

Community-Led Urban Strategies in Historic Towns (COMUS)**Duration:** 01.01.2015 - 31.12.2017**Countries:**

Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

EU contribution: € 430 000**Implementer:**

Council of Europe

**Website(s):** pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/comus**Project description:**

The COMUS project is part of the Eastern Partnership Culture Programme II funded under the European Neighbourhood Instrument. Based on community-led processes, COMUS supports nine small and medium-sized historic towns to develop an integrated, sustainable and participative approach for the protection, planning and management of heritage resources as a component of urban renewal policies.

COMUS was implemented in 9 pilot towns selected by national Ministries of Culture: Goris and Gyumri, Armenia; Mstislav, Belarus; Chiatura and Dusheti, Georgia; Sorooca, Moldova; Lutsk, Pryluky and Zhovka, Ukraine.

Expected results:

- Establishing COMUS management structures in the five countries and nine pilot towns, including national and local stakeholder groups, project implementation units and project managers.
- Reference plans for the nine towns, preliminary technical assessments for five sites/initiatives and feasibility studies for two initiatives in each COMUS town.
- Regional workshops and study visits, country-based workshops with local and international experts, training sessions.
- Awareness-raising initiatives including community mobilisation through consultation processes, meetings, community-based activities and heritage walks in the nine COMUS towns, town-based promotional videos and brochures.
- Integration of COMUS methodology into policy and strategy making.
- Workshop with nine mayors and joint declaration of COMUS mayors.