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DIGITsmart



SUSTAINABLE AND SMART DIGITALIZATION IN PUBLIC SERVICE SECTOR

PROJECT PARTNERS



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project aims to address cross-border digital obstacles in retrieving archival documentation that affect various stakeholders, including local public authorities, interest groups, and the general public in Italy and Croatia. The common challenge of the programme area is the lack of digital solutions making archival heritage more accessible and usable by stakeholders.

The concept of the project

are new technological solutions for digital approach throughout digitization of the archive material with entry into the GIS system and development of a user-friendly technical platform. Digitization of documentation is urgently needed due to the development of the use of digital access in the public sector and easier accessibility to citizens and other interested parties.

Programme Output Indicator

City of Kastela, Romagna Tech and GIUSEPPE DI VAGNO FOUNDATION together with interested stakeholders will sign joint administrative agreement for transferability of results – Memorandum of Understanding.

The availability of archival material to citizens through easy access will greatly benefit the entire population of Croatia and Italy. The results of the DIGITsmart project will be used by the general public, all stakeholders developed within the project and beyond, and all interested parties who have the right to view digitalized materials.

Approach

- 1.** First of all, partners will commonly design and implement a needs analysis on the digitization of documents, in terms of dimension of the documents, their characteristics, the uses for which digitization has to be made, etc.
- 2.** Then, based on the findings of the analysis carried out by City of Kastela and GIUSEPPE DI VAGNO FOUNDATION, Romagna Tech, with the inputs of the whole partnership, will design and implementation technology scouting defining the technological framework that could be applied. The guidelines will serve to design a demo platform as a new technological solution for documents digitization.
- 3.** Based on the findings of the analysis carried out in previous step, which will focus not only on the number of documents but also on their characteristics, state and the needs for their digitization, Romagna Tech will carry out a technology scouting so as to share some different technological solutions.
- 4.** A plenary workshop will be organized with stakeholders and internal staff of partners City of Kastela and GIUSEPPE DI VAGNO FOUNDATION, included Romagna Tech, so as to illustrate the different choices and have a discussion about them. A decision will be made on the technological solution that best fits the needs for digitization expressed in the analysis.

5. Romagna Tech will then provide Guidelines for digitization of archive materials, including the scouting results and with a specific focus on the selected technology. The Guidelines will also provide technical information on procedures and the process for digitization. This Guidelines will be available for public and stakeholders and could be used for digitization processes of other organizations.
6. A demo platform will be designed by Romagna Tech, based on the shared needs and the selected technological solution. The demo platform will represent the common architecture that LP will use to carry out their testing activity concerning the digitization process of their documents.
7. Based on the guidelines developed in previous steps, two pilot actions will be implemented:

Pilot 1 – Digitization of archive materials: City of Kastela and GIUSEPPE DI VAGNO FOUNDATION will follow the guidelines of previous step to set up and implement the digitization of building (City of Kastela) and historical/cultural material (GIUSEPPE DI VAGNO FOUNDATION). City of Kastela will digitize the archive in two parts (the first category of building permits from 1954 to 1967 and the second category of building permits from 1968 to the present). All together it will result developing the demo user-friendly technical platform for digitization. Also, for digital entry into the GIS system for City of Kastela. PP3 GIUSEPPE DI VAGNO FOUNDATION will digitize part of its historical and cultural archive material (printed book collections, archival, documentary

and iconographic collections). The material in question comes from donations or deposits of scholars and bibliophiles, as well as personalities relevant to the civil and social history of Puglia region in the 20th century. The preserved books and documentary heritage represents the largest collection present in the area for the study of socialist history and thought. GIUSEPPE DI VAGNO FOUNDATION will upload the digitalized material on its reengineered website.

Pilot 2 – Technical platform hosting the digitalized material: the platform will serve the City of Kastela as a technical channel to all stakeholders, general public and all interested parties in the area of the City of Kastela, the region, the state and beyond. All information of the City of Kastela in general will be published on the platform as a link between project results and needs of stakeholders, general public and stakeholders outside the project after the project ends. It will be specific web platform only for solutions or functionalities that will be impossible to implement with the programme website. A section on the platform will be devoted to PP3 digitalized material. Romagna Tech will support the pilot actions as it concerns the correct adoption of technologies and implementation of the digitization activities.

8. Raising awareness among stakeholders and citizens on the benefits of digitization services of archive materials, in terms of increased accessibility and user friendliness. Training events and informal happenings involving a wide range of stakeholders will be organized. Education through the workshops for citizens and stakeholders will be organized in City of Kastela.

Citizens: elder people, disabled people, etc.

Stakeholders: SME's, enterprises, NGO's, local public authorities, regional public authority, sectorial agencies, other (staff), cultural associates.

GIUSEPPE DI VAGNO FOUNDATION will organize a physical multimedia exhibition in Conversano with part of the photographic archival documents that have been digitized. Creating networks and transferability of results will be created on the project website and the digital solution that will emerge as a product of DIGITsmart project.

