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Europa Nostra, the Pan-European Federation for Cultural Heritage, is an umbrella network of heritage organisations and is considered today THE voice of Europe's organised civil society committed to cultural heritage. The network is composed of 250 member organisations, 210 associate members and 1500 individual members from 53 countries, of which 45 in Europe. The power of the network comes from a shared passion for cultural heritage, and the readiness of our members to invest their time, expertise, connections and often money for the pursuit of our goals ... www.europanostra.org

LATEST NEWS

Europa Nostra selected by the Europa Commission to run the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage

Europa Nostra, out of 14 candidates, has been selected by the European Commission - Education and Culture to continue running the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage. In the past five years, the Europa Nostra Awards were already organised in cooperation with the EU Prize under the European Commission Culture 2000 Programme. To these five years another seven may now be added under the Commission's new Culture Programme.

Europa Nostra already started organising this Awards Scheme and received entries from around Europe over the month of September. Jury meetings for each of the four Prize Categories will take place in early 2008 and the winners will be announced shortly after. The European Awards Ceremony will this year take place in Durham Cathedral, United Kingdom, on 12 June 2008.

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Europa Nostra participating in europalia.europa in Brussels

Europa Nostra is participating in europalia.europa with a photo exhibit of a selection of past Laureates from across Europe of its now 30 year old Awards Scheme. The **Opening of the Europa Nostra Awards Exhibition will be held in Tour & Taxis on Thursday 20 December at 18.30**. Please request tickets to the Opening via the Europa Nostra Secretariat. The exhibition itself will be free of charge.

Brussels is currently hosting europalia.europa - a wide ranging bi-annual cultural festival whose theme this winter is the European Union, chosen to mark and to celebrate 50 years of the Treaty of Rome. Europa Nostra is mounting, together with its local country representation **Europa Nostra Belgium**, a photo exhibition of a selection of laureates from across Europe of its 30 year old Awards Scheme, of which the last 5 years has been run in partnership with the European Commission as the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards.

The intention of the photo exhibit is to show the 'Unity in Diversity' and the 'Diversity in Unity' of various building types and styles found across Europe, drawn from examples of Europe's rich cultural heritage, illustrated through photos of winning projects of Europa Nostra's Awards Scheme.

The photo exhibition will be located in the main hall of Tour & Taxis (86 avenue du Port/Havenlaan - 1000 Brussels) and will run from mid-December until mid-February. Parallel to our photo exhibition is an exhibit in the lower halls of Tour & Taxis entitled "It's our History - 50 years of the European adventure".

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2007 Scientific Council Meeting in Serbia 15-19 September 2007

Europa Nostra's Scientific Council met from 15-19 September for their 43rd Annual Meeting in and around Belgrade. The theme, 'The Bastioned Fortresses in the Age of Vauban', coincided with the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the death of Vauban and brought the members to the Belgrade, Petrovaradin, Bač and Smederevo fortresses. In all fortresses, meetings with local politicians and conservation experts were organised. Members of the Scientific Council and the local experts discussed the conservation of the four important structures and offered their knowledge and help. Proceedings of the meeting will be published in the up-coming Scientific Bulletin (#62).

Meeting with NGOs in Belgrade 19 September 2007

As part of Europa Nostra's presence in Belgrade, on Wednesday 19 September 2007 a meeting with young and committed local heritage NGOs was organised at the National Bank of Serbia. The presentations of projects aimed at raising awareness about and engaging experts and the general public in preserving cultural heritage and through it, some of the social fabric of parts of Serbia and former Yugoslavia where the NGOs are active, displayed the positive energy, creativity and dynamism of the NGOs.

Serbian President Tadić received a high delegation of Europa Nostra 19 September 2007

On 19 September 2007 a high-level delegation of Europa Nostra, headed by its President HRH the **Infanta Doña Pilar de Borbón**, was received in Belgrade by **Mr Boris Tadić**, President of the Republic of Serbia. The Europa Nostra delegation was also composed of **Dr Andrea H. Schuler**, Executive President, **Mr Costa Carras** and **Mr Denis de Kergorlay**, Vice-Presidents, **Prof. Irina Subotić**, Europa Nostra Council member and President of Europa Nostra Serbia, and **Mrs Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović**, Secretary-General. During a full hour of open discussion, President Tadić shared with Europa Nostra its deep conviction that cultural heritage is a true asset for the sustainable development of Serbia and for its full participation in the European integration process as well as an important instrument for the promotion of mutual understanding and reconciliation in the entire region of South-East Europe. President Tadić also expressed deep gratitude to Europa Nostra for its continuous interest in and constructive contribution to the safeguard of the endangered cultural heritage in Kosovo.

