Second Regional Course on Interpretive Planning at World Heritage properties in Europe

Phase 2 Interpretive planning workshop 19-23 September 2022, Ljubljana, Slovenia



Final programme

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Sunday 18 September - Arrival

Time	Activities	
18:00-19:00	City tour	
19:00	 Opening event (venue: the City Museum of Ljubljana) Hosted by Dr. Asta Vrečko, Minister of Culture, Republic of Slovenia Welcome addresses Blaž Peršin, Museum and Galleries of Ljubljana Gašper Hrastelj, Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO Matteo Rosati, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe Helena Vičič, European Association for Heritage Interpretation Reception and buffet dinner 	

Monday 19 September – Focus on the site

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Time	Focus	By the end of each activity, participants/teams will be:
09:00-09:30	Setting the stage	 Familiar with the course procedures and the venue
		 Excited to be part of this course
09:30-10:30	Life according to	 Familiar with each other
	plan?	 Aware that plans are often subject to change, that
		resilience is key, and that planning can also mean
		providing space for things to happen
10:30-11:15	What is heritage	- Aware of interpretation as an individual process of
	and what does it	meaning-making
	mean to interpret	 Familiar and able to use key words about heritage
	it?	management and interpretation, such as:
		 natural/ cultural, tangible/ intangible, site-/ collection-
		based, sensitive
		 stewards / stakeholders
		 authenticity and integrity
		 Able to advocate why:
		 defining anything as 'heritage' is a result of
		interpretation
		 every alteration around heritage is an interpretive act
		 one should encourage 'the people' to interpret
		 conscientiously Recognize that the interpretive profession first emerged
		from the US National Park Service
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11:15-11:30	Break	1
11:30-12:30	Meanings in a	 Conscious of the difference among the sensual perception
	nutshell	of a phenomenon, its facts and its meanings
		 Able to recognize how a phenomenon can become
		meaningful

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12:30-13:00	Meaning, frames and universals	 Cognizant of the role of universal concepts in interpretation Able to distinguish the difference between topics and interpretive themes, and what makes the latter strong More familiar with the site Acknowledging interpretation as an individual process of meaning-making that can be fostered by interpretive planning Endorsing the role of universal concepts in interpretive planning Able to connect a phenomenon with a topic, a theme and a universal concept
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:00	My personal site map	 Conscious of the aspects of a whole interpretive experience Able to develop a personal idea of the genius loci (sense of place), its notable features and past alterations More familiar with the site
15:00-15:45	How to avoid 'interpreganda'	 Identifying frames as part of our lives and understand their role in meaning-making Able to distinguish ways people are influenced by (framing, priming and agenda-setting) and reflect upon the responsibility that comes with using such tools for meaning-making
15:45-16:15	Strengthening values through planning	 Aware when cultural heritage mirrors human values Acknowledging how heritage can build values Able to explain how planning relates with values Conscious of the responsibility of an interpretive planner
16:15-16:30	Introducing the book table	 Familiar with key publications in the field of interpretive planning Able to relate authors against the background of IE's approach to interpretive planning
16:30-16:45	Break	
16:45-17:00	The IE interpretive planning framework	 Able to use the IE interpretive planning framework Aware of the differences among interpretive strategy, interpretive plan and exhibit/ programme plan In a position to define key terms of interpretive planning Prepared to link the four qualities of the interpretive triangle to the IE interpretive planning framework Developing the initial steps of an interpretive planning proposal
17:00-17:15	Assessing the framework questions for the day	Procedural activity to: - Clear up difficulties in understanding the questions - Estimate time and effort each of the questions needs

	Growing our interpretive planning proposal (Part 1 of 4)	 Able to review and put into practice this day's topics, by dealing with the designated framework questions Ready to ask questions to the site management (Day 3)
17:45-18:00	Daily flashlight	Review activity where all participants share impressions, take- aways and shortcomings of the day
18:30 – 20:00	Visit to Plečnik's House	
20:15	Organized dinner (restaurant: Gostilnica 5-6 kg, Eipprova ulica 17)	

