

Participatory planning processes (PPP) Guidelines

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Introduction

Participatory planning is a **process** by which a community undertakes to reach a given socio-economic goal by consciously diagnosing its problems and charting a course of action to resolve those problems. Participatory planning is a participatory process aimed at defining, proposing and having enforced a management plan on issues of common interest.

PPP is an approach that allows integration of knowledge of public entities and other stakeholders, experts and policy makers, thus stimulating participatory research and action. Typically, participatory planning is an opportunity to tailor management rules at local/regional scale according to stakeholders needs. With the aim of contributing to the establishment of a bottom-up approach rather than the typical top-down approach, one can also integrate experience based – and research based knowledge. Participation can be defined as the process of decision making and problem solving, involving individuals and groups who represents diverse interests, expertise and point of view and who act for the good of all those affected by the decisions they make and the actions that follows. Participation, then, is at the core of participatory planning. In some cases it represents the key element that determines the willingness of stakeholders and scientists to be engaged in participatory activities. If there is an active and open dialogue between relevant stakeholders, experts and policy makers, this stimulates knowledge production, its mobilization and integration. In order to succeed, participatory planning activities should ensure the legitimacy, saliency, credibility and transparency of the process. It is also important to incorporate the needs of all actors involved in the process, including policy makers, in terms of problem solving.

The main outcome of participatory planning is rising awareness of the lost heritage and finding new solutions to safeguard and valorize on sustainable basis the enormous tangible heritage of the '900 in the Adriatic. Stakeholders must be main outputs of REVIVAL project will be introducing stakeholders with Digital Documentation Centre like a model which is usable by any other area having a similar lost heritage in the Adriatic Region and elsewhere in Europe.

The establishment of open dialogue, collaboration and mutual trust between all stakeholders is key in participatory processes. In addition, one should empower those who previously have been excluded from the management discourse. All this may include the development of new skills in participants and the building of new knowledge through the integration of different knowledge systems and scale.

Description of Participatory planning process

Participatory planning processes (PPP) is necessary to engage decisions-makers and target groups through offline and online forums, polls, one-to-one interviews, etc. Stakeholders must be constantly involved so PP could get precious information's and opinions.

1 PPP seminar or focus group consist by all project partners with involving their stakeholders. The decision-makers will be involved by interviews, on-line forums, or any other on-line or off line communication. In addition to this PPP, each project partner should activate at least one PPP seminar or focus group.

Involved stakeholders and main groups:

(List arranged stakeholders)

Territory involved:

Participatory planning process was organized according to the following set of activities:

(Describe process of arranging stakeholders and target groups; why you arranged it)

List of meetings/focus groups:

(List your focus groups/forums and describe it)

Photos

Conclusion

(conclusion of the focus group in few sentences)