Europa Nostra delegation congratulated Serbia on its government's decision to sign, on the occasion of the European Heritage Days 2007 celebration in Belgrade, three important European Conventions related to cultural heritage (namely the **Faro Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for the Society**, the **Valetta Convention on the protection of Archaeological Heritage** and the **Florence Convention on the protection of European landscapes**) and expressed its confidence that Serbian authorities will do their utmost to ensure the fullest possible implementation of those conventions into policy and practice.

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Meeting of Europa Nostra Management Committee and EN Council 19-20 September 2007

Europa Nostra's Management Committee held its Autumn Meeting at the National Bank of Serbia in Belgrade on 19 September 2007. The meeting was attended by Europa Nostra's President, the **Infanta Doña Pilar de Borbón**. On 20 September 2007 the President presided over the Council Meeting, which took place in Belgrade City Assembly Hall. Important themes of upcoming strategies and actions for the next 3 years' period and of reforming Europa Nostra's governance were discussed. At the beginning of the Council Meeting, Executive President **Dr Andrea H. Schuler** paid **tribute** to the late **Mr Otto von der Gablentz**, former Executive President and Honorary President of Europa Nostra, who past away on 13 July 2007.

Europa Nostra Present at Exponatec Cologne 20 October- 3 November 2007

From 30 October to 3 November 2007, Europa Nostra was present at **Exponatec Cologne**. Exponatec is the International Trade Fair for Museums, Conservation and Heritage, and is being

organised in cooperation with Europa Nostra. In a stand, together with the **Best in Heritage Excellence Club**, Europa Nostra showed its activities, in particular the winners of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra Awards of the past years.

Europa Nostra Germany, Europa Nostra's national representation in Germany, organised its annual meeting on 30 October in Cologne, preceding a successful Colloquium on "Inspecting Monuments in Germany: Is Sustainable Building Maintenance a Model of the Future?", organised by Europa Nostra Germany with the **Deutsche Stiftung Denkmalschutz** (German Foundation for Monument Protection) and the **Deutsche Burgenvereinigung** (German Castles Association). More than 150 people from all layers of the German heritage world participated in this Colloquium. The Colloquium was presided over by Europa Nostra Vice President and President of Europa Nostra Germany and the Deutsche Burgenvereinigung, **Alexander Fürst zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn**, and was opened by **Dr Andrea H. Schuler**, Executive President of Europa Nostra.

Europa Nostra Present at the 2007 Salon du Patrimoine 8-11 November 2007

Europa Nostra was present with a stand at the 2007 **Salon du Patrimoine culturel** in the Carrousel du Louvre in Paris from 8 to 11 November. The Salon du Patrimoine is a major yearly event for the French Heritage scene bringing together 250 exhibitors from experts and tradesmen of traditional building skills and crafts, media and publications in the heritage field and groups of professionals and civil society all working to protect and enhance France's cultural heritage. The theme of this year's Salon was Cultural Heritage and the Environment. Europa Nostra Council Member **Mr José Maria Ballester** of **Fundacion Marcelino Botin**, Spain, presided over a discussion on the subject of "Heritage and Territory".

Heritage Tours

In September 2007, Europa Nostra published its Heritage Tours 2008 brochure, offering its Individual Members a choice of five tours across Europe and to South Africa. The tour to Naples, Italy, was immediately fully booked. The tours to Prague and Brno (19.05 - 26.05.2008), to Portugal (26.09 - 02.10.2008), to Cyprus (16.10 - 23.10.2008) and to South Africa (14.11 - 24.11.2008) are also filling up quickly. A limited number of places is still available though.

