

Network of historic pathways

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After conducting a public procurement for the assigning of the contractor to do the small-scale infrastructure work and considering all of the six received applications, the procurement committee decided that the Forestry services company Drago Marjanović has the most acceptable cost-effective and the most professional offer. A procurement procedure was set to find the supervisor for the works. After a total of 3 bids were considered, Mjesto pod Suncem d.o.o. was hired for the supervision of the construction works.

On February 24th, the work on the Town of Cres pilot action began. The small-scale construction works needed for the restoration and adaptation of the 75km historical island routes involved landscaping and clearing the pathways from overgrown vegetation and removal of the fallen rocks, all of which were done by hand and not involving any heavy machinery. The work had progressed very well due to the good weather conditions. The project team members went on field coordination and had online discussions with the supervisor in order to keep track of the construction work progress. The supervisor regularly sent the monitoring reports to the project team, followed by photos and maps, and has pointed out issues in the on-going construction work which were then promptly corrected by the constructor.

In March 2020 the construction works had to be stopped because of the COVID-19 pandemic mobility restrictions. The constructor was able to continue with the works in May, 2020. Because of the great progress which has been made in the first month of construction work, the deadline for the completion of the path clearing was not compromised, and the work was concluded respecting the predicted deadline.

The public procurement process for marking the historical trails began in March 2021. The unique hiking trail mark in the shape of the letters VA (Via Apsyrtides) was developed and the small-scale infrastructure works in the form of marking the trails needed to be done. This marked the second phase in the small-scale infrastructure works on the pilot site Cres. XPLORE Cres was hired for the job and the work began in March 2021. The project team kept a constant and intensive communication with the contractor and frequently participated in the on-site coordination as the supervisors. The contractor reported the work was done in May 2021 which the team members later confirmed, after another on-site coordination. The historical pathways are marked respecting the standards of the Croatian Mountaineering Association.

The third and final phase of the pilot action Cres consisted of instalment of thematic equipment along the 75 km network of historical pathways, which was concluded in March 2022. The construction works were done in time and a total of 41 info boards, 5 sets of benches and tables and over 40 signposts now adorn the Cres historical trails. This completes the pilot action Cres.

Link to the website: <https://viaapsyrtides.hr/#>











