

International projects



WATER "SHAPES". Meanings, uses and the architectural works of the most precious gift

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Tarraco (ES)



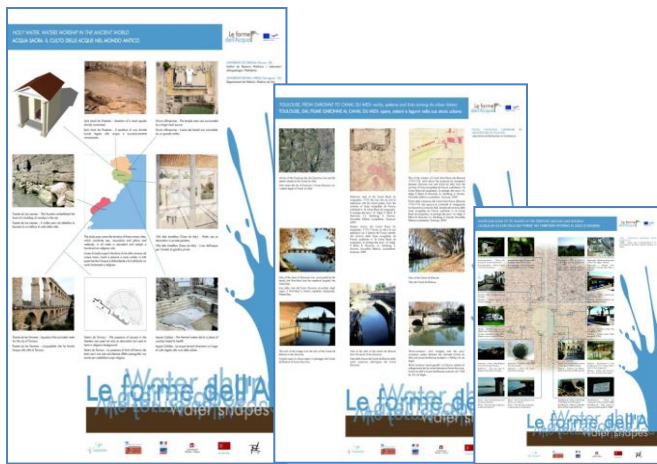
Braga (PT)



Toulouse (FR)

Activities:

- The project's kick off workshop was held in Bolsena (IT), on 3 December, 2010.
- Workshop *A água na região de Braga*, Braga (PT), on 25 March 2011.
- Workshop *Aquae sacrae. Agua y sacralidad en época antigua*, Girona (ES), on 12-13 July 2011.
- Workshop *Les "formes" de l'eau. Significations, usages et architectures du bien le plus précieux*, Toulouse (FR), on 14 October 2011.
- An international Conference at the end of project activities *Water Cultural Heritage: Enhancement Strategies/Patrimonio culturale legato all'acqua: strategie di valorizzazione* Roma (IT), on 2 March 2012.
- A photographic exhibition took place in each meeting and conferences showing project's case-studies.
- A web site gave informations about the project and the planned activities.
- A thematic archive on web created a systematic knowledge base of the subject (www.waterwikipedia.org).
- Virtual Tours on web were created to enhance water monuments relative to project case studies (<http://www.waterwikipedia.org/public/tours.php>).
- Publications:
 - ✓ Costa A., Palahi Grimal L., Vivó D. (eds.), *AQUAE SACRAE. Agua y sacralidad en la antigüedad*, Girona 2011.
 - ✓ Genovese L., *La strategia dell'acqua tra tardo-antico e medioevo. Il caso Campania*, Roma 2012.
 - ✓ Martins M., Meireles J., do Carmo Ribeiro M., Magalhães F., Braga C., *Agua. Um patrimonio de Braga*, Braga 2012.
 - ✓ Porfyriou H., Genovese L. (eds.), *Water shapes. Strategie di conservazione e valorizzazione del patrimonio culturale legato all'acqua*, Roma 2012.

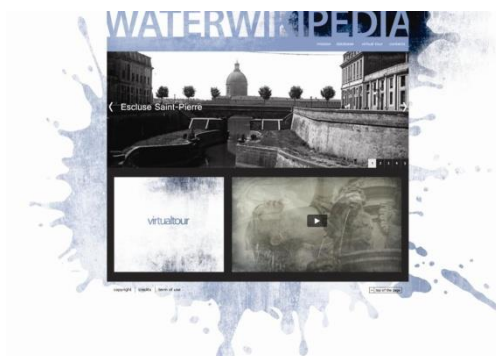


Photographic exhibition related to project case studies

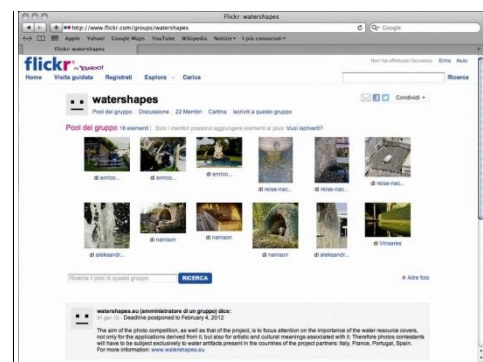


Publications

Climate changes and the growing scarcity of water in our part of the world makes it increasingly urgent to reflect on the fundamental role of water sources, all the more so in Euro-Mediterranean countries, where historical identity is based on a constant relation with water. The principal aim of this project is therefore to focus on the importance of water, not only concerning its uses but also in relation to the cultural and artistic meanings it has assumed over time. In fact the project's originality lies in capturing the character of water resource as a cultural asset, to be preserved and enhanced in its multiple aspects, related to the symbols to which it has been associated, to its traditional uses, to the settlement modes it has influenced, to the architectural forms and structures it inspired in the daily needs of its exploitation.



WaterWikipedia



Photographic contest

Six partners from the Euro-Mediterranean region - Italy, Spain, Portugal and France - aim to give their contribution regarding the cultural and material "forms" that water assumes in their respective countries by identifying and analysing the most characteristic and representative cases selected over a period of time ranging from Antiquity to the XIX century.

By identifying general thematic categories, enriched by the content of field research carried out by the various partners, the aim is to:

- create a systematic knowledge base of the subject (disseminating it through workshop, seminars and the publication on the web of a thematic archive);
- preserve and enhance tangible and intangible assets connected to water (by creating touring itineraries, Virtual Tours, photographic exhibitions and artistic performances on the theme of water);
- create and stimulate awareness at a European and extra-European level of the necessity to preserve and enhance these tangible and intangible assets related to water by using the above-mentioned tools.

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École Nationale Supérieure de Architecture de Toulouse (FR)

Universidade do Minho (PT)

Universitat de Tarragona (ES)

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Project web site: www.watershapes.eu

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