

INTERFIDE-CRT

Fostering Interfaith Dialogue and Enhancing
Cross-border Religious Tourism

Project Nr. 377

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MAIN PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT ACRONYM: INTERFIDE-CRT

PROJECT TITLE: Fostering Interfaith Dialogue and Enhancing Cross-border Religious Tourism

PROJECT NUMBER: 377

FINANCIAL SOURCE: Interreg IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro 2014-2020

P.A.: Smart management of natural and cultural heritage for the exploitation of cross border sustainable tourism and territorial attractiveness

S.O.: 2.1 Boost attractiveness of natural and cultural assets to improve a smart and sustainable economic development

DURATION: 01.07.2020 - 31.12.2022

TOTAL BUDGET: 684.800,00 EUR (IPA co-financing 85%)



WHO WE ARE



Shoqata Kulturore VIZart (AL) **LEAD PARTNER**

Project Partners



Bashkia Tirane (AL)



Opština Bijelo Polje (ME)



EuRelations GEIE (IT)

Associated partners



WHO WE ARE



www.facebook.com/VIZart2014

Cultural Association "VIZart" promotes Albanian culture and art through concrete steps such as: galleries, art colonies and exhibitions.

The focus of the association is to promote integration in Europe through most prominent values of tradition, heritage, representative figures of art, visual arts (painting, sculpture) etc.

With its cultural activities VIZart promotes, supports and enhances dissemination and recognition of Albanian cultural heritage and history, as well as Albanian cultural tourism in Europe and the world, using Albanian values and national artists as ambassadors abroad.



WHO WE ARE



www.tirana.al



Bashkia Tirane (Municipality of Tirana) is the administrative body of the city of Tirana.

Tirana is the capital and largest city of Albania and the country's leading political, social and cultural center. With a population of 800,000 inhabitants, it is the 7th largest cities in the Western Balkans.

Its rich history is rooted in the Paleolithic era, but Tirana is also a vibrant and youthful city, European Youth Capital 2022, and an emerging touristic destination.

Tirana is the capital of cultural and religious diversity. Its interfaith touristic appeal derives from a quite diverse and rich presence of sacred spaces and buildings, from Mosques to Catholic and Orthodox Churches.

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www.bijelopolje.co.me



Opština Bijelo Polje (Municipality of Bijelo Polje) is located in northeastern Montenegro, in the Lim river valley. The city has ancient roots as traces of Illyrian, Greek and Roman vestiges can still be found nowadays.

Among the main cultural and historical monuments, the church of St. Peter is of a special importance. The Miroslav's Gospel, written in the 12th century, is one of the most famous Cyrillic written works.

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www.eurelations.eu



EuRelations is a European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) legally established in Campobasso (IT) and working internationally across Europe and beyond.

The group counts **33** members from across **9** countries (BG, FR, DE, IT, PL, PT, CZ, RO, ES). Among its members there are municipalities, universities, research centres, chambers of commerce and companies.

EuRelations EEIG has twenty years experience in European project design and management as well as in building and maintaining international networks.

Under the InterFide initiative, EuRelations EEIG is in charge of communication.

THE PROJECT IN A NUTSHELL



The project is the first structured attempt to develop an operative framework to enhance the touristic potential of interfaith experiences in Albania, Italy, and Montenegro, by supporting cooperation between sector stakeholders, religious authorities and key players.

Its **long-term objective** is to increase the attractiveness of the Southern Adriatic area as an interfaith tourism destination while creating the necessary conditions for including the area as part of international and European frameworks for religious and cultural tourism.

3 specific objectives:

- 1 Enhancing the competitiveness of cultural and touristic industries in Italy, Albania and Montenegro
- 2 Creating the administrative, cultural and technical conditions for the smart management of interfaith tourism
- 3 Common Action Plan for the smart management of interfaith tourist destinations

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The action includes:

- The **INTERFIDE Lab**, where experts and sector stakeholders will identify innovative destination management techniques and impact indicators as well as targeted infrastructural investments
- The **INTERFIDE Network**, which will foster institutional relations among the main public and private actors and religious authorities at the local, regional and national level, together with sectoral agencies, and will develop a Common Action Plan
- The **INTERFIDE-CRT**, a cross-border pilot itinerary of the most appealing cultural routes where interreligious tourism experiences in Italy, Albania and Montenegro could be valorised
- The **INTERFIDE Platform**, which will collect all the knowledge acquired and will promote the INTERFIDE cross-border cultural route.

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

- 7-days tours, across the Apulia, Molise, Albania and Montenegro
- Visits to interreligious sites
- Ecumenic meetings with local religious authorities
- Presence of InterFide LAB professionals, for measurement and evaluation activities



Apulia stops in Bari, Alberobello, Canosa, Polignano a Mare, Monopoli, Trani

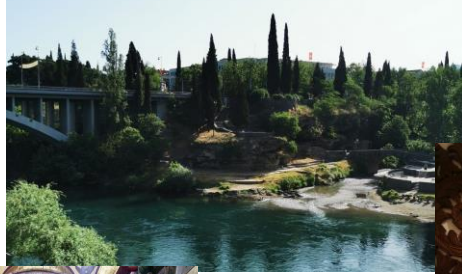
Molise stops in Campobasso, Castelpetroso, Cercemaggiore, Bojano, Sepino, Matrice, Montagano

