



3.3.2 - Good Practice Collection

Title of the Good Practice

The "Shield" project

Area Identification Information

Area:

Małopolska Voivodeship (15 182,87 km²)

Population:

3 346 796 (in 2011)

Number of Churches:

40

Detailed description of the Good Practice (please provide details also on: stakeholders involved, target groups, main and specific goals of the Good Practice, elements of sustainability)

max 2000

The "Shield" project was carried out between 2006-2007 by the Archdiocese of Kraków with the funds received from the Integrated Operational Programme for Regional Development. The project was aimed at protecting the wooden churches in Małopolska Region. Małopolska historic wooden churches are unique on Polish and European scale and act as a flagship attraction. Both the buildings themselves and their fittings include many priceless architectural elements, sculptures and paintings. Unfortunately, they had no adequate protection against burglary, theft or fire. Thanks to the "Shield" project 40 places of worship obtained anti fire and theft devices as well as monitoring and extinguishing systems. Historical and architectural qualities of the buildings, threats, lack of security systems and technical aspects were decisive in the selection for the programme. Security systems for individual buildings taking into account the specificities of the different facilities were developed under the project. The project covered all the dioceses of the Roman Catholic Church (Diocese of Kraków, Tarnów, Bielsko-Biała and Żywiec, Kielce, Rzeszów, Sosnowiec) and the Przemyśl-Warszawa Diocese of Greek Catholic Church which jointly established a consortium for mutual cooperation. The concept was backed by local authorities, Małopolska Voivodeship, Małopolska Voivodeship Monument Restorer and the Centre for the Protection of Public Collections in Warsaw.

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Actions implemented

max 1000

In the period from November 2006 to July 2007 fire protection systems, anti-theft, monitoring and extinguishing systems were installed in 40 selected sites under the "Shield" project. Systems for individual buildings taking into account their specificities were also developed under the project. A Kraków-based company called "SUPO-Cerber" was responsible for the design and the implementation of the systems.

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Achieved results

max 1000

The project partially supplemented the missing devices in the facilities through the installation of modern, complex security systems adapted to the conditions and special character of wooden churches. Anti fire and burglary devices were installed along with monitoring and extinguishing systems adapted to external extinguishing of fires in wooden buildings with water spray.

Performance indicators: Number of anti fire and theft systems installed in historic buildings - 66 pcs

Number of facilities protected - 44 pcs

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Timing

max 500

In the period from November 2006 to July 2007 systems were fitted under the "Shield" project in 40 selected buildings.

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Added value at a local level

max 1000

The most important tasks of the "Shield" project was to protect the priceless wonders of wooden architecture from the possible effects of fire and theft, leading to the permanent preservation of monuments and their proper management and maintenance. The most significant steps were the prevention of threats which could cause damage to monuments, prevention of destruction and improper use of the monuments, prevention of theft, loss or unauthorized exports abroad, monitoring of the state of preservation and use of buildings, taking into account the elements of protection in spatial planning and development and in shaping the environment. These activities were also associated with the cultivation of Polish culture and the development and shaping of national, civic and cultural consciousness of the people, as well as with the development of local identity, preservation of the value of cultural and natural environment taking into account the needs of future generations, as well as with the formation and maintenance of spatial order.

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Are there elements of transferability at a transnational level?

max 1000

The "Shield" project is an example of good practice which can be easily implemented again and repeated in other regions because all its phases are universal. The project is an example of local government cooperation with private contractors, focusing on the socially useful purpose of protecting the national heritage. This investment was financed in amounts equivalent to 30% by parishes while the remaining 70% of the amount was covered by the European Union, the Archdiocese of Kraków and the Ministry of Culture.

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