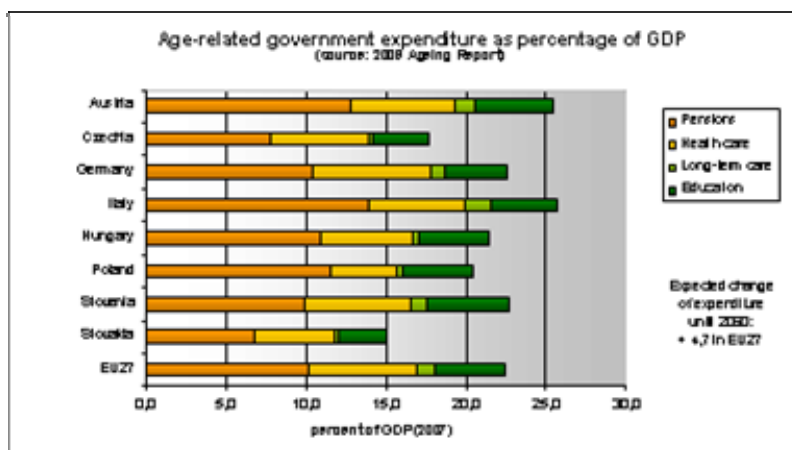




The ADAPT2DC project develops transferable **strategies** for innovative solutions for **services and infrastructure** in **shrinking regions** and cities from **Germany, Czechia, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Slovenia**

Ageing and population shrinkage in the Central European regions and cities have strong impact on public resources. The expenditure on pensions, health care, long-term care and education is estimated to be substantially higher by 2060 (graph).

The adjustment of the management and standards of public services and infrastructure is necessary. This is why ADAPT2DC focuses on **measures to rationalize** and adapt infrastructure and services to shrinkage and ageing.



In **spring 2013**, all pilot actions are on track. All partners have held the regional workshops in their countries and have taken the initial steps for the implementation of the pilot actions. The different pilot actions will be presented in the upcoming newsletters.

In addition, the socio-economic background report – with the demographic analysis of all regions in Central Europe – is nearly finished.

Spotlight on: pilot action Czechia

»Searching for new opportunities to improve living conditions of the mountain region Vejprty«

The border area around the Ore Mountains named Vejprty is a rural mountainous area, characterized by small settlements with predominantly older population. The pilot action takes place in the municipality of Vejprty: more than 13,000 people lived here before World War II and today this number has dropped to 3,000. This decrease was due to the displacement of the German population after World War II. Since 2001 the population has stabilized, but a second factor started to gain importance - population aging. The local government is currently trying to react to the changes and support development via international projects. This is successful due to the direct neighborhood with Saxony. Despite these efforts, there are many abandoned, unused or only partially used buildings.

The operating costs are a burden for the municipalities, especially the heating costs. The aim of the pilot action is to **find possibilities to reduce heating costs and to find a rationale, cost saving use** for the three

selected buildings. Usability studies and energy audits will be carried out for all three buildings with estimation on possibilities how to significantly reduce the public expenditure for the City of Vejprty. (from: ADAPT2DC delivery O 3.1.5 (Šimon M., Mikešová, R: Comparative socio-economic background analysis of shrinking regions and cities in CENTRAL EUROPE)

Previous events:



3rd Partner Meeting, 21-23 November 2012, Czechia, Prague and Červený Hrádek

Organizer: Institute of Sociology of the Academy of the Sciences of the Czech Republic together with Usti region.

Partners considered the activities and progress on WP3, WP4, WP5 and WP6. The meeting included a field trip to Vejprty (Usti Region) where planned pilot actions were introduced.

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Regional workshops: every pilot area organized a regional workshop together with local stakeholders in order to discuss the pilot actions and the particular needs of the areas. The project partners now have a clearer idea of possible measures to implement in the pilot areas.

Upcoming events

The **4th Partners meeting** has been confirmed for the 11th-13th June 2013. We will be kindly hosted by our partner The Małopolska Region, Poland.

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