

Central Europe Programme Project “FORTE CULTURA”

Output 6.3.2: Workpackage 6 Meeting – Knowledge Transfer

Evaluation of the concept of conservation knowledge exchange, detailing of the activities for transnational knowledge exchange and setting tasks for knowledge keeping

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Due to the delayed arrival of guests from Croatia the conference started at 9,15, with a quarter of an hour delay. After the official opening by Mr. Zupančič, the manager of the WP6, the participants were, on behalf of Mr. Jernej Hudalin, who was absent at the time, greeted by Mrs. Damjana Pečnik, the deputy director of the Restoration Centre of the Institute of the Protection of the Cultural Heritage of Slovenia.

Mr. Zupančič then made a presentation titled: “Approach to conservation, concept of the data gathering, evaluation process, Conservation Plan as the basis for conservation work as practiced by the Institute of the Protection of the Cultural Heritage of Slovenia”. He was followed by Mr. Anton Marn who presented of the concept of the transnational exchange of conservationist knowledge and by Mr. Aleksander Potočnik, who presented technical and organisational concept for the databank (under the working title TaCKeDat).

Dr.-Ing. Hans-Rudolf Neumann was about to present the possibilities of a Databank like IRB Stuttgart, but had to conclude that the mentioned Databank has meanwhile been taken off-line. Mr. Veikko Junghans talked about the possibilities of dissemination of the results by Humboldt-University, presenting the example of the work done in Spandau Fortress and Kaunas Fortress No. 5 in the frame of Baltic Fortress Route. Mrg. Jolana Tothova presented the sources used for conservation work in fortress Terezin and Mr. Miroslav Vašata has done likewise for the fortress of Josefov in Czech Republic. Since Dr. Gerhard Artl has excused himself two days earlier the time until the lunch break was used to convey the presentation of Polish partners about the conservation works conducted on bastion King in the city of Kostrzyn.

After the lunch break Mr. Valentin Benedik, the head of the Documentation at the RC ZVKDS led a guided tour of the Restoration Centre. This was followed by a discussion about a concept for transfer of knowledge on the basis of a databank, as presented by Mr. Marn and Mr. Potočnik. The discussion centred on the following questions:

- defining the end users of the (TaCKeDat)“,
- tasks distribution,
- responsibility for the technical side of the project output (software, hardware),
- responsibility for the content side of the project output (editorial),

- defining the contributors, their motivation for the involvement,
- questions of copyright, questions of accessibility, etc., ...

Regarding the end users it was a prevailing opinion that the Databank shall serve the broadest audience possible, from experts and theorists to contractors carrying out concrete conservation work. A notion was given by Ms. Jolana Tothova that more attention shall be given to companies carrying out the actual reconstruction or renovation work. They shall be looked upon not only as the beneficiaries of the databank but also as possible sponsors of the project.

The form of the databank (TaCKeDat) as presented in the morning was endorsed and both partners who have prepared it, that is Ad Pirum Institute and National Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia were encouraged to continue its forming.

The following remarks have been made:

- some bigger stress to the external links shall be given
- there shall be bigger stress on “keywords”

A suggestion by Mr. Veikko Junghans was also accepted that the proposed “upload forms” shall remain open for changes dictated by practical experience once the databank is running.

Regarding the tasks distribution Mr. Veikko Junghans pointed out that the presented databank proposal, once operational, shall be incorporated in the databank that is being prepared by Humboldt University. Upon suggestion by Dr. Neumann it was concluded that the development of the concept shall, for the duration, remain under the auspices of the National Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia.

The participants agreed that to ensure a successful running of the databank after the ending of the Forte Cultura project the following is necessary:

- to establish an Editorial team that would take care of the level and quality of the content
- to establish a maintenance team of the site with the databank and
- to ensure an on-going financing of the project also after the conclusion of the Forte Cultura project in December of 2014.

The task of the Editorial team would also be to ensure the referential status of the databank thus providing the motivation for contributors (who in most part are not members of the Forte Cultura project) for contributing their work or their existing documentation within their possession.

It was decided that a formation of the editorial board shall be the issue discussed at the Network Meeting in Jaromer in December 2013.

Mr. Veikko Junghans and Mr. Fiorenzo Maneghelli have accepted the task of preparing themselves some articles (entries) for the “TaCKeDat”, according to the concept as presented in the morning part of the conference.

The conference has concluded at 16.30