Albania stops in Tirana, Shkoder, Lezha

Montenegro stops in Podgorica, Bjelo Polje, Podvrh, Berane



DOCUMENTING PILOT TOURS



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PROMOTING PILOT TOURS

Pilot Tours posters

INTERFIDE PILOT TOUR N.1

21 MAY
Arrival in Bari, overnight stay

22 MAY
08:00 AM Visit of the Basilica of San Nicola in Bari
09:00 AM Lunch in Bari
09:30 AM Transfer to the Basilica of San Nicola in Polignano a Mare
10:00 AM Visit of the Basilica of San Nicola in Polignano a Mare
11:00 AM Lunch in Polignano a Mare
12:00 PM Transfer to the Basilica of San Nicola in Polignano a Mare
13:00 PM Visit of the Basilica of San Nicola in Polignano a Mare
14:00 PM Lunch in Polignano a Mare
15:00 PM Transfer to the Basilica of San Nicola in Polignano a Mare
16:00 PM Visit of the Basilica of San Nicola in Polignano a Mare
17:00 PM Dinner in Polignano a Mare
18:00 PM Overnight stay in Polignano a Mare

23 MAY
08:00 AM Departure for Castelnuovo Grotte
09:00 AM Visit of the Basilica of Castelnuovo Grotte
10:00 AM Lunch in Castelnuovo Grotte
11:00 AM Transfer to the Basilica of Castelnuovo Grotte
12:00 PM Visit of the Basilica of Castelnuovo Grotte
13:00 PM Lunch in Castelnuovo Grotte
14:00 PM Transfer to the Basilica of Castelnuovo Grotte
15:00 PM Visit of the Basilica of Castelnuovo Grotte
16:00 PM Dinner in Castelnuovo Grotte
17:00 PM Overnight stay in Castelnuovo Grotte

24 MAY
08:00 AM Departure for the Basilica of San Nicola in Polignano a Mare
09:00 AM Visit of the Basilica of San Nicola in Polignano a Mare
10:00 AM Lunch in Polignano a Mare
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25 MAY
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100:00 PM Transfer to the Basilica of San Nicola in Polignano a Mare

INTERFIDE PILOT TOUR N.2

PROGRAMME

03/10
DEPARTURE from Bari Airport
Arrival at Tirana, transfer to Shkoder
Dinner & overnight stay

04/10
DEPARTURE from Shkoder to Podgorica
Arrival in Podgorica and visit of Cathedral Temple
Transfer to Ripa Park, dinner & overnight stay

05/10
VISIT of St. Peter Church, St. Nicholas Monastery in Novi Vinogradi, Dugi Otok Monastery in Berane
Transfer to Ripa Park and visit of Saint. Ilija's Shrine
Dinner in Tirana, dinner and overnight stay

06/10
VISIT of the Basilica of San Nicola and Basilica Museum
Transfer to Ripa Park, dinner & overnight stay

07/10
VISIT of Cathedral of Purgatory & St. Stephen Chapel
Transfer to Ripa Park, dinner & overnight stay

08/10
TRANSFER to Molise, visit of St. Mary of the Wayside
Visit of the Basilica of San Nicola in Polignano a Mare
Dinner in Polignano a Mare, dinner and overnight stay

09/10
TRANSFER to Canosa, dinner and overnight stay

10/10
TRANSFER to Canosa, dinner and overnight stay
Dinner in Canosa, dinner and overnight stay
Zoom meeting with EU Chief Rabbi

Project brochure

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THE INTERFIDE NETWORK will foster institutional relations among the main public and private actors, sector stakeholders and the religious authorities, and will create a Common Action Plan.

THE CONSULTANT will experiment and assess the **INTERFIDE-CRT**, a cross-border pilot initiative of the most appealing cultural routes for interreligious tourism experiences in Italy, Albania and Montenegro.

THE INTERFIDE PLATFORM will collect all the knowledge acquired and will promote the **INTERFIDE** Cross-border Religious Tour.

Brochure of PT 1

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ACTS

INTERFIDE TOUR N.1
21-27 MAY 2022

DAY 1
TIRANA - BARI

DAY 2
BARI - CANOSA

DAY 3
CANOSA - CAMPOBASSO - CANOSA

DAY 4
CANOSA - TRIANI - TIRANA

DAY 5
TIRANA - LEZHA - SHKODER - PODGORICA

DAY 6
PODGORICA - RIPO POLJE - CETINJE - TIRANA

DAY 7
TIRANA

Brochure of PT 2

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ACTS

INTERFIDE TOUR N.2
03-09 OCTOBER 2022

DAY 1
BARI - TIRANA

DAY 2
TIRANA - PODGORICA - RIPO POLJE

DAY 3
RIPO POLJE - SHKODER - TIRANA

DAY 4
TIRANA - BARI - POLIGNANO

DAY 5
POLIGNANO - MONOPOLI

DAY 6
CANOSA - CAMPOBASSO

DAY 7
CAMPOBASSO - TRIANI - TIRANA

WAY AHEAD

A Pilot Tour Analysis, of PT1 and PT2, will be carried out and will include:



Questionnaires for tourist and stakeholders



Biometric Mapping



Econometric and Social Impact measurements



Environmental assessment of CO2 compensation measures



Evaluations of the logistics, infrastructure, contents and touristic offers

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