

WaVE - EU subsidy for water-related heritage

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WaVE is the project that seeks to utilize and revalue heritage on and around water. The partners thus not only want to preserve and further develop heritage and nature, but also expect side effects such as socio-economic growth and climate adaptation. WaVE stands for Water-linked heritage Valorization by developing an Ecosystemic approach. Together with various partners in Europe, we are looking at which policy instruments can be used to utilize heritage values in this way and what the effect of these policy strategies is.

WaVE and Breda

In the coming years, Breda has a large number of tasks with regard to water, greenery and heritage, for example in relation to climate adaptation. Breda is historically interwoven with water, with its development linked to its medieval inner city that is located at the place where the rivers Mark and Aa meet. The watercourses brought Breda political and economic prosperity for centuries and created an area rich in water-related heritage sites. This historical landscape around the River Mark, from Belgium to the Biesbosch is regarded, from a heritage perspective, as the blueprint for the upcoming challenges. Protection, management and conservation must go hand in hand with innovative and sustainable developments in order to achieve the objectives in the field of water, greenery and heritage.

Planning and budget

The project lasts 36 months (1 August 2019 to 1 August 2022). The total budget amounts to € 1,273,535.25 and is divided among the European partners who have similar tasks with regard to heritage and water, supported by scientific institutes. The municipality of Breda has € 417,961 at its disposal.

Partners

The partners in the WaVE project are the municipalities of Ravenna (Italy) and Århus (Denmark), The province of Alicante (Spain), the Ister-Granum region (Hungary-Slovakia Euregio) and the knowledge institutes Certimac (Italy) and Delft University of Technology . Breda is the lead partner of the project.

Interreg Europe Environment and resource efficiency

The subsidy for the WaVE project falls under the Interreg Europe Environment and resource efficiency cooperation program. This cooperation program offers opportunities for partners and stakeholders to investigate how natural and cultural heritage can be better protected. In addition, it can be investigated how sustainable use can be made of scarce resources so that natural and cultural heritage can contribute to climate and socio-economic goals.