

## Footprints of Defence in the Archipelago (DefenceArch)



Programme Priority: P2 Sustainable use of common resources

Programme Specific Objective: 2.1. Natural and cultural resources developed into sustainable tourist attractions

Sub-programme: Archipelago and Islands

Duration: 01.09.2016 - 31.05.2019

Total funding: 1.534.661 EUR

ERDF funding: 1.150.996 EUR ERDF

### Project Summary:

The Archipelagos of Stockholm, Åland and Turku are well-known as natural tourist attractions. However, accessibility is still weak and the themes of cultural heritage, insular way of life and digital technology have not been highlighted enough, when planning experiences for visitors during pre-, on-site and post-visit phases. The project develops digital outputs for marketing and enrichment of visits, accessibility solutions, especially environmentally and culturally sustainable solutions, cross-border archipelago heritage tour suggestions, improved service chains and multidisciplinary development methods.

The overall objective is to develop existing, though almost untapped historical resources of the Gålö seal farm, the Bomarsund fortress, the southern cape of Örö and Korpoström into appealing and sustainable tourist destinations by increasing awareness and perceived value of these experiences.

In the end, the four pilot sites will form a themed tourism destination which will highlight the Baltic Sea defence history. Improved accessibility and experience value will increase the number of visits, the length of stay and tourism expenditure. This will revitalise business opportunities. Jointly developed solutions are also transferred to other insular destinations.

## Map of Partners

## Partners

Lead Partner

## **Turun ammattikorkeakoulu Oy**

**Country:** FI

[www.tuas.fi](http://www.tuas.fi) [1]

**Partner budget:** 297.608 EUR

**Amount of ERDF funding:** 223.206 EUR ERDF

Project Partners

## **Metsähallitus / Rannikon luontopalvelut**

**Country:** FI

[www.metsa.fi](http://www.metsa.fi) [2]

**Partner budget:** 459.000 EUR

**Amount of ERDF funding:** 344.250 EUR ERDF

## **Visit Åland**

**Country:** FI

[www.visitaland.com](http://www.visitaland.com) [3]

**Partner budget:** 242.247 EUR

**Amount of ERDF funding:** 181.685 EUR ERDF

## **Skärgårdsstiftelsen i Stockholms län**

**Country:** SE

[www.archipelagofoundation.se](http://www.archipelagofoundation.se) [4]

**Partner budget:** 414.643 EUR

**Amount of ERDF funding:** 310.982 EUR ERDF

## **Åbolands Skärgårdsstiftelse rs**

**Country:** FI

[www.abolandsskargardsstiftelse.fi](http://www.abolandsskargardsstiftelse.fi) [5]

**Partner budget:** 121.163 EUR

**Amount of ERDF funding:** 90.872 EUR ERDF

## Results

### Expected results

### Achieved results

Project result in category - Joint tourist attraction

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The DefenceArch project created a tourism attraction consisting of existing, though almost untapped defence historical sites in the archipelago: the Gålö seal farm in Sweden close to the capital city Stockholm, the Bomarsund fortress in Åland, the southern cape of Öro and Korpoström in Turku archipelago.

Project partnership addressed the challenges of the archipelago tourism with a multidisciplinary expertise. It used knowledge and expertise of tourism, content marketing, service design, storytelling, sustainable development, accessibility, history, ICT and digital media, construction and renovation of historical heritage.

The experiences and approaches are well described in the final project publication "Bunkers, battles, ruins and seals: developing thematic tourism in the Baltic Sea archipelagos".

And the jointly developed solutions are also transferred to other insular destinations.

In 2016, representatives of the project partners held cross-audits on the marketing communications, availability, services and infrastructure of all the pilots in order to specify the key project activities.

In accordance with the principle of cultural sustainability, local representatives from regional history associations and societies also participated in the work.

A sustainable development expert from TUAS gave recommendations to the destinations.

In summer 2017, customers' opinions and ideas for the development of individual destinations were charted with the help of a survey.

In 2018, customer surveys were conducted to receive feedback on completed or current project activities.

A lot of historical and visual data were collected in the beginning of project about the destination. The collected materials were transformed into appealing stories. In result new digital content was produced about the Gålö seal station, the Bomarsund ruins, the Korpoström area and the southern tip of Öro.

There is now a story-rich and informative digital content to illustrate the destinations and their cultural heritage. The electronic brochures presenting 11 defence heritage destinations in English, Swedish and Finnish as pdfs you can find [here](#) [6]. There are four suggestions highlighting the history especially from the defence point of view.

More information about the project and all destinations can be found in the project website:

<https://visitdefencearch.turkuamk.fi/> [7]

Project page in database

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## At a glance

- [Guide](#) [6] to 11 tourist destinations “Explore the coastal past” in English, Finnish and Swedish
- [Brochure](#) [9] BUNKERS, BATTLES, RUINS AND SEALS – Developing Thematic Tourism in the Baltic Sea Archipelagos
- [Mobile App](#) [10] with information, podcasts and videos about four destinations
- [Videos](#) [11] about all four destinations in English, Swedish, Finnish, French and German
- [Film](#) [12] “Remember her name” produced for the exhibition in Korpostrom Archipelago Centre

## Files



[Guide “Explore the coastal past” in English](#) [13]

## Tags

[Cultural Heritage and Arts](#) [15]

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## Project Visibility

### Social media links

[Project Web page](#) [7]

[Project Facebook](#) [17]

[Coastal Past on the App store](#) [18]

[BUNKERS, BATTLES, RUINS AND SEALS – Developing Thematic Tourism in the Baltic Sea Archipelagos](#) [9]

### Other media visibility

[Örön linnakesaarelle tulee maanalaista bunkkerimajoitusta](#) [19]

[App ska göra upplevelsen på Bomarsund mer attraktiv och informativ](#) [20]

[Nu ska Örös "glömda udde" tas fram](#) [21]

### Project videos

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYqCDyXn2bjFEv7kKt65LUQ/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99FYLDCHFPU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wk5Q7qHO748>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRFdQNCQaDU&list=UUYqCDyXn2bjFEv7kKt65LUQ&index=2&t=0s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IlpBj-kOaI&list=UUYqCDyXn2bjFEv7kKt65LUQ&index=8&t=0s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUF7cN82i1Y&list=UUYqCDyXn2bjFEv7kKt65LUQ&index=9&t=0s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJHsS3UdKwg>

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