

Project: *Nágl's Walking Trail in Telč*  
Organization: **Phoenix-Telč**

The Nágl's Trail commemorates a local Jewish painter František Moric Nágl and his family who perished in Auschwitz. The path follows a small creek Myslovka where the painter used to walk with his canvases, and paint the beautiful countryside. The trail offers a unique combination of a nature walk through beautiful landscape and reflection on humanity. Local parents and their children actively participated in the creation of this trail, learning in the process about their own history. They planted new trees, installed bird houses, built displays and benches, and continue to care for the trail.



Project: *Heritage Biking Trails in Nové Hrady*  
Organization: **Novohradská občanská společnost NOS**  
(Civic Organization of Nové Hrady)

Members of the NOS believe in doing projects *with* the people, not only *for* the people. They collected the local oral history and created three educational biking trails that follow the legends and historical events. The guidebook became very popular among the locals because for the first time they could read about the history of their village and re-discover their own heritage. The organization also cooperates with non-profit organizations in Austria.



Project: *Pottery Shop and Studio in Debolín*  
Organization: **Dilna Romany Hulikove**

Teaching ceramics and preserving old traditions, the Studio is a lively center of local cultural and seasonal events for local families and tourists.



Project: *Greenways Summer Camp*  
Organization: **Cyklo Klub Kucera in Znojmo**

In addition to many biking events for local families and the public, the club organizes two-weeks summer biking camp for children that includes educational activities along the greenways.



Project: *Mill Industrial Museum and Art Gallery in Jindřichův Hradec*  
Organization: **Inspirace Civic Association**

The organization restored the Chateau's historic mill, site of the first hydro-electric plant in Czechoslovakia, and created an art gallery and an industrial museum there. The Inspirace organization truly inspires and activates local cultural life by presenting art exhibits, jazz and theater performances.



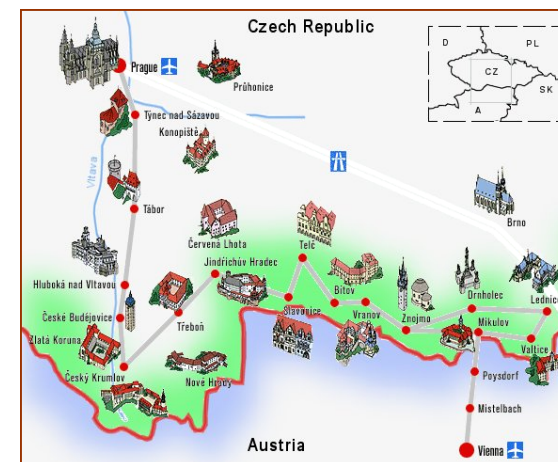
Project: *Crafts Studio in Zahradky*  
Organization: **Town of Zahradky**

The studio brings local artisans to pass on their skills in ceramics, bobbin lace work, stained glass and Easter eggs decorating. It draws visitors to the village and contributes to more active community. The artisans are encouraged to keep their skills and pass them on. Visitors can also rent bicycles and find local accommodation, go on tours to traditional arts and craft factories and buy local products.



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# Greenways Community Projects



The **Prague-Vienna Greenways**, now in its 12th year, joins together some 32 grass-roots civic organizations in historic towns who work together to revive their heritage through individual projects.

The mission of the organizations is to conserve their natural and cultural heritage and help in the development of a regional sustainable economy.



The projects are run by committed local activists who energize and involve other citizens. They build trails, establish museums, and present local artists and studios. These projects draw a growing stream of visitors, biking and hiking travelers who would otherwise remain in the major cities. At the same time, the locals are reminded of their own fascinating historic heritage and learn to appreciate it and share with visitors.

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Project: **Grasel's Trail in Slavonice**  
Organization: **Slavonická renesanční společnost – SRS**  
(Slavonice Renaissance Society)

This trail is an example of a successful community project engaging local people in cultural and natural heritage preservation. It was created by SRS in cooperation with other civic organizations and the neighboring community in town of Český Rudolec.



An extension of this trail to Austria is also planned.

The romantic trail connects the two towns through forests along winding streams and mysterious ponds from the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. Information panels along the trail tell the regional history on the backdrop of the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century legend about Johann Georg Grasel, the local bandit. The Grasel legend became a *leitmotif* of various events that are initiated by the Slavonice Society along the trail such as marionette theater performances, culinary festivities and planting trees. They bring local people together, motivate them to care about their environment, and also provide good attractions for tourists.

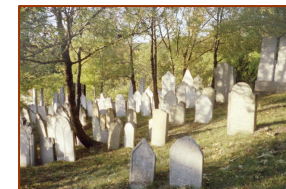
Project: **Country Museum in Kojákovice - Třeboň**  
Organization: **Společnost Rožmberk**  
(Rožmberk Civic Society)

A museum of emigration and local heritage is housed in an old elementary school that was closed by the communists because of a dissident principal. Former students and villagers were contacted to help collect photographs, artifacts, memories and stories of life in the period between 1840-1914. The museum also documents the quite extensive emigration to the USA in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Local people are involved in programs and further growth of the museum. In the process they discover their own past. Forgotten arts and crafts were revived, old people teach young ones, such as fish scales embroidery. Computers with Internet access are part of the information service and are also used to familiarize people, in particular the local children, with modern information technology.



Project: **Jewish Heritage in Mikulov**  
Organization: **Společnost přátel židovské kultury**  
(Friends of Jewish Culture in Mikulov)

The organization is committed to preserving the local Jewish heritage, although none of its members are Jewish. Jewish history in Mikulov is unique for the symbiotic life that the Jews and Christians led together until WWII.



Mikulov's Jewish cemetery is the largest after the one in Prague. It is a very spiritual quiet place with a small simple yet informative museum.

The organization researched the history of the merchant houses of Husova Street in the former Jewish quarters, created an educational trail, and provides maps for a self-guided tour. The restored Upper Synagogue in Husova Street houses exhibits and offers lectures on Jewish history in Mikulov.

Project: **Devil's Load Greenways in Sedlec-Prčice**  
Organization: **Český Merán (Czech Meran)**

70 km south of Prague, ten villages created this greenway to help the local economic development through tourism. They organize seasonal cultural or sport events.



The name Devil's Load comes from the large granite boulders that inspired many local legends. The greenways offer biking, walking or ski trails for families and also cyclist seeking a greater challenge. The beautiful countryside, including two natural parks Jistebnická vrchovina and Džbány-Žebrák Park, connects historic villages and towns. In the village of Jistebnice, the first copy of the 15<sup>th</sup> Century Hussite choral "Kdož su Boží bojovníci" was found. Its theme appears in Bedrich Smetana's symphony "Má vlast" (My country). One of the greenways trails connects typical roadside shrines and chapels.