Tuesday 20 September - Focus on the people

Time	Subjects	By the end of each activity, participants/teams will be:
09:00-09:15	Questions and suggestions	Review activity where all participants share questions, or make suggestions about the course so far
09:15-09:30	The increasing role of participation	 Aware of the significance and levels of involving people, as well as of what can be achieved when interpretation is co-created
09:30-09:45	People around the site	 Conscious of the groups lying under the title 'people' Aware of ways to collect information about stakeholders and ways to actively engage stakeholders
09:45-10:00	Stakeholders at the particular site	 Able to develop a broad overview of all stakeholders related to the particular site
10:00-10:15	Preparing takeholder interviews	 Ready to run an interview with a particular stakeholder
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:15	Conducting interviews with stakeholder representatives	 Aware of how a stakeholder interview can be run
11:15-11:30	Evaluating stakeholder interviews	 Aware of how a stakeholder interview can be analysed
11:30-11:45	Discussing results of all stakeholder interviews	 Conscious of the results of all stakeholder interviews of the particular site
11:45-12:00	Drafting a stakeholder map	 Knowing the critical parameters for drawing a stakeholder map, by preparing one for the particular site
12:00-12:30	Researching stakeholders online and from ublications	 Capable to collect stakeholder profiles from online and secondary sources

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12:30-13:00	Aligning stakeholder draft maps	 Ready to improve/finalise the stakeholder map of the particular site
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:15	How to gain information about people around heritage	 Familiar with key terms and tools for visitor analysis, and able to choose the ones most promising for a particular site
14:15-15:45	Collecting information from and about the people on site	 In a position to collect information from/ about people at the site and to draw conclusions from it
15:45-16:15	Exchanging results of the analysis	Team activity for the preparation of the interpretive proposals
16:15-16:30	Break	
16:30-16:45	Assessing the framework questions for the day	Procedural activity to: – Clear up difficulties in understanding the questions – Estimate time and effort each of the questions needs
16:45-17:45	Growing our interpretive planning proposal (Part 2 of 4)	 Able to review and put into practice this day's topics, by dealing with the designated framework questions Ready to ask questions to the site management (Day 3)
17:45-18:00	Daily flashlight	Review activity where all participants share impressions, take-aways and shortcomings of the day
19:00	Organized dinner (uHot	el restaurant, MIklošičeva cesta 3)

Wednesday 21 September - Management and interpretive services

Venue of the morning session: the City Museum of Ljubljana Venue of the afternoon session: the University of Ljubljana - Faculty of Law

Time	Subjects	By the end of each activity, participants/teams will be:
09:00-09:15	Questions and suggestions	Review activity where all participants share questions, or make suggestions about the course so far
09:15-09:45	The position of site management	 Competent to assess the management's position regarding the site
09:45-10:15	Questions to the site management	 Able to run an interview with the site management
10:15-10:30	Including findings from the previous session in the planning proposals	 Conscious of how personal observations compare with statements from the site management
10:30-10:45	Interpretive services	 Aware of the main groups of interpretive services
10:45-11:00	Break	
11:00-11:45	Getting into a visitor's shoes	 Capable to assess the interpretive services of the second site (the City Museum of Ljubljana) and to draw conclusions for the site to be planned

11:45-12:00 12:00-12:15	Introduction to the second site (the City Museum of Ljubljana) by the site management Exchange about the	 Able to assess key features and challenges of a site Cognizant of aspects and issues of the wider region
12:15-12:45	'visitor experience' Assessment of existing interpretive services	 Ready to assess interpretive services against key qualities
12:45-13:00	Exchange about the interpretive services	
13:00-14:00	Lunch and walk to the F	aculty of Law
14:00-14:15	Interpretive planning for sustainability	 Aware of the UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and Education for Sustainable Development as 'key enabler' Conscious of how sustainability is part of the course, and of human values that foster sustainable development
14:15-15:15	Addressing values through interpretive services	 Aware how values can be communicated in an exhibition
15:15-15:45	Reviewing the interpretive triangle	 Able to detect key findings on the four qualities of heritage interpretation Ready, as teams, to change from reviewing to developing
15:45-16:00	Break	
16:00-16:15	ldeas behind plans	 Cognizant of the relevance between meaning-making and interpretive planning Aware of the difference and the connection between themes and main themes
16:15-16:30	Recalling themes	 Capable to link an object to 'something bigger'
16:30-16:45	The creative leap	
16:45-17:00	Assessing the framework questions for the day	Procedural activity to: - Clear up difficulties in understanding the questions - Estimate time and effort each of the questions needs
17:00-17:45	Growing our interpretive planning proposal (Part 3 of 4)	 Able to review and put into practice this day's topics, by dealing with the designated framework questions
17:45-18:00	Daily flashlight	Review activity where all participants share impressions, take-aways and shortcomings of the day
	Free time	

