



UNDERGROUND4VALUE

## #3 U4V Newsletter

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### Notes on the First Year of Underground4value

By Giuseppe Pace

One year has already passed. Our COST Action, our challenge, was born that April 9<sup>th</sup> in Brussels, where we first met in a formal kick-off organised by the COST Association, establishing rules, fixing dates on our agenda, and deciding responsibility and tasks. In less than three months the first Working group meeting was held in beautiful port city of Ancona, with more than 60 people dialoguing about underground built heritage definitions and classifications, technologies for investigating, monitoring, and visualising cavities, caves, and archaeological sites. And after that, a local workshop introduced us to concrete needs and experiences. The website was set up and the logo was chosen, designed by an artist from Novi sad. After the summer, the number zero of newsletter was published and we started our mission of interacting with local communi-

ties characterised by underground resources not fully valorised. Four case-studies opened the way to define a methodology for developing living lab experiences. Naples, Göreme, Postojna, and La Union became niches of experimentation, visited by our experts. Then, it was the time of the Naples Training school, with the challenging experience of 30 trainees dealing with concepts and methodologies, still under-construction, and all together working passionately on real cases-studies in a cold castle hall. At the same time, the second working group meeting and Naples workshop were held. It was the last face-to-face opportunity before the covid-19. Nonetheless, this second year, thanks to limitations for meeting, will be a great opportunity for developing our digital approach and repository.

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### Looking over Covid-19

by Renata Salvarani

This issue reports on activities, lectures and researches finalised during the acute stage of the pandemic spread in many countries. Next pages are the outcome of the collective effort of the scientific group involved in the Cost Action, shared and published when we are glimpsing a general improvement in Europe: they are an incentive to look to the future with hope.

The strength of U4V is the network of scholars and professionals engaged in the challenge to deal with the heritage's valorization, matching experiences and innovative approaches. The uncertain situation due to Covid-19 makes it so necessary to enhance bonds, contacts and exchanges. Thus, keeping and fostering our research group is a major objective polarizing efforts and energies. This newsletter, as a tool to keep in touch people and ideas, is growing thanks to the contributions in the COSTS Action and is improving in contents as the activities are carried on.

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