Project duration



3 partners from 2 countries



Project start:
1st August 2023



Project end:
31st December 2024



Duration:
17 months

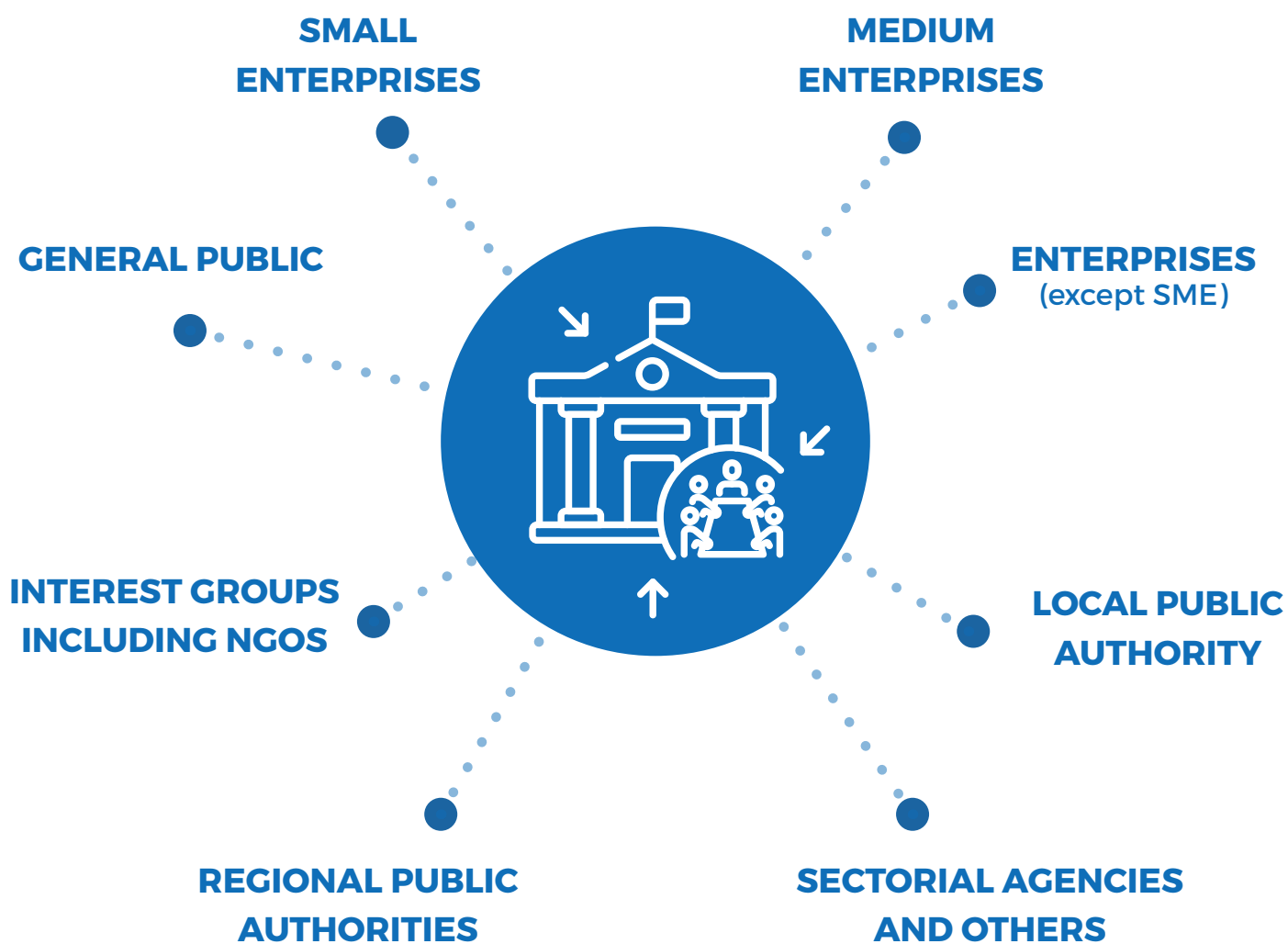


ERDF budget:
199.698,00 EUR



Total eligible budget:
249.850,00 EUR

8 target groups



Who we are?

The project partnership is formed according to the principles of added value of each individual partner to project activities and final results. The intention is to include stakeholders in the field of archive and development, SMEs, NGOs, enterprises, regional public authority, local public authorities, sectorial agencies and others combining all three project partners:



**CITY OF KAŠTELA,
CROATIA**
Lead partner



**ROMAGNA TECH,
ITALY**



**GIUSEPPE DI VAGNO
FOUNDATION,
ITALY**

Also, the goal was to include project partners in the mentioned program area. The partners were carefully selected to contribute to the development of the project idea with their added value. Also, in order to exchange different and valuable experiences of approaching the project topic in different contexts.



Find out more of DIGITsmart project:
<https://www.italy-croatia.eu/web/digitsmart>



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