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ACTION 1. Application of research-based models for site management to extend the summer season in the Kuršių nerija (Curonian Spit) national park

- **Sub-action 1.1.** *Installation of the living barrier at the selected pilot site south of Nida*
 - **Activity 1.1.1.** *Acquisition of permissions for installations. Finished by 2018 spring.*

Permits required	Relevant laws	State authority
Permit for the construction in the coastal zone	LR Inland Waterways Code for Inland Waterways Managers	Neringa Municipality
Permit for the construction in the waterways and port areas	LR Inland Waterways Code for Inland Waterways Managers	Environmental Protection Agency
Environmental Impact Assessment	LR Planned Economic Activity EIA Act	Klaipeda Regional Environmental Protection Agency

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 - **Activity 1.1.2.** *Assessment of site-specific hydrodynamic and meteorological conditions*
 - On-going process.
 - Gather information regarding environmental conditions and location factors.
 - Water depth, water level fluctuations, waves and currents influence anchoring.
 - Take into account regional fisheries, tourism, maritime traffic and nature protection areas in order to prevent spatial conflicts of use.

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- **Sub-action 1.1.** *Installation of the living barrier at the selected pilot site south of Nida*
 - **Activity 1.1.3.** *Design of the installation*
 - Finished in spring of 2018.



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- **Sub-action 1.1.** *Installation of the living barrier at the selected pilot site south of Nida*
 - **Activity 1.1.4.** *Physical installation of floating structures*



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- **Sub-action 1.1.** *Installation of the living barrier at the selected pilot site south of Nida*
 - **Activity 1.1.5.** *Preparation of Best Practice Guidelines for the installed structures*
 - Material is collected on plant growth and nutrient accumulation on artificial substrates in the Curonian Lagoon.
 - Reed is collected at the start of installation and in the end of the growth season and will measure nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations in different parts of the plants (stems, leaves and roots).

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- ***Deliverable 1.1.2. Guidelines for installation and maintenance of the floating islands***
 - At the end of the growing season the plants of the “living barrier” pilot installation in Nida, Curonian lagoon, were harvested and are now in the laboratory for nutrient analysis. Surprising was the large amount of zebra mussels attached to the roots.
 - This adds to the total nutrient removal capacity of the floating installation: Nutrient concentrations in the mussels are approximately 1% nitrogen and 0,1% phosphorus. Over only two summer months an average of 54 g mussels was attached to a single of a willow, which could be converted to 540 mg of nitrogen and 43 mg of phosphorus.

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Sub-action 1.2. Stocktaking of the current population of the natterjack toad

Population of the natterjack toad has been reviewed and the Microecosystem of natterjack toad has been prepared.



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- **Sub-action 1.3.** *Evaluation of the technical feasibility and effectiveness of the living barriers for nutrient removal and E. coli degradation in the shallow Curonian Lagoon foreshore promoting the reduction of eutrophication problems.*

Evaluation activities are still on the process

<https://www.europarc.org/news/2019/08/plant-living-barriers-lithuania/>



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- ***Sub-action 2.1. Development of sustainable heritage tourism***
 - ***Activity 2.1.1. Collecting and collating best tourism management practices at UNESCO sites.***
 - A study “STOCKTAKING OF BEST MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM PRACTICES OF COASTAL CULTURAL WORLD HERITAGE SITES” is prepared using those methods:
 1. Inventory and typology of coastal and hinterland cultural UNESCO World Heritage sites worldwide.
 2. Stocktaking and content analysis of the documents highlighting good multi-level governance and sustainable tourism development practices at coastal and hinterland cultural World Heritage sites.
 3. Analysis of differences and similarities, and eliciting of the best practices in multi-level governance and sustainable tourism development at the coastal and hinterland cultural World Heritage sites worldwide.

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- ***Sub-action 2.1. Development of sustainable tourism***
 - The study on sustainable tourism is prepared where:
 1. Typology of coastal cultural World Heritage sites was provided.
 2. Coastal cultural World Heritage sites that are in danger were specified.

Deliverable 2.1.1 is performed.



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- **Sub-action 2.1. Development of sustainable tourism**
 - **Deliverable 2.1.1.** *A report on best practices regarding the multi-level governance of sustainable tourism is prepared.*
 - Pre-feasibility synthesis of the South Baltic coastal UNESCO world cultural heritage tourism strategy is analyzed.
 - Literature on coastal cultural world heritage sites was reviewed.
 - Benchmarking of best practices of coastal cultural heritage sites was provided.

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- ***Sub-action 2.1. Development of sustainable tourism***
 - ***Activity 2.1.2. Producing of a baseline study for monitoring of sustainable tourism.***
 - ***Deliverable 2.1.1. A baseline study for monitoring sustainable tourism development***

A full Baseline Study, has been completed. There were analyzed best practices of UNESCO World Coastal Cultural Heritage tourism development with different levels of strategy and management. The concrete insights on the possibilities to use and maintain the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage and the possible directions of further investigations and practical recommendations are provided in the Baseline Study.

Activity 2.1.3. Approval and kick-off of the sustainable tourism scheme

- ***Deliverable 2.1.3. A sustainable tourism scheme***

The Sustainable tourism scheme is developed and agreed with stakeholders.

