The venture is attempted through the projection of the relationship of the entire economic/tourism/cultural space of Black Sea, through monuments which constitute a network of culture and constituted indicators of interactions during an important historical period.



Specific Objectives:

1. The projection of ports' cultural wealth via the enrichment of knowledge around them,
2. The use by participating countries of shared tools for documentation of the monuments (both buildings and movable objects),
3. The framing of a single cross-border policy for the protection of the cultural landscape and, by extension, the natural environment around the monuments.
4. The promotion of a modern tourism route which will commonly unite and promote them to markets of special interests,
5. The creation of cross-border tourism products and common service standards (thematic routes, documentaries, materials etc)
6. The dissemination of expertise and experience, by training competent agencies in each country in aspects of cultural management and use of new technologies in the service of cultural tourism.
7. The upgrade of cooperation level and management proficiency of the respective bodies in cultural tourism issues in the wider area in question
8. The satisfaction of demand from researches, students and other groups of special interests
9. The contribution to the social economic and political cohesion of the area

Main Activities:

- Historical- Archaeological documentation of 32 medieval ports in the data base of EKBMM
- Production of a documentary film on the history and archaeology of the ports.
- Organization of a portable photo-exhibition with maps, gravures, old photos, and informative material of the city-ports, which will be hosted in Thessaloniki, Istanbul and Odessa and elsewhere.
- Creation of a website
- Implementation of educational programmes for students in the two museums (Varna and Constanta)
- Exchange of experience and expertise through conferences and workshops
- Publication of and book on the history and cultural heritage of the city-ports
- Organization of an International Symposium in Thessaloniki, where findings and products of the project will be presented.

Partnership



1st Steering Committee meeting (29-30/3/2012)



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Beneficiary:

European Centre for Byzantine and Post - Byzantine Monuments, Thessaloniki, Central Macedonia, Greece

Partners:

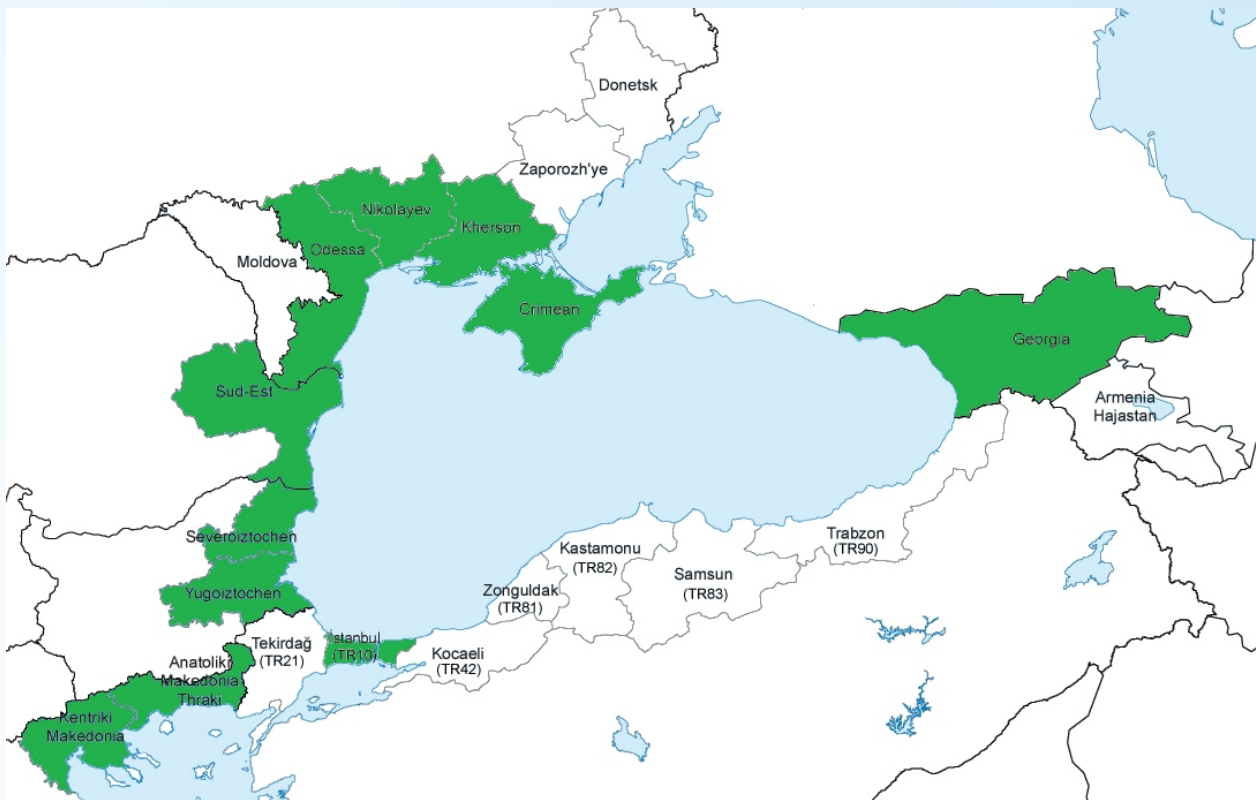
Culture Centre of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Central Macedonia, Greece
Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey
Varna Regional Museum, Varna, Severoiztochen, Bulgaria
Museum of National History and Archaeology Constanta, Constanta, South East, Romania
Branch of the Hellenic Foundation for Culture, Odessa, Ukraine
Chubinashvili National Research Centre for Georgian Art History and Heritage Preservation, Tbilisi, Georgia
Cultural Awareness Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey

Associates:

Russian National Committee for Black Sea Economic Cooperation (RU)
Committee for Preservation of Cultural Heritage (UKR)
Institute of Archaeology "V. Parnan" of the Romanian Academy (RO)
Administration of State Historical - Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan (AZ)



Regions of Implementation



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