

The Establishment of a House of Ethnography in Alsóörs

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The settlement of Alsóörs is a holiday resort of pleasant atmosphere situated on the northern coast of Lake Balaton. It is an ancient settlement with 1700 inhabitants and old living traditions where community life is quite eventful. A long-cherished dream of the inhabitants and leadership of the village may come to life if we manage to renovate a special peasant house with stable and barn located in the old village.

Following its recent decision, the local government has purchased the 1129 sqm estate of rented cottage, yard and farm buildings in Ady Endre street with the topographic number of 739, from the inheritor. We have also decided to apply for the tender of the EGT and Norwegian Financing Mechanisms in the period of 2009-2014: the preservation and renovation of cultural and natural inheritance "HU07PA16-A2-2013." whose deadline is 21 May, 2014. március 6.

The prospective donor of the programme is the organization of the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage. The aim of the above-mentioned application - which fits the realization of our plan - is the introduction, preservation and depiction of inherited values connected to traditional rural lifestyle, the natural use of rural areas and landscape management involving local agents.

The local government has made a decree about local protection and as its first act, it has put the estate and its buildings under protection.

The current state of the estate includes a yard for domestic animals, a ruin of a peasant's cottage (with thatched roof, open an fireplace inside, a wine cellar probably originating from the Middle Ages, a living room with wooden- beamed ceiling and large-sized agricultural building (stable/barn). This is one of the oldest buildings of our settlement which was last renovated in 1838.

According to our plans, our house of ethnography is not only supposed to be a museum depicting old objects, relics and tools connected to livestock - which we possess plenty of – but also a home to our communities and the venue for cultural (folk customs, gastronomy, music, dance) and other events. The lace workshop of Alsóörs, which has been working for more than ten years and whose lace of Balaton Highlands has just been registered among Balaton’s values in the Hungaricum of Veszprém County - also indicated its intention to be housed in the facility.

When renovating, it is going to be our aim to restoration of the original state using the local red stones from the Perm period, which were mined for centuries. For the roof we intend to use the local reed from Lake Balaton.

In order to realize revenues pursuant to the application, we have the intention to set up rural accommodation facilities and the introduction and tasting of excellent wines belonging to the historical wine region of Csupak-Balatonfüred in our medieval wine cellar.

To be able to realize the above, we mean to provide our partners – who we intend to sign agreements of partnership with - with a real role already in the phase of planning which has added value as well.

We are positive that our striving for the preservation of our traditions will be received cordially.

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