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European Policy

EC Communication on a European Agenda for Culture in a Globalising World: Reactions from the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions

In response to the European Commission's "Communication on a European Agenda for Cultural in a Globalising World" (**ENewsletter 2007/1**), European Parliament Rapporteur, **Mr Vasco Graça Moura**, published his **Draft Report** on 18 September in which he underlines the special duty of the European Union to safeguard Europe's cultural heritage and calls for a specific programme for cultural heritage to be drawn up to complement the Culture Programme (2007-2013). Committee of the Regions Rapporteur, **Mr Gerd Harms**, also recently published his **opinion**. In particular he drew attention to the tremendous opportunities offered by cultural tourism for economic development, but also to the risks involved for cultural heritage. He also questioned the use of the Open Method of Coordination, through which the Member States fix guidelines and common objectives that they regularly review through a common system of monitoring and reporting, in the field of Culture.

Cultural Forum for Europe in Lisbon: A First Step towards a Regular and Structured Dialogue at EU Level 26-27 September 2007

From 26 to 27 September 2007 over 400 stakeholders in the European cultural field participated in the first Cultural Forum for Europe organised by the **Portuguese Presidency** of the EU in view of consulting civil society on the European Agenda for Culture in a Globalising World proposed in the European Commission's Communication on Culture. Europa Nostra was represented at this meeting by its Secretary General, **Mrs Sneska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovic**, and **Ms Eléonore de Merode**, European Policy Officer. After two days of intense discussions, the conclusions of the debates were presented to **Mrs Isabel Pires de Lima**, Portuguese Minister of Culture, **Mr José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission, **Mr Ján Figel**, Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth and to the national governmental delegations, including a number of EU Ministers of Culture. The event took place just before an informal meeting of the Council Ministers of Culture, meant to prepare the Culture Council decision on the Communication at the formal meeting of the Council in November, including the probable adoption of the common objectives of a European cultural strategy.

This first Cultural Forum for Europe is an initiative that results directly from one of the proposals

of the Communication - the need to establish a structured dialogue with the cultural sector which is seen as essential to the development of EU policies and actions in the field of culture. The participants welcomed the initiative to engage in a regular and structured exchange at EU level between civil society active in the field of culture and policy- and decision-makers, and decided to hold a bi-annual Cultural Forum. They however emphasised the need to also hold thematic and regional Forums.

Eurobarometer on Culture: Europeans Affirm Their Strong Attachment to Culture and Expect More from the EU in This Area

A new **Eurobarometer on European Cultural Values** (Eurobarometer 278) was published on 27 September 2007. The survey, which covered over 26 000 citizens in the 27 EU Member States and took place in February and March, have revealed that two-thirds of Europeans feel that they share elements of a collective culture. Nearly nine out of ten Europeans say that culture, cultural exchanges and intercultural dialogue should have an important place in the EU.

It is particularly interesting to note that visiting heritage figures prominently amongst the most popular and most accessible cultural activities: no less than 54% of EU citizens interrogated have visited at least one historical monument in the past year. In comparison, 51% of EU citizens have been to the cinema, 41% attended a sports event, 32% have been to the theatre and 18% to opera, dance or ballet events at least once in the past year. Only reading a book or watching/listening to cultural TV/radio programmes are more popular than visiting historical monuments.

EC Communication on "An Integrated Maritime Policy for the European Union"

On 10 October 2007 the European Commission published a provisional version of its **Communication on an Integrated Maritime Policy for the European Union** (The Blue Paper) as well as a Commission Staff Working Document. The Communication proposes two measures in particular relating to heritage conservation: a European Atlas of the Seas and a European Maritime Day to start in 2008. The focus of the document is nonetheless economic, and Europa Nostra believes that further attention should be drawn to the rapid deterioration of coastal natural and cultural heritage in the Mediterranean.

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European Heritage Days

2007 European Heritage Days

The events marking the 2007 European Heritage Days took place in Belgrade on Friday 21 September in the Terazije Theatre. The ceremony was full of images and a series of chamber and choral music performances preceded speeches by Serbian, Council of Europe, European Commission and Europa Nostra dignitaries. Speeches were given by **Dr Radmila Hrustanović**, Deputy Mayor of Belgrade, **Mr Vojislav Brajović**, Minister of Culture of Serbia, **Ambassador Eleonora Petrova-Mitevaska**, Permanent Representative of "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Chair of the Group of Rapporteurs on Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment (GR-C) of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, **Mr Robert Palmer**, Director of Culture and Cultural and Natural Heritage of the Council of Europe, **Mr Ján Figel'**, Member of the European Commission responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, and **Dr Andrea H. Schuler**, Executive President of Europa Nostra. They all stressed the importance and growing success of the European Heritage Days, celebrated in 49 countries across Europe during the month of September.

