

INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE PROJECT: EUROPEAN COMMISSION, DIRECTORATE GENERAL “RESEARCH”.EESD - ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Part A : Environment and Sustainable Development

Key action 4 : City of Tomorrow and Cultural Heritage

Action 4.2.3 : Foster integration of cultural heritage in the urban setting

APPEAR

Accessibility Projects. Sustainable Preservation and Enhancement of Urban Subsoil Archaeological Remains.

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Summary

In this globalisation era, the need for identity recognition manifests itself in the growing interest citizens show in their cultural heritage. European cities, with their long history, have subsoils full of traces of the past, whose conservation, enhancement and accessibility offer real possibilities for the sustainable socio-economic development of urban centres. However, in practice, the results of this potential's exploitation turn out to be mostly questionable. The authorities in charge of making decisions in this field lack a reference framework, which would allow them to comprehend the nature of the stakes and the complexity of this multifaceted issue. In addition, though several EU texts deal with cultural heritage management, focussing on its preservation, its protection and its integration into the economic development in particular, they only skim over the in situ and exploitation of archaeological remains. Lastly, the numerous actors' different – or even contradictory – interests in the decision-making process jam the accessibility projects' development mechanism. As

a consequence, the expected social, cultural and economic effects are weakened, not to say cancelled out. We must now realise that the lack of correspondence between the choices that were made, the processes that were implemented and the objectives often leads accessibility projects to a failure.

Stakeholders also lack a methodological framework specific to the enhancement of buried heritage. The choices that are made to deal with the numerous difficulties at the implementation of an accessibility project are frequently inappropriate and made at random. Experience shows that paradoxically, sites are not always the major concern, but may become a “pretext” for the creation of a museum complex. In the same way, the decision-making process often implies methodologies that are mostly used in museums, and that often turn out to be poorly adapted to problems generated by integrating archaeological sites into the urban setting. In the short or long term, this could lead to disastrous consequences for the remains' conservation and/or to rejection by the population. By gathering experts, practitioners and end users from different European countries, the APPEAR project will approach the issue from two different but complementary points of view: urban governance and the archaeological sites' enhancement possibilities. One of the main challenges consists in making such sites accessible to the public, offering scientific, pedagogic and aesthetic quality, while ensuring an optimal protection and enhancement level.

The APPEAR project aims at proposing an integrated action plan for a global approach based on the completion of accessibility projects, beginning with the planning stage up to the exploitation stage. In concrete terms, it will develop the “existing practices” base, which will provide end users and all actors concerned by this issue with reference examples. It will give them a useful basis to defend their choices they made at different stages of the development of accessibility projects. In addition, the APPEAR guide will provide them with tools for decision-making and permanent self assessment, including useful resources for implementing specific interventions for conservation, integration, enhancement and management of archaeological sites in the urban setting. In order to make accessibility projects fit into a perspective of sustainable urban development, the methodological and practical resources will necessarily be developed in a logic meeting evolutivity, flexibility, adaptability and applicability criteria.

PARTNER 5 : ICOMOS

PERSONNEL-WORK PACKAGE TABLE

Categories of staff to work on the project	Number of Person-months						Personnel Costs (EURO)
	WP1	WP2	WP3	WP4	WP5	Total	
<i>Scientist</i>	1,5	1	12	9	1	24,5	113925
<i>Scientist (permanent staff)</i>	-	2	-	-	1	3	-
<i>Total</i>							

This table gathers personnel costs of the partner ICOMOS. It includes the permanent and project-specific temporary staff contribution to the scientific research to the different workpackages.

TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE

Description	Number of journey	Number of people	Costs per journey (EURO)	Total (EURO)
<i>Consortium working meetings</i>	8	2	900	14 400
<i>Advisory Board meetings</i>	2	10	900	18 000
<i>International conference</i>	1	16	900	14 400
<i>Total</i>				46 800

Consortium working meetings

This heading covers the partners' traveling and accommodation costs for their taking part in the 8 Consortium working meetings (task 5.2.), including the mid-term assessment meeting. The first of these 8 meetings will be held on the occasion of the II International Congress on the Museology of Archaeological Sites. New Management and Communication Concepts and Strategies, organised by the partner ICUB-MHCB on October 7th, 8th and 9th 2002 in Barcelona. If the project doesn't start on October 1st 2002 but later, this meeting will be a preparation stage before the start of the research.

Advisory Board meetings

This heading covers the traveling and accommodation costs of the five experts and of the five end users representatives taking part in the two Advisory Board meetings held in months 15 and 31, with a view to scientific evaluation and validation of the research results (tasks 3.2.).

International conference

This heading covers the traveling and accommodation costs for two people of the partner team, the five experts and of the five end users representatives and four speakers taking part in the international conference held in month 34, with a view to guaranteeing a wide dissemination of the research results and to assessing their impact.

CONSUMABLES

Description	Costs (EURO)	Tasks
<i>Software</i>	2 000	all
<i>Documentation</i>	1 200	all
<i>Total</i>	3 200	

These costs are intended for the acquisition of specialised works and documentation, as well as for the purchasing of the software licenses required to allow all partners to exchange information.

OTHER SPECIFIC PROJECT COSTS

Description	Costs (EURO)	Tasks
<i>Publication of proceedings</i>	18 000	4.3.
<i>Total</i>	18 000	

ICOMOS will need a budget for the publication of the proceedings after the international conference held in the month 34 of the research.