

Varjakka, Finland

Varjakka 2020

Project description on the island

Regional project considering Varjakka region in years 2008 – 2012:

1. Coordinating and planning of the Varjakka region with sustainable means;
2. Restoration of cultural heritage buildings;
3. Planning and building a cultural and natural trail as part of the learning environment;
4. Later for example building cottages with a sustainable means.

Targets of the project

1. Varjakka sustainable tourism center (ERDF): Coordinating and planning of the Varjakka with sustainable means;
2. Varjakka mansion restoration (ERDF): Restoration of cultural heritage buildings;
3. Varjakka cultural and natural trail (ERDF): Planning and building a cultural and natural trail as part of the learning environment;
4. Other projects national and international.

Innovation and value of the project

Finding new, improved and sustainable ways of:

- Energy: means of using and building renewable energy
- Water: sustainable handling of liquids and dry/compost toilets
- Materials: use of sustainable materials and wood in building and sustainable procurement
- Overall: Creating sustainable and user-oriented environment with participatory and open innovation methods.

Start and end date of the project

June 2008 - 31 December 2012

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Partners

- University of Oulu
- Council of Oulu Region
- Northern Ostro-Bothnian Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment
- Museum of Northern Ostro-Bothnia
- Regional marine and yachting organizations
- City of Oulu
- Oulunsalo and Kempele Nature Protection Association
- Private companies, Oulu region



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"Varjakka is a cultural heritage site with a special sense of place. In development process we emphasize 8 values which are 1) ecological, 2) preserving history, 3) estetic, 4) participatory, 5) quality, 6) comprehensive, 7) accessible and 8) creative."

Ari Saine
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WATER



ENERGY



MATERIALS