You can enable site users to create new groups by placing the **Group registration** web part on your site. You have to set the following properties of the web part:

- **Template source alias path** - specifies the alias path of the page that will be used, together with the pages stored under it, as a template for groups created by the web part. If empty, the value of the *Settings -> Community -> Group template path* field is used.
- **Template target alias path** - specifies the alias path where the pages copied from the *Template source alias path* are loaded when a group is created.
- **Automatically create forum** - if selected, a forum group and a General discussion forum are automatically added under the created group.
- **Automatically create media library** - if selected, a media library is automatically added under the created group.
- **Automatically create smart search indexes** - if selected, a smart search index is automatically created for the pages of the created group, as well as for the new forum if the *Automatically create forum* property is enabled.
- **Group profile URL path** - specifies the alias path of the page containing the group profile. You can use the *{groupname}* wildcard to substitute for the name of the current group.
- **Combine with default culture** - if enabled, the default culture is used when creating group pages in a culture where the source or target node was not found.
- **Group name label text** - specifies the text displayed in the form before the field where the group name is entered.
- **Text after successful registration** - specifies the text displayed when a group is successfully created.
- **Text after successful registration with approving** - specifies the text displayed when a group is successfully created, but requires an administrator's approval to be published on the web.

- **Require approval** - if selected, the group has to be approved by a site administrator before its publishing on the website.
- **Redirect to URL** - specifies the URL where the user is redirected after creating the group.
- **Hide form after registration** - if selected, the form is hidden after creating the group.
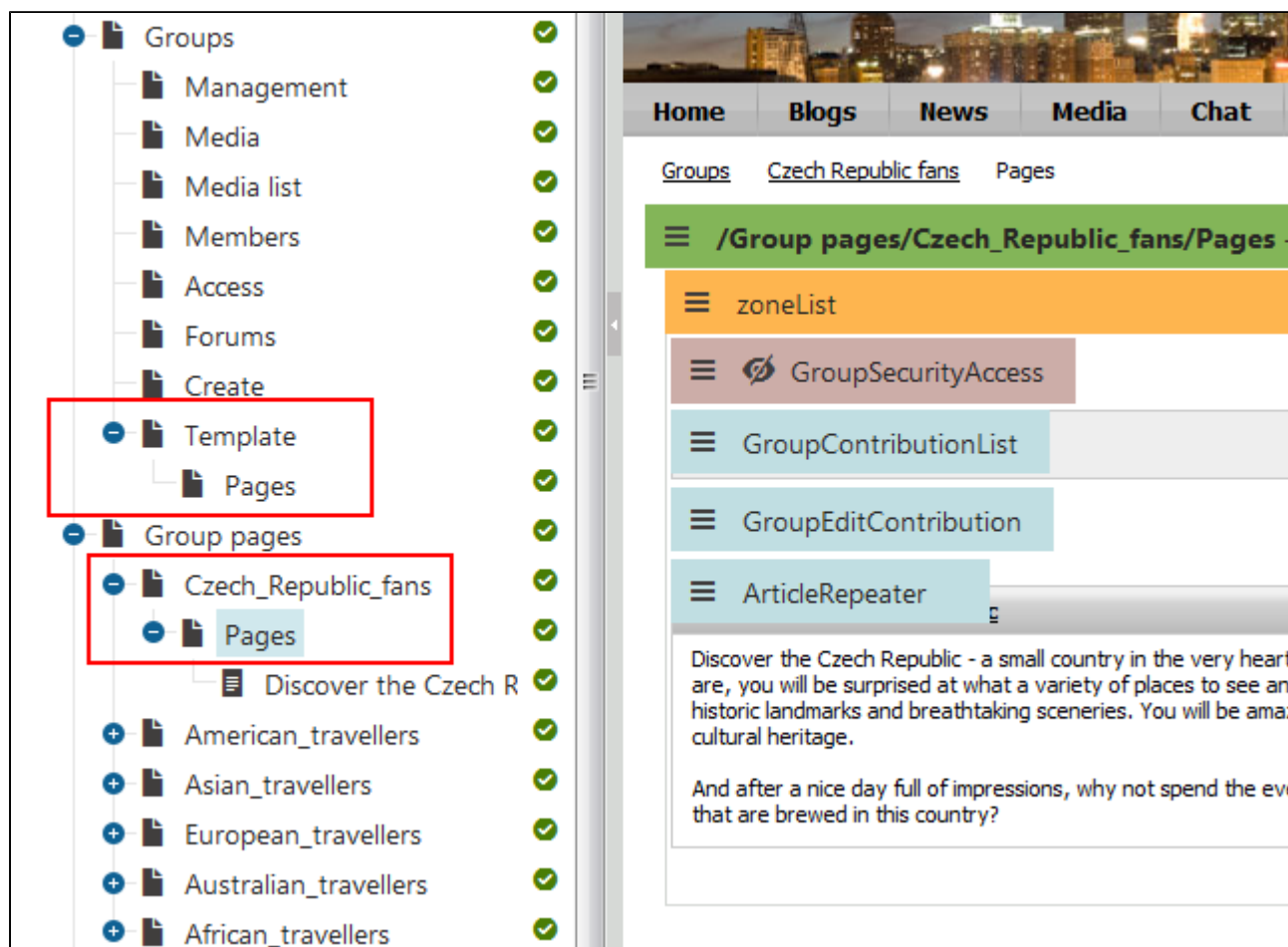
Group page templates

Each group has its own section on the website where its content is stored - so called group pages. When adding the **Group registration** web part to your site, you have to specify the **Template source alias path** and **Template target alias path** properties. These two properties are essential when creating the **group pages section** of each group.

The page specified by the **Template source alias path** and all its sub-pages are copied to the location specified by the **Template target alias path**.

To get a better idea of how this works, you can take a look at the sample Community Site. On the site, the **Group registration** web part is configured in the following way:

- **Template source alias path**: /Groups/Template
- **Template target alias path**: /Group-pages

As you can see in the screenshot below, there is the **/Groups/Template** page with one sub-page: **Pages**. When a new group is created, its title page is created under **/Group-pages** and the **Pages** page is created under it. The web parts placed on the title page are identical to those placed on the **Template** page. Web parts on the **Pages** page are also identical to the source **Pages** page. Under **Pages**, all group pages will be stored.

The system allows you to configure any page to be owned by a group. See Working with groups.

In **Settings -> Community**, you can enable or disable the **Use parent community group for new pages** option. If selected, all newly created pages inherit the group assignment from their parent page.