



FORM BEST PRACTICES CONTEST 2025

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Name project

Slow Steam: The Return of Timeless Bath

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- ☐ Energy and environmental policies (politiche energetiche e ambientali);
- ☐ Infrastructure policies (politiche infrastrutturali);
- ☒ Quality of urban life policies (politiche per la qualità urbana);
- ☐ Agricultural, touristic and artisan policies (politiche agricole, turistiche, artigianali);
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- ☐ Social cohesion (coesione sociale).

Summary project

With the restoration of the historic Gazi Süleyman Pasha Bath, Göynük has gained a multifunctional public space that preserves cultural heritage, evokes traces of the past, and enriches the social life of the community.

The project stands as both an example of restoration carried out with traditional craftsmanship and a unique space that supports slow tourism.

It aims to protect the values of the past while creating sustainable living spaces for the future, encouraging intergenerational cultural transmission and fostering social cohesion.

Goal project

The restoration of the Gazi Süleyman Pasha Bath, a significant site of historical and cultural heritage, has been carefully undertaken with full respect for its original identity. The project aims to transform the bath into a vibrant cultural, touristic, and social hub for both residents and visitors. At its core, it seeks to enhance urban quality of life and establish a public space aligned with the principles of Cittaslow, particularly embracing the philosophy of slow living and local sustainability.

By revitalizing this architectural legacy, the project aspires to offer future generations a public space that embodies both historical identity and a high-quality living environment. In this way, it meaningfully contributes to Cittaslow's 2025 theme, "Momentum Toward the Future", by drawing inspiration from the enduring values of the past.

Result project

The restoration has been completed, and the bath is now open to both cultural events and touristic visits. It has become a social gathering point for the local community and a space of historical experience for visitors.

Executed using traditional construction techniques, the restoration also contributed to the preservation and revival of local craftsmanship.

Thus, a structure that had remained unused and neglected for 15 years due to heating issues has been revitalized and repurposed. Today, it stands as a destination of high aesthetic and cultural value, brought back to life through adaptive reuse.



Finance (costs and benefits)

The project was financed through the municipal budget, with support from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, as well as potential local and national grants. In return for the investment, cultural heritage has been preserved, sustainable tourism has been promoted, and significant contributions have been made to the regional economy and social life.

Staff (staff involved and use of time)

The restoration process involved the Göynük Municipality Directorate of Technical Affairs, cultural heritage experts, architects, civil engineers, and local craftsmen. The project was completed over a period of approximately 12 months.

Additional information (if necessarily)

Commissioned by Şehzade Süleyman Pasha, the bath was constructed entirely using travertine cut stone. The structure consists of two separate sections—one for men and one for women. Each section includes a changing room, a cold room, a warm room, a hot room, and a sauna. Renowned Ottoman traveler Evliya Çelebi praised the bath in his Seyahatname, noting that even in Ankara or Istanbul, such a magnificent structure could not be found. During the restoration, the original texture and architectural integrity were carefully preserved, and traditional materials were used throughout the process. Following its reopening, the bath is expected to host local festivals and cultural events.

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