An International Round Table on "Common Heritage in Europe on the Move - Adding Values to the Development Potential of European Regions" organised at the House of the National Assembly, preceded the ceremony. The Round Table focused on the **Regional Programme for Cultural and Natural Heritage in South East Europe** (RPSEE). The aim of this Round Table was to showcase the joint Council of Europe / European Commission experience on heritage rehabilitation projects in South-East Europe as a contribution to the improvement of the quality of life of citizens, as enshrined in the Faro Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society.

At the end of the Round Table, Serbia signed 3 of the Council of Europe's Conventions related to cultural heritage (the **Faro Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society**, the **European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage** (revised), and the **European Landscape Convention**).

Annual Meeting of the European Heritage Days National Coordinators in Sibiu

Europa Nostra, in its capacity as Liaison Office for the coordination of the European Heritage Days, a joint action of the Council of Europe and the European Union, participated in the annual

meeting of the European Heritage Days National Coordinators, which was held in Sibiu, Romania, on 29-30 October 2007, in the framework of Sibiu - European Capital of Culture 2007.

At the occasion of this meeting, Europa Nostra organised, in cooperation with the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs of Romania, a workshop on "Communicating about the Cultural Heritage".

Four excellent case studies were presented by **Ms Karen Schousboe**, Director of Cultures, Heritage and Culture Weekly; **Ms Brigitte Vander Bruggen**, EHD National Coordinator for Brussels-Capital; **Mr Michel Kneubülher**, Regional Directorate for Cultural Affairs of the Rhône-Alpes Region; and **Mr Wolter Braamhorst**, expert on communication and television. The General Rapporteur of the colloquy was **Mrs Marianne Roald Ytterdal**, President of Fortidsminneforeningen Norway and Council Member of Europa Nostra.

The workshop was highly appreciated by the participants and was followed by interesting group discussions, moderated by **Ms Tracy Borman**, English Heritage, Learning Director, and **Ms Danielle Birck**, Radio France Internationale, Journalist, about how to communicate the European dimension of the European Heritage Days.

The annual meeting of the coordinators, which took place the following day, allowed the participants to discuss the EHD communication strategy elaborated by Europa Nostra, and the future of the EHD.

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Heritage at Risk

Tall Buildings in Historic Urban Areas

The construction of tall and invasive buildings in historic urban areas is an urgent problem throughout Europe, but especially in Central and Eastern Europe. Increased awareness and better information about planning tall buildings and the way they affect the (historic) surroundings needs to be generated. In view of raising awareness about this issue amongst the members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Europa Nostra, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the PACE, therefore produced a **Motion for Resolution** that was presented to the Plenary Session of the PACE.

Allianoi – Due to Be Flooded Imminently

Many years of campaigning by Europa Nostra (together with ICOMOS and EAA), EU Institutions and local activists have resulted in the postponement of the flooding of the site. The 2007 parliamentary and presidential elections in Turkey in 2007 have further increased tension around the future of the site. Local archaeologists are still battling for its preservation and trying to secure sufficient funding to excavate the site before it gets flooded, which has become a most probable scenario. They were however denied permission and funds by the Ministry of Culture to continue excavation works in summer 2007. Local contacts have informed Europa Nostra that the dam construction work is finished and that the flooding of the site is scheduled for autumn 2007.

On 14 September, Europa Nostra therefore wrote to **Mr Emmanuelis Zingeris**, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Cultural Heritage of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), to ask him to raise the matter with the PACE, and particularly the new Turkish MPs elected to the PACE. On 2 October, Europa Nostra wrote to the new President of the Republic of Turkey, **Mr Abdullah Gül**, and to the recently appointed Minister of Culture, **Mr Ertugrul Günay**, to ask that permits be granted to pursue survey and excavation works and that the necessary conservation measures are undertaken.

