

## Pilot action 6



# SLOVENIA

• Vzhodna Slovenija

## Sustainable management plan of thermal water use



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## Background

In region Jugovzhodna Slovenija there are two spa areas based on the extraction of thermal waters and services from balneotherapy and medicine and also a couple of other areas with identified prospective sources of (sub)thermal water. In Slovenia planning and management of use of natural healing resources is in domain of multiple sectors. This approach generates many challenges, such as limitation of management of thermal water between the national authority and water user, lack of protection of thermal water resource areas with policy instruments (decree, act), which are left to the user to manage them. Additionally, communication between municipalities, national authorities and users of thermal water is mostly.

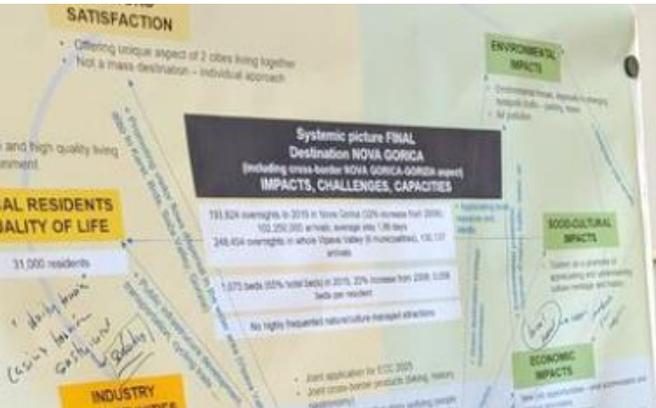
## Main aim

**Enhanced cooperation and communication for planning and management of thermal water resources on regional level.**

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## Main products

-  Scientific analysis for regional development programme, including a biological research (bioindicators)
-  Contribution for an assessment tool for strategic planning of land use and regional development
-  Establishment of working group for thermal water management in region Jugovzhodna Slovenija
-  Development of regional ecosystem approach (including green infrastructure measures) - Action Plan for environmental improvements
-  Improvement of management of healing resources and spa areas on national level (with Ministry of Health) - Management plan on integrating thermal water use
-  Enhanced cooperation and communication for planning and management of natural resources on regional level

## Indicators



-  **47** Involved institutions
-  **2** Events for the Sustainable Spa Development
-  **4** Main reports
-  **8** Institutions applying project tools and/or services
-  **3** Institutions adopting project strategies and/or action plans

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### Step by step



### Solutions for other SPAs

- Established system for monitoring of thermal water use
- Tested methodology for monitoring of bioindicator species in water bodies
- Policy instrument for protection of water body with thermal waters

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