- **NetCastle** (Network creation and promotion of castles) is being implemented under the Greece-Albania IPA Cross Border Programme 2007-2013.

- The overall objective of **NetCastle** project is the emergence and promotion of a common cultural product in the cross-border region to boost tourism industry with the use of new technologies and e-tourism. The use of new technologies is the driving force for the implementation of the project, to raise region appealing and tourism attraction, but also to effectively spread the respective region's history and culture.

- **NetCastle** project aims to create a network for visibility, renovation and enhancement of cultural heritage of the historical castle of the targeted areas. The project is designed to provide the user with a multi cultural and educational experience with the use of suitably adapted innovative interactive experiential services. The project aspires to offer to the user a tour through time and space by utilizing 3D representations of historical monuments. The use of the latest technologies enables versatile and layered use of digitalized data thus increasing the usability and end-user groups of the proposed services.

Implementation of NetCastle project

The **NetCastle** project has fulfilled its overall objective, by contributing to the strengthening of tourism in order to develop the cross-border economic ties for the areas covered by the project. Through the promotion of castles in these areas as well as highlighting and conveying a common cultural product aiming at strengthening the tourist industry, the outcome of this project further promotes the cultural collaboration and solidarity between both countries.

Within the frame of the **NetCastle** project 10 castles from the Region of Ionian Islands and Region of Epirus were selected (5 castles in Corfu and 5 castles in Thesprotia), as well as 12 castles from the Prefecture of Gjirokastra.

The 12 selected castles in Albania are: 1. Gjirokastra Castle, 2. Tepelena Castle, 3. Libohova Castle, 4. Kardhiq Castle, 5. Kercyra Castle, 6. Shtëpëzë Castle, 7. Melan Castle, 8. Shën Triadhë Castle, 9. Selo Castle, 10. Palokaster Castle, 11. Jerma (Antigonea) Castle and 12. Labova e Kryqit Castle.

The 10 selected castles in Greece: are 1. New Fortress of Corfu, 2. Old Fortress of Corfu, 3. Angelokastro, 4. Gardiki Castle, 5. Fortress of Kassiopi, 6. Castle of Igoumenitsa, 7. Castle of Eleftherohori, 8. Tower of Ragio, 9. Theater of Gitana and 10. Castle of Kasnetsi
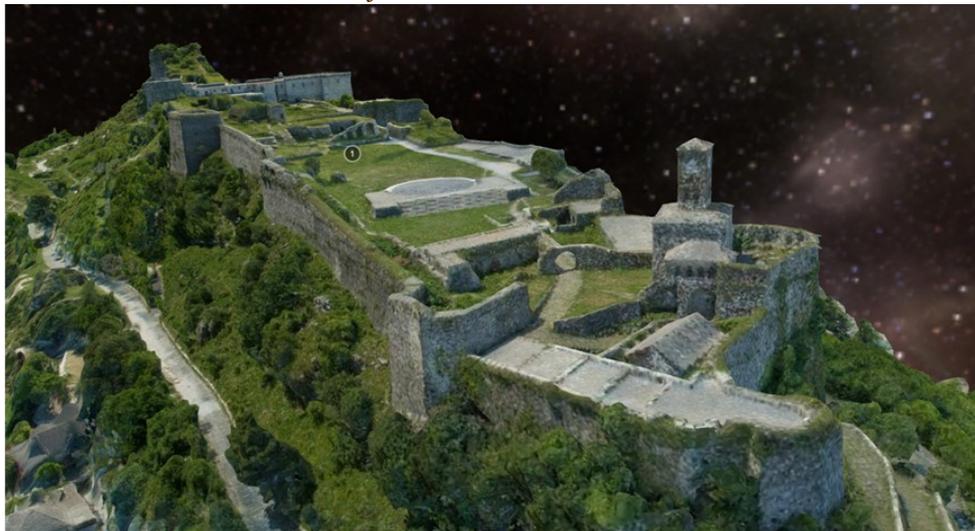
More specifically, through the project it was achieved the collection and digitization of documentation of selected castles, the development of three-dimensional models (3D) for each castle, with the ultimate goal to create 360-degree panoramic images using the photos of the castles. All the above information will be available on the project website (www.netcastle.eu),.

3D model Old Fortress of Corfu- Greece

3D model Gjirokastra Castle - Albania

Partnership

| Overall Lead Partner (LP1) Region of Ionian Islands/ Regional Unit of Corfu | Partner 2 (LP2) Institution of Prefect of Gjirokastra Region | Partner 3 (P3) Region of Epirus/ Regional Unit of Thesprotia | Partner 4 (P4) UET Centre |

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