Diversion of the Acheloos River to Thessaly, Greece

Europa Nostra has resumed its campaign waged in the 1990s to stop the proposed plan to divert a substantial proportion of the flow of the River Acheloos to Thessaly. As a consequence of the campaign supported by Europa Nostra, the Court ruled in 2000 that a full proposal for the preservation of the seventeenth century monastery of St George in Myrofyllo needed to be presented before this major public work could proceed. The proposed diversion is now once again before the Court, as a result of a decision of the Greek Parliament, but without any such plan to protect this important monument having yet been presented. Furthermore, work is already being carried on by the contractor at full speed. Europa Nostra's Executive President therefore wrote to **Mr George Panayotopoulos**, President of the Council of State, to request that the Court issue a judgement that will protect the monument in question and to declare invalid any decision taken by anyone or in any way that would put it at risk.

Sinaia - a Worst Practice in Urban Development

The case of Sinaia has been chosen by Romanian heritage organisations headed by *Pro Patrimonio* as a sad example for a wider process of project development and real estate speculation which is putting great pressure on the preservation of cultural heritage in Romania and the wider region. On 28 August, Europa Nostra's Executive President sent a letter to the President, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Culture of Romania to draw their attention to the large scale damage being inflicted on Romania's cultural heritage by uncontrolled urban development. In his letter, the Executive President called for policy reform, better implementation of existing laws and a moratorium on the demolition of existing buildings and the construction of invasive buildings in historic centres.

Subotica Theatre (Serbia) Razed to the Ground

Europa Nostra's Executive President sent a letter of support to the local campaign against the adaptation plans for the Art Nouveau theatre in Subotica to the Serbian State Secretary for Culture last July. Europa Nostra's intervention however came too late to stop or postpone the partial demolition works which have started in early August.

Dresden: Construction of the Bridge over the River Elbe Temporarily Halted Due to Threats to a Rare Species of Bat!

Replies were received to the letters addressed to the Mayor of Dresden and the President of Saxony by Europa Nostra's Executive President, regarding the construction of a bridge over the river Elbe. At its last meeting in Christchurch (New Zealand), the UNESCO World Heritage Committee gave the authorities another three months to present an alternative plan to that of the bridge. Despite UNESCO's threat to remove Dresden from the World Heritage List, construction of the bridge was due to start on 13 August. However, a Court ruling on 9 August decided that the construction had to wait until the possible effects of the bridge on the endangered Lesser Horseshoe Bat were studied.

Rosia Montana : Romanian Court Ruling against the Planned Gold Mining Activities

In September, following years of campaigning by Europa Nostra, the Romanian Court ruled against the planned gold mining activities by the Rosia Montana Gold Cooperation which would have had a serious impact on the landscape, the environment and cultural heritage.

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Awards

Masterplan for the Rehabilitation of the Walled City of Nicosia amongst the Nine Laureates of the Aga Khan Prize for Architecture

On 4 September 2007, at a ceremony held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, **His Highness the Aga Khan** announced the nine recipients of the **2007 Aga Khan Award for Architecture**. Founded in 1977 to identify and encourage building concepts that successfully address the needs and aspirations of Muslim societies, in the fields of contemporary design, social housing, community improvement and development, historic preservation, reuse and area conservation, as well as landscape design and improvement of the environment, the Award has a triennial prize fund of US\$ 500,000, making it the world's largest architectural award.

In 1979, the representatives of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities held a historic meeting under United Nations auspices to create a master plan for the "Rehabilitation of the Walled City of Nicosia". A collaborative and sustained effort, the project has been successful in reversing the city's physical and economic decline, using architectural restoration and reuse as the catalyst for improvement to the quality of life on both sides of this divided city. The representatives of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities will share the Award with the Nicosia Master Plan team. In 2005, the top Prize of the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards was presented to the Omeriye Ottoman Baths which form part of the Masterplan.

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Partnerships

Inventory of Heritage Organisations in Europe (IHOE)

The aim of the IHOE project is to develop a new tool for partner search and exchange, by and for heritage organisations in Europe. The IHOE project will map out and present an overview of all non-governmental organisations in Europe that are engaged in heritage in the broad sense of the

word, ranging in scope from the supra-local to the whole of Europe. Heritage organisations that meet these criteria can register via a website specially developed for this purpose. This [website in four languages](#) (English - Dutch - French - German) will be converted into an online database accessible to all before the end of 2007. The project was initiated by three Flemish heritage umbrella organisations with the support of the Flemish authorities, Europa Nostra and the Flemish Commission for UNESCO.

