

## Draft proposal

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**1. Project title:** Transversal lands: abbeys and large rivers

**2. Acronym:** TransLands

**3. Programme:** Interreg III B Cadses.  
Priority 3 (Landscape, natural and cultural heritage)  
Measure 3.3 (Protecting and developing landscape)

### 4. Project description

In Europe, landscape reflects the interaction between men and nature since many millennia. Thus landscape is important not only at historical level – since it shows how people have interacted with it through the centuries, reflecting the peoples’ history – but also at cultural level - being a major component of the cultural heritage of European peoples – and at socio-economical level – representing an important factor in the determination of life quality in different European areas as well as in the development of economic activities and local tourism.

According to the European Landscape Convention, which has been adopted on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2000, landscape contributes to the creation of local culture and it represents a basic component of the European natural and cultural heritage, also promoting the consolidation of European identity.

Some Italian regions share a common cultural heritage and landscape with other European countries: one of the most striking common features consists in the presence of historical Abbeys Cistercian in areas near water courses and rivers of European importance, minor cities located on important routes linking big cities. They are considered as *transversal lands* with respect to the main lines of mobility, nevertheless enjoying important cultural and economic resources, such as the abbeys and the rivers, craftsmanship, etc. They represented an important link between territories, the mediation between local cultures.

Cistercian Abbeys have been usually built in areas where "the waters" (water courses or important rivers) and flat territories played a fundamental role. In fact, Cistercian monks chose to establish their residences in the valleys, even if in ancient times they were swampy and unhealthy and needed hard and constant work to render them productive land. Territories and valleys where Cistercian Abbeys are still placed are extremely important both from an artistic and cultural point of view and are part of the cultural heritage and landscape of the area. Nevertheless, very little work has been done to protect what can be considered one of the most remarkable cultural ensemble bringing together buildings, landscape and local identity. For this reason, they run the risk of being neglected, trivialized and even destroyed. This project aims at overcoming this risk, by promoting the *transversal lands*’ cultural identity and fostering the preservation and valorisation of their cultural heritage and landscape by means of transnational integrated spatial strategies. As a result, the improvement of the inhabitants’ life quality, social cohesion and the tourist and economic sustainable development of the transversal lands will be guaranteed.

### 5. Project objectives

- creation and development of a permanent European network for the promotion of the *transversal lands*
- transnational connection of European *transversal lands*: creation of routes/itineraries with the employment of common signals (cultural routes, cycling itineraries, etc)
- creation of common memory places/houses for the collection and preservation of farmers’ culture (objects and documentary materials, etc)
- *transversal lands* competition for schools
- exhibitions on *transversal lands*

- International conference
- multilingual website
- promotional material: posters, brochures, leaflets

## **6. Duration**

24 months (May 2006 – May 2008)

## **7. Budget (indicative)**

Project overall budget €1.200.000

The budget available to single partners is not yet defined and depends on the number of partners, from their actual involvement in project activities and from their origin (objective 1 or objectives 2 regions )

### **Rate of co-financing** (*see table attached for details*):

- 75% for objective 1 partners;
- 50% for non objective partners in other EU countries;

## **8. Partnership**

The applicant: Province of Piacenza (Emilia Romagna Region – ITALY)

Other partners: Comune di Fiorenzuola d’Arda (Emilia Romagna Region – ITALY)

### Partners searched for:

Municipalities, Provinces, Regions, Cultural Institutes interested in and/or located nearby Cistercian Abbeys, from the following countries:

Poland  
Hungary  
Bulgaria  
Czech Republic  
Romania  
Slovakia  
Austria  
Germany

### **Priority information needed (best before 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2005):**

- Information about the interest from the partners
- Indications from all partners about co-financing capacity, possible actions .....

## PROJECT FUNDING RATES

### 1. EU Member States

Country	Region	NUTS II code	Objective	Maximum eligible ERDF funding rate (%)
AUSTRIA	BURGENLAND	AT 11	1	50
	NIEDERÖSTERREICH	AT 12	2	50
	WIEN	AT 13	2	50
	KÄRNTEN	AT 21	2	50
	STEIERMARK	AT 22	2	50
	OBERÖSTERREICH	AT 31	2	50
	SALZBURG	AT 32	2	50
	TIROL	AT 33	2	50
	VORARLBERG	AT 34	2	50
CZECH REPUBLIC	PRAHA	Cz 01	2	50
	STREDNI CECHY	CZ 02	1	75
	JIHOZAPAD	CZ 03	1	75
	SEVEROZAPAD	CZ 04	1	75
	SEVEROVYCHOD	CZ 05	1	75
	JIHOVYCHOD	CZ 06	1	75
	STREDNI MORAVA	CZ 07	1	75
	MORAVSKOSLEZSKO	CZ 08	1	75
GERMANY	BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG	DE 11-14	2	50
	BAYERN	DE 21-27	2	50
	BERLIN	DE 30	2	50
	BRANDENBURG	DE 41-42	1	75
	MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN	DE 80	1	75
	SACHSEN	DED 1-3	1	75
	SACHSEN-ANHALT	DEE 1-3	1	75
	THÜRINGEN	DEG 0	1	75
HUNGARY	KÖZÉP-MAGYARORSZÁG	HU 10	1	75
	KÖZÉP-DUNÁNTÚL	HU 21	1	75
	NYUGAT-DUNÁNTÚL	HU 22	1	75
	DEL-DUNÁNTÚL	HU 23	1	75
	ÉSZAK-MAGYARORSZÁG	HU 31	1	75
	ÉSZAK-ALFÖLD	HU 32	1	75
	DÉL-ALFÖLD	HU 33	1	75
ITALY	LOMBARDIA	ITC 4	2	50
	TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE	ITD 2	2	50
	VENETO	ITD 3	2	50
	FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA	ITD 4	2	50
	EMILIA-ROMAGNA	ITD 5	2	50
	UMBRIA	ITE 2	2	50
	MARCHE	ITE 3	2	50
	ABRUZZO	ITF 1	2	50
	MOLISE	ITF 2	1	50
	PUGLIA	ITF 4	1	50

	<b>BASILICATA</b>	<b>ITF 5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>
POLAND	LODZKIE	PL 11	1	75
	MAZOWIECKIE	PL 12	1	75
	MALOPOLSKIE	PL 21	1	75
	SLASKIE	PL 22	1	75
	LUBELSKIE	PL 31	1	75
	PODKARPACKIE	PL 32	1	75
	SWIETOKRZYSKIE	PL 33	1	75
	PODLASKIE	PL 34	1	75
	WIELKOPOLSKIE	PL 41	1	75
	ZACHODNIOPOMORSKIE	PL 42	1	75
	LUBUSKIE	PL 43	1	75
	DOLNOSLASKIE	PL 51	1	75
	OPOLSKIE	PL 52	1	75
	KUJAWSKO-POMORSKIE	PL 61	1	75
	WARMINSKO-MAZURSKIE	PL 62	1	75
	POMORSKIE	PL 63	1	75
SLOVAKIA	<b>BRATISLAVSKY</b>	<b>SK 01</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>50</b>
	ZAPADNE SLOVENSKO	SK 02	1	75
	STREDNE SLOVENSKO	SK 03	1	75
	VYCHODNE SLOVENSKO	SK 04	1	75

## **2. Non-EU Member States**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Regions</b>	<b>EU funding source</b>	<b>Maximum eligible EU funding rate (%)</b>
BULGARIA	THE WHOLE COUNTRY	PHARE	75
ROMANIA	THE WHOLE COUNTRY	PHARE	75