Thursday 22 September – Planning (1st part)

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Time	Subjects	By the end of each activity, participants/teams will be:
09.00-09.15	Questions and	Review activity where all participants share questions, or make suggestions about the course so far
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09:15-09:55	Key qualities of	 Aware of the advantages of personal interpretation and the qualities of interpretive talks
	personal interpretation	the qualities of interpretive talks
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09:55-10:15	Varied ways of offering text	 Conscious of how non-personal interpretation benefits from quality and succinct writing
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10:15-10:45	Implemetation of interpretive services	 Inspired to use personal and non-personal interpretive services creatively
10:45-11:00	Break	Scivices creatively
11:00-12:15	Outlining interpretive services	 Capable to develop personal and non-personal services, following the four qualities of heritage interpretation
12:15-12:30	Overcoming barriers	 Aware of accessibility issues in a broader sense
		 Cognizant about the characteristics of different
		handicaps
		 Aware of rules and regulations for universal access
12:30-13:00	Providing universal	 Capable to develop interpretive services that allow
	access to heritage	universal access
	phenomena	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:30	Working with key	 Cognizant of the five attributes of a key phenomenon
	phenomena for	for sustainability
	sustainability	 Able to detect key phenomena for introducing sustainability
14:30-14:45	Evaluation – an	 Aware of the steps already taken in terms of front-end
14.50-14.45	ongoing process	evaluation
14:45-15:00	Considering the	 Distinguish front-end, formative and summative
14.45-15.00	relevance of	evaluation, and how these apply to interpretive planning
	evaluation for the	- Conscious of the importance of resilience in interpretive
	own planning	planning
	proposal	
15:00-15:15	Break	
15:15-15:30	Preparing interviews	 Ready to run an interview with an experienced
	with interpretive	interpretive planner
	planners	
15:30-16:00	Interviews with other	 Able to run an interview with an experienced
	planners	interpretive planner
16:00-16:15	Assessing the	Procedural activity to:
	framework questions	 Clear up difficulties in understanding the questions
	for the day	 Estimate time and effort each of the questions needs

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	Growing our interpretive planning proposal (Part 4 of 4)	 Able to review and put into practice this day's topics, by dealing with the designated framework questions
17:45-18:00	, ,	Review activity where all participants share impressions, take-aways and shortcomings of the day
	Free time	

Friday 23 September – Planning (2nd part) and Conclusions

Venue of the morning session: the University of Ljubljana - Faculty of Law Venue of the afternoon session: the Ljubljana Castle Venue of the closing event: the Museum of Architecture and Design Liubliana

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Time	Subjects	By the end of each activity, participants/teams will be:
09.00-09.15	Questions and suggestions	Review activity where all participants share questions, or make suggestions about the course so far
09:15-10:15	Written test	Test activity to review participants' understanding of different topics covered during the course
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:30	Preparing the presentation of the interpretive planning proposals	 Able to present an interpretive planning proposal for a heritage site, to site management, fellow planners and different stakeholders Ready to follow the presentations of peers and assess
11:30-13:00	Presentation of the interpretive planning proposals	their interpretive planning proposals
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:20	Visit of the Ljubljana Castle	
15:20-15:35	Announcing the result of the presentations and written exam	Review activity about participants' understanding of different topics covered during the course
15:35-15:50	Interpretive planning put in context	 Aware of when interpretation must be implemented in a heritage site plan, and of its relationship with planning directives Conscious of key opportunities and side-effects that interpretation adds to planning
15:50-16:35	Interpretive planning put in the context of World Heritage	 Cognizant how interpretive planning can be implemented in a World Heritage site Aware of possible opportunities a World Heritage site offers for interpretive planning
16:35-17:05	Interpretive planning at the negotiation table	 Aware of the interests different stakeholders may have Competent on how to negotiate with different people/stakeholders
17:05-17:20	Break	
17:20-17:30	My potential as an interpretive planner	 Aware of the own strengths and weaknesses as an interpretive planner
17:30-18:00	Final reflection and issue of certificate	Review activity where all participants share impressions, take- aways and shortcomings of the whole course
18:00 - 19:30	Break	
19:30 – 20:00	Transfer to the Museu	m of Architecture and Design (by city bus)
20:00 - 22:00	Closing event	 - 20.00 – 20.30 a brief introduction to the BIO27 exbibition - 20.30 – 22.00 free visit time with open buffet