

## Study case

### **Vladivostok - Khabarovsk, Russia International Association for Joint Projects of UN-HABITAT and UNESCO (UNJOINT)**

#### **1) Project location**

Territorial Institution to be referred to  
Russia, Primorsky and Khabarovsk regions

#### **2) Institution to be referred to**

##### **a) Company, Address**

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##### **b) Institution Partners**

1. Vladivostok City Administration
2. Khabarovsk City Administration
3. Preobrazhenye Municipal Administration
4. Shkotovo region Administration
5. Pacific State University of Economics
6. Chinese International University, Hong Kong
7. UN-HABITAT Best Practices Centers, Vladivostok -Khabarovsk
8. UNESCO Committee of Russian Federation Far East Branch

##### **c) Organizational structure**

International Association for Joint Projects of UN-HABITAT and UNESCO is organized in three regional branches:

1. Vladivostok branch for activity in Vladivostok, Preobrazhenye and Shkotovo (Steklianukha) areas.
2. Khabarovsk branch for activity in Khabarovsk region.

3. Chinese branch for cooperation with Chinese companies.

**d) Activities carried out by the International Association for Joint Projects of UN-HABITAT and UNESCO (UNJOINT)**

One of the goals of International Association for Joint Projects of UN-HABITAT and UNESCO (UNJOINT) is restoration of historical places at Far East cities and areas.

Activity of UNJOINT began at 2002 from cooperation with UN-HABITAT and UNESCO in several projects on the territory of Russian and Chinese Far East.

UNJOINT is non commercial and non governmental partnership of Russian and Chinese organizations and persons working in close cooperation with municipal administrations.

UNJOINT mainly finds historical areas and buildings which needs in reconstruction or restoration and together with local administration develops it for living, tourism or commercial goals.

**3) Intervention Areas**

**a Vladivostok city – restoration of historical buildings.**

Khabarovsk city – restoration of historical buildings and construction of ethno-historical park.

Preobrazhenye town – construction of eco-historical town for international cruise tourism.

Steklianukha, Shkotovo region village – restoration of ancient Bohai culture town and Bohai theatre.

Laso eco-historical park of ancient cultures of Far East.

**b Area Dimension**

Total nearly 1000 ha.

**c Number of buildings or information on building heritage**

About 2000 buildings.

**d Resident population**

Residence people is nearly 700 000 people

**e Area's main feature**

Residential, retailing ets.

**4) Project Framing**

**a Situation before the initiative began**

At Russian Far East cities and towns there were more than 10 000 historical buildings and places but there was no one reconstruction project.

The first impulse for restoration of historical buildings and areas in Russian and Chinese Far East was done by Italians restoration companies.

From 1992 they began reconstruction of Vladivostok historical railway station and several other buildings which were designed in 20 century by Italian architectures.

Another impulse was done by Administration of Harbin City Heilongjiang Province China which restored of Russian Churches in Harbin for museums and religious services.

#### **b Identified Priorities**

UNJOINT together with local administrations has following purposes:

- to improve living condition of the inhabitants of historical buildings.
- to restore and reconstruct historical buildings and areas connected with interosculation of cultures of Europe, China and Japan on the territory of Russian Far East.
- to prepare restoration projects for investment promotion.

#### **c Intervention Typologies and Methodologies (building, social and economic uses)**

UNJOINT acts as a local development agency for connecting efforts of municipal administrations, banks, constructors, scientific organizations and public.

Facilitation of the project and its promotion is a main area of UNJOINT activity.

#### **d Subjects to whom the interventions are addressed.**

UNJOINT provides different kinds of investments to owners of historical areas and buildings.

#### **e Funds to be allocated.**

10 millions euros has to be invested in 2006-2007.

#### **f Key dates** (project duration)

2004 - MOUs with UN-HABITAT and UNESCO Committee of Russian Federation Far East Branch.

2005 - Agreements with Chinese organizations.

2006 – Agreements with Local Administrations of Russian Far East.

#### **g) Achieved outcomes**

All projects are under development.