REDERA Revitalization and enterpreneurship for deprived rural áreas in Europe

CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF GOOD PRACTICES

1.- Name of the practice:

Digi-FdB, the digital fort

2.- Objectives and challenges tackled, according to RedEra Application Form (between 500 – 1000 characters)

The "Digi-FdB: the digital fort" is a small projec,t born initially from the voluntary action of a group of local young people who asked the Municipality to be able to reopen the manor and start a process of digitization.

Forte Colle delle Benne is one of the Austro-Hungarian fortifications that are part of the Fortress of Trento (Festung Trient). It is located in the municipal area of Levico Terme, in the province of Trento, one of the 41 municipalities involved in the local development strategy of the Eastern Trentino LAG. It is an area with a strong agricultural and tourist vocation.

This territory is characterized by the presence of important bathing lakes (Levico and Caldonazzo) and by renowned thermal baths, such as Levico and Roncegno. The area has a good network of infrastructures for "outdoor" activities, a rich network of routes for MTB and hiking, which attract enthusiasts in the summer season. It is an area with a rich offer, mostly based on natural resources, not anchored to local identity and cultural factors. It is precisely with the aim of strengthening the links between agriculture, environment and tourism that the Province of Trento has concentrated the intervention of the Leader local development, financed through the 2014-2020 RDP, in those areas that most need an integrated approach. also capable of encouraging the creation of an innovative offer and employment opportunities for the younger sections of the population.

The practice is enjoying considerable success and significantly increasing visits to the manor.

The involvement of local young people and the networking action made it possible to strengthen the stock of skills and know-how available to small local beneficiaries. In fact, the youth association benefiting from the project was able to count both on the skills of the researchers of the University of Trento, for the development of a game calibrated on the cognitive needs of users with SLD, and on the technical skills of the LAG, for administrative management of the project. The latter is a particularly burdensome aspect for the beneficiaries of rural development policy interventions who, in the face of the economic contribution, must comply with a complex legislation and procedure.

To these elements is added the listening action carried out during the preparation of the Strategy and the animation and information that accompanied the publication of the calls and that contributed to the emergence and implementation of project proposals capable of encouraging innovation processes and opportunities for employment in the most advanced sectors.

3.- Brief description of the practice: (between 400 and 600 characters

The project, carried out in the Forte Colle delle Benne di Levico, is a small project born initially from the voluntary action of a group of young locals who asked the Municipality to be able to reopen the manor, to start a digitalization process structured in three new tour itineraries designed for different target groups: families with children, school groups and categories of disadvantaged subjects, such as children with dyslexia. Thanks to the use of a series of games and interactive guides, the visitor is offered an active experience that virtually engages him in the management of the Fort.

Central and innovative element of the project, in addition to the creation of an application to support the visit and installation of QR-Code, is the creation of an inclusive video game, "Skies of Manawak", designed for cognitive training to support the treatment of children (7-13 years) with Specific Learning Disorders (SLD) and inserted in tablets made available to visitors. The video game was developed with the collaboration of two young researchers from the University of Trento who thus had the opportunity to see an experimental tool applied in practice. Therefore, in accordance with the most recent research on the subject of SLD, the video game integrates cognitive training into the general narrative of a game, providing an experience that is both engaging and effective. "Skies of Manawak" integrates a series of scientifically validated exercises into a real game narrative in the form of mini-games.

4.- Among the following descriptions, which one will fit best to the practice?:

A) It is a practice developed:

- ☑ In a rural area (according to inhabitants, evolution of population, economic sectors…)
- ☐ In an urban environment but with an impact in surrounding rural areas
- ☐ Sectorial

Other Comments(between 450 and 600 characters)

B) Target public of the practice

- ☑ Young people, in general
- ☐ Young people at work
- ☐ Unemployed young people
- ☐ Workers
- ☐ Unemployed people, in general
- ☐ Long term unemployed people
- ☐ Specific groups
- ☐ Other

C) Transferibility of the practice

- ☑ Very high

☐ High
☐ Low

D) Which is the source of this practice

☐ Private initiative
☑ Public initiative
☐ Collective initiative

E) Agents involved ✷ Local administration

☑ Local administration
☐ Regional administration
☐ Companies
☐ Employers' associations
☐ Unions
☑ Civil Society Organizations (CSO)
☐ Others

F) What type of role, do the agents indicated in the previous question, play

☑ Funders
☐ Stakeholders
☐ Companies that take part in the offer of practices for young people

G) Sustainability of the practice (environmental, social and economic)

H) How is the gender approach considered in the practice?

☐ It fosters the participation of women through positive measures due to the lack of female participation in the sector
☑ Participants are gender balanced : Depends on the year Participants are balanced between men and women
☐ More women taking part for any other reason Local administration

I)   Is it an inclusive practice?

- ☐ It gather people with different capacities
- ☐ It focuses in specific collectives
- ☑ It promotes inclusiveness in the territory . Yes It facilitates the conditions for the territory to be inclusive (elimination of physical, psychological and/or cultural barriers)

5.- Please, highlight some of the main results obtained to date

The distinctive factors of the project are:

- the enhancement of the rural heritage, for the ability of the project to recover the identity bond of the populations with their own territory and transform it into development opportunities through the use of the characteristic elements of the local rural heritage (history, culture, architecture).

- Networking that allows to strengthen the stock of skills and know-how at the disposal of small local beneficiaries.

- Role of Leader approach and LAG in scouting action aimed at bringing out and implementing project proposals, that can favor innovation processes and employment opportunities in the most advanced sectors.