



REVITALIZATION OF HISTORIC CITY CENTERS
IN LOWER SILESIA AND SAXONY

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

REVIVAL! AUTUMN SCHOOL 2019

23 – 28 SEPTEMBER 2019, ZITTAU (GERMANY)
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE ZITTAU (TU DRESDEN)

THE FOCUS

The REVIVAL! Autumn School is part of the German-Polish Interreg project "REVIVAL! revitalization of historic city centers in Lower Silesia and Saxony". Together with three scientific institutions and ten municipal partners in Germany and Poland, the project is aiming to strengthen the historic inner city districts, which are not only characterized by a rich architectural heritage, but also by a series of specific challenges arising in this region. The ten project towns are part of a dense network of small and medium sized towns.

Nevertheless, the area is often perceived as peripheral. Most of the small and medium-sized towns are particularly vulnerable to demographic and socio-economic changes such as an aging population, out-migration of people, changes in the retail sector in times of online shopping etc.

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WHY?

Many of the towns, located in the region, struggle with the loss of functions and population, often resulting in vacant residential areas and former business districts, accompanied by social challenges. This poses a risk to the preservation of the built heritage on the one hand. On the other, it adds to the negative image of the individual town and the region as a whole, which in turn aggravates the above-described dynamics. The REVIVAL! Autumn School aims to encounter these problems in an innovative and creative manner.

WHERE?

The autumn school will take place at the International Institute in Zittau. The cities of Zittau on the German side of the project area and Gryfów Śląski on the Polish side will be explored and examined in the course of the week. Both cities are exemplary for the specific challenges in the region and serve as case study locations within the framework of the REVIVAL! Autumn School.

HOW ?

In interdisciplinary student groups, you will develop ideas and concepts that have the potential to restore the vitality in the historic city centers. Thereby, the scope of your work will include either individual objects, entire urban districts or the whole region, depending on your field of interest and profession. The final product of your work during the autumn school can be either a design or a conceptual strategy. The results of the work can be presented in different ways at the end of the week:

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Master students from German and Polish universities are welcome to apply for the autumn school until 21 July 2019. Participation is possible for students of different disciplines including geography, architecture, urban and regional studies, cultural studies and other related disciplines. Since the working language will be English during the entire program, a language level B2 in English is required. Please send us your CV and a short letter, in which you address the following questions (max. 2.500 characters):

- What knowledge or skills can you contribute from your studies?
- Do you connect anything with the region? If not, that's not a problem either.
- What do you expect from the autumn school?

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in the form of posters, models, Power Point presentations, short films, room installations or the like. Regardless of the chosen format, all work will be documented on A1 posters. By the end of the week, the elaborated revitalization strategies will be presented to the public and stakeholders. Furthermore, we will pick up the results of the autumn school within the scientific team and among the participating municipalities.

FEE INFO

There are no fees for participation. The costs for accommodation and working materials for the participants are financed from the project budget, while travel costs are to be paid by the participants.

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Application Deadline extended until September 1st, 2019