Cities and Regions Project: Workshops in Essen, Germany 1-2 October 2007

Europa Nostra participated in the Workshop on the "Cities and Regions Project" organised by the Initiative "A Soul for Europe" in conjunction with [RUHR.2010](#) (Cultural Capital of Europe in 2010), and the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI) in Essen, Germany on 1-2 October. The workshop brought together political and cultural and heritage experts from across Europe to discuss what gives a European added value to the cultural substance and activities of cities and regions. The aim was to highlight not only cultural achievements of various cities and regions, but also their consequent European responsibilities, and to show ways of helping cities and regions to live up to their roles as key players in Europe. Europa Nostra Communications Officer, **Mrs Laurie Neale**, gave a presentation at the workshop "Lieux de Mémoire - Europe 's Memory", in which she emphasised the potential of the European Heritage Days as a means for cities and regions to show their citizens the place of their own local cultural heritage monuments and sites within the larger European cultural heritage whole. Other workshops included "Conversion through Culture", "European Heritage", "Cultural Participation, Cosmopolitan Cities, Intercultural Dialogue", "Outstanding Cultural Performance" and "Cross Border Regions".

Union of European Historic Houses Associations highlight the educational role of cultural heritage 4 October 2007

Representatives of different national associations of private owners of historic buildings gathered in Brussels on 4 October 2007 for the annual meeting of their European network, the [Union of European Historic Houses Associations](#) (UEHHA). The main focus of this European gathering was on the educational role of cultural heritage which was illustrated by presentations of several exemplary initiatives and activities developed or supported by private owners of historic buildings in the Netherlands, UK and France. Representatives of the European Commission who took part in this meeting welcomed those initiatives and fully recognised the important educational potential of cultural heritage and the positive role which the private owners can play in this context. Europa Nostra was invited to take part in this conference with the view of further promoting the mutually beneficial cooperation with UEHHA, and was represented by **Mr Denis de Kergorlay**, Vice-President of Europa Nostra.

Europa Nostra and Historic Hotels of Europe to develop a future partnership

Europa Nostra was invited to present its mission and activities at the general assembly meeting of the [Historic Hotels of Europe](#) (HHE) which took place on 12 October in Sils Maria in Switzerland. This was also the opportunity to discuss together possible forms of future cooperation.

The HHE was created with the objective of promoting global awareness for the historic hotels associations from 16 European countries through a co-operative marketing strategy. With a wealth of more than 1000 chateaux, manors, convents, palaces, monasteries, farms, townhouses, post-houses and family-owned residences, the "Historic Hotels of Europe " seek to safeguard the very essence and diversity of Europe 's history, heritage, tradition, charm, and the art of hospitality. Europa Nostra looks forward to explore ways in developing a long-lasting partnership with HHE for the benefit of our shared mission: the safeguard and enhancement of the "unity in diversity" of Europe 's cultural heritage.

European Association of Heritage Journalists

A European Association for Heritage Journalists was launched in Paris at the *Palais de Chaillot - La Cité de l'architecture & du patrimoine* on 24 September 2007. **Mr Michel Schulman**, President of AJPat, the Association of Heritage Journalists also based in Paris (www.journalistes-patrimoine.org), has assembled more than 30 journalists specialised in heritage matters from across Europe to form the founding core of this network. They have resolved to share pertinent cultural heritage information with each other and to increase the media coverage of news, policies, threats and successes in the struggle to safeguard and enhance Europe's cultural heritage monuments and sites, buildings and living environments. As soon as resources allow, a website will be set up to function as a Press agency for all matters concerning cultural heritage and to provide a constant source of information for all journalists interested in cultural heritage stories.

European Movement: May 1948 - May 2008

In The Hague, two major events will occur to mark the 60 th Anniversary of the [European Movement](#): the European Civil Society Forum "Building together the Europe of the Future" (23-

24 May) in which 400 participants from all over Europe will participate, and events celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the European Movement. The goal of the Forum, which will include a session on "Cultural Europe" organised in cooperation with Europa Nostra, will be to summarise the ideas and questions for the construction of Europe in the next ten years. These will be presented to citizens and policy- and decision-makers alike during a television debate held for the Anniversary celebrations on 24 May.

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