



CROSSING GENERATIONS, CROSSING MOUNTAINS

Big Foot. Crossing Generations, Crossing Mountains

Intergenerational Learning as a tool for
sustainable community development

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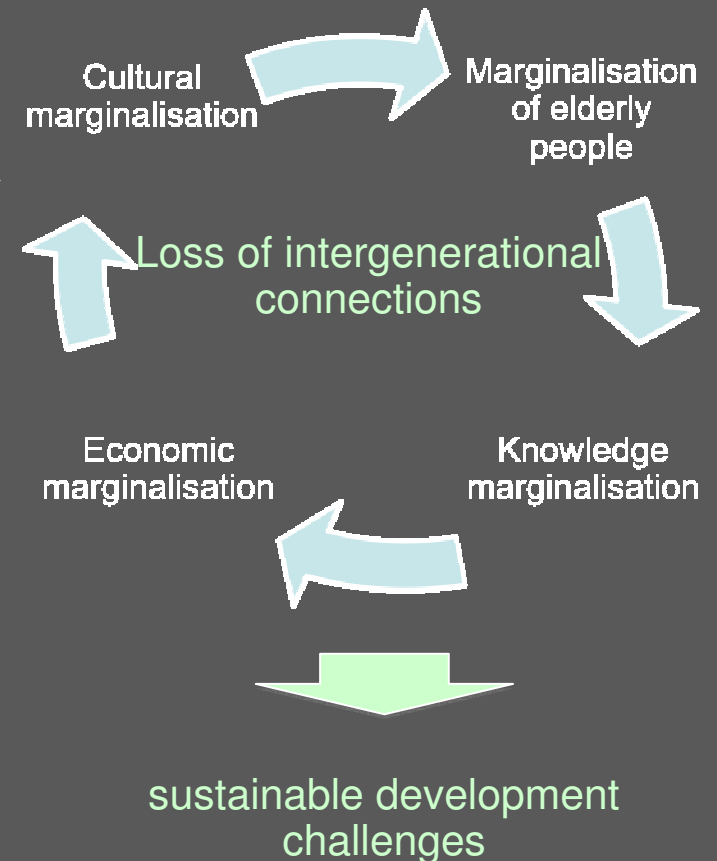
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Rural Mountain Community Challenges

- lack of opportunities to valorize knowledge and skills of the younger and older residents for sustainable community development
- migration of younger people to urban areas
- socio-cultural marginalization of elderly people, loss of their role as promoters of the local knowledge and traditions



BIG FOOT project aims:



- Finding creative solutions for **sustainable local development**
 - Combining traditional knowledge and natural heritage with modern communication tools and expertise
 - Valorizing skills and knowledge of older and younger generations
 - Encouraging intergenerational learning and dialogue in mountain areas



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Participants:

- Local administrations, organizations, families, and other stakeholders
- Elderly people: as heritage trainers



• Young people: as heritage travelers

• Local stakeholders: as heritage beneficiaries



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Results and deliverables:

- Training possibilities for the younger and older;
- Proposed and tested solutions for the elderly to be socially involved and economically active;
- A Tool Kit: transferring the project experience to the Carpathian communities – printed and digital ;
- Project Website, Communities Livelihood Platform and Facebook Page
- Guides on intangible heritage: printed and digital



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Expected long-term impact

- Promotion of culture, local heritage and traditions
- Valorization of human capital
- Economic development
- Sustainable management of natural resources, such as through improved dialogue between the community and protected area managers;



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Project Partners

Gouré s.r.l

IT, management, www.goure.it



Comune di Gubbio

IT, testing
www.comune.gubbio.pg.it



Menon Network

BE, intergenerational communication, www.menon.org



Association Européenne des Elus de Montagne

FR, communication, www.promote-aem.net



Centre for Development of North-West Bulgaria

BG, quality evaluation, www.centrebgbfoundation.org

All Lives Have Equal Worth

Trikala Development Agency S.A.

GR, participatory mapping
www.kenakap.gr



UNEP Regional Office for Europe Carpathian Convention

AUT, capitalization
www.unep.at



CNR- Institute for international legal studies

IT, learning interventions www.isgi.cnr.it



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Participating Communities



Gubbio,
ITALY



Trikala,
Greece



Berkovitsa,
Bulgaria



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UNEP Role in the project:



- Linking Intergenerational Learning with sustainable community development
- Communicating the Big Foot process and results to a wide stakeholder community of the Carpathian countries
 - Transferability Tool Kit
 - The Project Website, Facebook
 - The Community Livelihood Platform (under development)



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Big Foot in the Carpathians



Innovative approach to Mountainous Regions sustainable development – using intergenerational learning as a tool and a target

- Intergenerational Learning linked with Protected Area Management, Cultural Heritage and Tourism development
- **Community Livelihood Platform** useful for the Carpathian stakeholders
- Using Carpathian examples and in the Transferability Tool Kit and the final conference (June 2013)
- Using and transferring project results as a policy platform



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Protected Areas and Intergenerational community

- Strengthening stakeholder participation
- Acceptance
- Traditional and professional knowledge and skills of older inhabitants
- Volunteers (young and old)
- Education - in cooperation with schools, local museums, pensioners, other associations
- Sustainable Tourism Development
- Innovative approaches in the Carpathian Region!!!



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Community Development Platform

- Linked with Carpathian Convention website
 - cultural heritage and traditional knowledge
 - Thematic areas and their inter-linkages:
 - Tourism Development, Cultural Heritage, Protected Area Management, ESD
 - Case-studies, examples and links from the Carpathian communities
 - Base for awareness and participation, of the Carpathian stakeholders (photo contest, comments and communication, new project presentation)



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Thank you!



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