



At the start the U4V Training School

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The first U4V Training School is starting in Naples from 10 to 15 of February, in the awesome Castel dell'Ovo scenery, involving about 30 trainees and 26 trainers coming from 15 countries. With the aim of training new skills for planners, decision-makers, promoters, and local development facilitators, U4V network develops, organises and conducts a one week intensive programme in Underground Built Heritage conservation and management to be held at the Castel dell'Ovo in Naples. The Training School will deal with innovative approaches to surveys, analyses, monitoring and testing in regards to Historic Urban Landscape (HUL), foster the uptake of new tools for empowering local communities, as well as for supporting planners and decision-makers. The training integrates multi-disciplinary knowledge about the underground heritage in a planning framework based on HUL, boosting new job profiles on cultural planning, strategic spatial planning, transition planning and management. These new job profiles will guarantee interaction with local communities, dissemination of innovative thinking, and methodologies for supporting the exploration of alternative social trajectories in an adaptive, forward-looking manner. Organized in lessons and tutored research teamwork modules, the school is based on scientific approaches (regional sciences, urban geography, computer sciences, and economic policy), with the input of disciplines in the humanities, for taking into account cultural issues, as well as strategies and tools for urban/rural regeneration policies, sustainable tourism, community empowerment, and UBH conservation. Finally, it will produce a training toolkit for decision-makers, practitioners, stakeholders and local communities and will integrate a procedure for testing and validating the new training and learning methods. In particular, the training will expand the HUL framework by developing new specific modules about UBH and introducing Strategic Transition Management (STM). It will provide the participants with tools for stimulating, developing and supporting real-life experiments (Living Labs) in a goal-oriented modulation, aimed at shaping processes of strategic dialogue, co-evolution and co-creation. Trainers and trainees will work together on specific topics related to four case studies, by exploring and preparing discussion arguments. These researches will provide a first moment of confrontation among participants – trainers and trainees. In particular, by applying the STM approach, students will interactively learn how to facilitate communities' dialogue, and develop new social, economic and cultural behaviours from the opportunities offered by the UBH reuse also in terms of new lifestyles.

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Values to be shared

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Underground4Value is a network of research groups working crossover Europe in close interaction with local stake holders with the aim of enhancing community values. The specific focus on the underground heritage is opening new challenges. The very topic of the Action, together with its special features, facilitates the discovery of unexpected places and opportunities, makes easier the involvement for citizens and local policy makers; stimulates the development of innovative interdisciplinary tools of survey and of intervention tested on the ground. That's why this newsletter is, first of all, a container to be filled with experiences. As swift tool to share knowledge and new strategies, this first 2020 issue introduce events, meetings and preliminary results of field studies. The Living Labs carried out at Goreme, Postojna, La Union and Naples highlight problems of conservation, tourism sustainability, involvement of local actors, but at the same time draw innovative perspectives of change. The School scheduled in Naples is a further step: the training of operators will connect studies and methodologies with actual activities of valorization. Meanwhile, **Underground4Value** is growing up: the Action has been presented in several international meetings and new partners joined us. All this allows us to look forward the 2020 with an optimistic glance and to start positively our rich program of meetings, surveys and proposals.

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