Summary

Heritage Recycled (HERE) is a European project with two English and one Belgian partner. Its main aim is to give a new, sustainable future to valuable historic religious buildings that have lost their traditional use in modern European society. The overall goal is improving the marketing of the regeneration of monumental historic buildings, and the ability of organizations and communities to reuse and regenerate religious heritage.

Within HERE the partners count on each other’s expertise on accessibility, historic materials, business plans and reuse strategies. This knowledge is exchanged during site visits, several work groups and through the realization of best-practices (St.-Laurence and St. Nicholas in Norfolk, Ursulinen Convent in OLV-Waver and St Mary at the Quay in Suffolk) which will help to develop a practice-oriented methodology.

Timeframe: 01/07/2011–30/06/2014
Total project budget: 1.215.033 euro

2 Seas

The INTERREG IVA 2 Seas Programme promotes cross border cooperation between the coastal regions of France, England, Belgium and The Netherlands. The programme has €167 million to spend on projects with following priorities: creating an economically competitive and attractive area, promoting and enhancing a safe and healthy environment, improving quality of life and promoting joint actions. (http://www.interreg4a-2mers.eu/en)

Kempens Landschap vzw

Kempens Landschap is a Belgian non-profit organisation, founded in 1997 on the initiative of the province of Antwerp and 40 municipalities. Our main objectives are the acquisition, protection, enhancement and restoration of the environment, landscape, nature and cultural heritage. Important in this is the multi-disciplinary approach: landscape includes nature, buildings and other functions. (http://www.kempenslandschap.be)

The Churches Conservation Trust

The CCT is an English charity protecting historic churches at risk. Founded in 1969, TCCT has saved over 340 buildings which attract almost 2 million visitors a year. TCCT cares for the churches, repairing the damage from sometimes years of neglect, and works with local communities to bring them back alive. (http://www.visitchurches.org.uk)

Suffolk Mind

Suffolk Mind is affiliated to Mind National and is committed to improving the lives of people with mental health issues. Within HERE, SM is the private partner that invests in one of the sites, St-Mary-at-the-Quay in Ipswich. This church will be reused as a Wellbeing Heritage Centre. The church will be renovated and equipped to provide a beautiful and accessible community venue. (http://www.suffolkmind.org.uk)