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- ***Sub-action 2.2. The development of high-quality sustainable tourism products/services***
 - ***Activity 2.2.1. Performing a Think Tank on Sustainable Entrepreneurship.***
 - ***Deliverable 2.2.1. Concept 'Sustainable Entrepreneurship' established.***
 - As part of a one day 'Lithuanian Protected Areas' event, DUNC was hosting activities to promote good tourism practices at the UNESCO World heritage site 'The Curonian Spit'. The idea of the event is to facilitate an exchange of good ideas as well as to highlight the challenges faced by the sensitive Curonian Spit destination.
 - Activities include a big bike tour through part of the Curonian Spit – Juodkrante – Nida. The DUNC team will analyze what kind of bicycle products/services would be beneficial, seasonality challenges and what could be realized within the DUNC framework.

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- ***Sub-action 2.2. The development of high-quality sustainable tourism products/services***
 - ***Activity 2.2.2. Performing a Think Tank on the concept of a label 'Baltic World Heritage & friends'.***
 - ***Deliverable 2.2.3 'Baltic World Heritage & friends' token developed and acclaimed internationally.***

<https://www.dunc-heritage.eu/become-a-friend-of-the-dunc-project/>

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- **Sub-action 2.3. Health & Nature trips in protected areas**
 - **Activity 2.3.1. Performing a Think Tank on Sustainable Ambassadorship**
 - **Deliverable. 2.3.1. The concept of Sustainable ambassadorships established.**

At the Curonian Spit National Park, many actors working in the natural, cultural, scientific and historical sector were invited to become local ambassadors of their internationally well-known heritage. It was decided to split the ambassadorship into three different categories:

Gold dunes ambassadors – ORGANIZATIONS

Grey dunes ambassadors – INDIVIDUAL PERSONS

White dunes ambassadors – GROUPS, FAMILIES

32 ambassadors – including organizations, folklore ensembles, families, individual persons were recognised during a ceremony by the National Park director Ausra Feser.

All three levels of ambassadors will frame the Curonian Spit's Ambassadors Club, which will be coordinated by CSNP Administration. In the near future, other actors will be able to join the club and it is also expected that some of the actors will be trained to be professional ambassadors

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- *Activity 2.3.2. Interactive Lab: Social Media Marketing Activity.*
- *Deliverable 2.3.2. Two information campaigns will be performed targeting citizens.*

Still on the process

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- ***Sub-action 2.3. Health & Nature trips in protected areas***
 - ***Activity 2.3.3. Develop and test educational actions Activity.***
 - ***Deliverable 2.3.3. Promotion of sustainable ambassadorship***

 - ***Activity 2.3.4 Social Media Campaign***
 - ***Deliverable 2.3.4. A multi-annual agreement will be established between the Kuršių Nerija National Park administration and volunteering local, regional, and national ambassadors***

Will be finished in December 2019.



ACTION 3. Community Involvement Initiative in Pajūrio (Littoral) Regional Park

- ***Sub-action 3.1 Involving of local stakeholders in sharing their knowledge.***
 - ***Activity 3.1.1. Organisation of local meetings in the Karklė Community***
 - ***Deliverable 3.1.1. Four information meetings and workshops***

 - ***Activity 3.1.2. Preparation of a comprehensive international meeting***
 - ***Deliverable 3.1.2. A comprehensive two-day international meeting in Karklė***

Local meeting



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- **Sub-action 3.1** *Involving of local stakeholders in sharing their knowledge.*
 - **Activity 3.1.3.** *Hosting a comprehensive international meeting*
 - **Deliverable 3.1.3.** *A comprehensive two-day international stakeholders meeting in Karklė.*
 - **Activity 3.1.4.** *Collecting and describing best practice examples*
 - **Activity 3.1.5.** *Building of the Development and Distribution System*
 - **Deliverable 3.1.3.** *The database of the best practice examples of community initiatives in coastal protected areas*

A research "Community Initiatives and Tourism in Protected Areas. Analysis of current status as a basis for cross-border cooperation" has been completed. It was developed in march, 2019.





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- ***Sub-action 3.2. Reviving of a local traditional event***
 - ***Activity 3.2.1. Development of the outdoor event programme***
 - ***Activity 3.2.2. Organisation and implementation of the outdoor event***
 - ***Activity 3.2.3. Promotion of the outdoor event***
 - ***Activity 3.2.4. Integration of the outdoor event into the future activity plan***

- ***Deliverable 3.2.1. Local stakeholders create a detailed programme for the outdoor event***
- ***Deliverable 3.2.1. The outdoor event highlighting ecosystem services***





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- **Sub-action 3.3.** *Involving of local community in NATURA 2000 site management activities*
 - **Activity 3.3.1.** *Maintenance of the natural flood cycles*
 - **Activity 3.3.2.** *Re-naturalisation of wet forests*
 - **Activity 3.3.3.** *Investigating of an impact of the local herd of red deer in the fenced area on grassland vegetation*
 - **Activity 3.3.4.** *Installation of bat boxes in the mature forests*

 - **Deliverable 3.3.1.** *Study assessing possibilities and effects of possible reintroduction of the natural flood cycles in coastal wetlands*
 - **Deliverable 3.3.2.** *Study highlighting the impact of the local herd of red deer in the fenced area on grassland vegetation*
 - **Deliverable 3.3.3.** *Five bat boxes in different habitats of the mature forests*

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Horses of a local Samogitian breed in the Littoral regional park



Amber catching in the baltic



Bikers at a birdwatching hide in the Littoral regional park





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