

**Project areas in
Poland, the
Czech Republic
and Germany**



Katowice: Ślepiotka river



Bydgoszcz:
Bydgoszcz Old Canal



Brno: Old Ponávka



Plzeň: Junction of
Úslava and Mže



Stuttgart: Feuerbach



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For decades, urban rivers in Central Europe were seen as a threat rather than a benefit. Despite the fact that such areas are particularly important or often the only functioning or potential reservoirs of biodiversity and open space in the city, degraded or abandoned riparian areas are common in Central European cities. Thus, active protection and restoration of such areas is one of the basic needs for shaping spatial order and sustainable development of cities as the awareness for riparian areas as ecological corridors and human-friendly areas is rising. Regardless of the specificity of a given city and river, the strategic approach to solving complex environmental and socio-economic problems should be subject to common transnational cooperation.

The essence of REURIS is to implement strategies and activities aimed at the reconstruction of natural and cultural resources and the management of urban river spaces. Implementation of revitalisation activities in such areas needs consensus among all interested parties, beginning from local tenants through planners to administrators of water resources.

Integration of spatial, socio-economic and engineering issues is a crucial prerequisite for avoiding errors in the process of preparation, realisation and management of the implemented

activity. It is therefore essential to create a common set of methods and procedures allowing for coordinated work of multidisciplinary teams as well as effective social involvement. REURIS will not only create such tools but will also allow their testing in practice in order to assess their effectiveness.

The project's approach will require transfer of knowledge and know-how, which involves formal and informal connections between CE regions. Thus, researchers and practitioners from Plzeň and Brno, from Stuttgart and Leipzig, and from Bydgoszcz and Katowice will cooperate on these issues. With respect to the particular local water body each partner is interested in:

- a holistic approach to the entire process of planning, designing and realisation of revitalisation combined with a rise of the local communities' interest in the quality of urban river space;
- improving public access to and recreational space along the river, developing the river as the city's green axis including water tourism and cultural heritage aspects, upgrading flood protection and stormwater management, improving natural habitats in river corridor;
- developing procedures for co-operative planning of urban river space and appropriate consensus methods, designing and implementing pilot investments and procedures for the external financing of activities.



REURIS partners are:

- **Central Mining Institute, Katowice, Poland - Lead Partner**
- **City of Katowice, Poland**
- **City of Bydgoszcz, Poland**
- **City of Brno, Czech Republic**
- **Urban Planning and Development Institute of the City of Pilsen, Czech Republic**
- **Municipality of Stuttgart, Office of Urban Planning and Urban Development, Germany**
- **Aufbauwerk Region Leipzig GmbH, Germany**
- **University of Leipzig, Germany**