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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

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Europa Nostra Welcomes the Cultural programme of the French Presidency of the European Union

In July, Europa Nostra's Executive President, Dr Andrea H. Schuler, sent a letter to Christine Albanel, French Minister of Culture who is currently acting as the President of the EU Council of Ministers responsible for Culture. In this letter Europa Nostra welcomes the ambitious programme of the French Presidency which seeks to further promote the European Agenda for Culture and which puts cultural heritage at the very heart of this Agenda. While expressing special interest in activities related to the enhancement of Europe's cultural heritage and to the promotion of a wider access to cultural heritage, Europa Nostra also welcomed a series of other important cultural dossiers which will be debated during the French Presidency, namely the launch of the European numeric library "Europeana"; the fight against illicit trafficking of works of art and archives; the need for mobilising architects and urban planners to work together in ensuring a sustainable development of our cities; the synergies between culture and economy; and finally the emphasis placed on promoting cultural diversity and the dialogue of cultures, as two fundamental values for all fields of cultural expression. Last but not least, in its message to the French Minister of Culture, Europa Nostra confirmed its support to the *Label du patrimoine européen* ("European Heritage Label") which was launched in 2007 and welcomed the aim of the French Presidency to further promote the Label as an important tool for raising the awareness among Europe's citizens about the European dimension of our shared history, heritage and culture. Europa Nostra's letter also confirmed the readiness of our federation to continue assisting the EU Institutions with the further development of a true European Agenda for Cultural Heritage.

more information

[Culture Programme of the French Presidency website](#)
[Calendar of Events in this ENewsletter](#)

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Europa Nostra welcomes the European Commission proposal to apply a reduced rate of VAT to the repair, renovation and maintenance of places of worship, cultural heritage and historical monuments

On 7 July the European Commission published its [Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 2006/112/EC](#) as regards reduced rates of VAT so as to provide Member States with the flexibility to apply reduced VAT rates for some specified labour-intensive services on a permanent basis from 2010. It is now proposed that the category of services eligible to a reduced VAT rate be broadened to include the repair, renovation and maintenance services provided to places of worship, cultural heritage and historical monuments, as recognised by Member States.

The decision of the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers (ECOFIN) is expected in mid-2009. However, even if the proposed amended Directive is agreed on in Brussels, the possibility to apply these reductions will still remain only optional for EU Member States. It is therefore important for the heritage sector to advocate the implementation of this Directive both at national level and at European level.

Europa Nostra therefore calls on its Member Organisations to make sure that every effort is made in their countries to raise awareness of policy and decision-makers on the importance of adopting such a provision. Specific suggestions for action at national level will be circulated to Member Organisations in the coming months. This matter will figure on the agenda of the next meeting of Europa Nostra's European Policy Working Group on 29 October 2008 in Brussels. The Europa Nostra Secretariat remains at the disposal of Member Organisations for further advice on this important dossier.

further information

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[Europa Nostra's response to the consultation prior to the Proposal](#)
[European Commission website](#)
[full text of the Proposal](#)

Europa Nostra's Council Adopt a New Declaration on the Impact of Wind-Power on the Countryside NewcastleGateshead, United Kingdom, on 14 June 2008

At its meeting in NewcastleGateshead, United Kingdom, on 14 June 2008, the Council of Europa Nostra debated the environmental and heritage implications of the rapidly increasing use of wind-power for electricity generation, and endorsed a Declaration on the Impact of Wind-Power on the Countryside. In the Declaration, the Council fully recognised and shared the serious international concerns which exist about climate change, as well as the need for all European countries to have energy policies which take these concerns into account. The Europa Nostra Council, however, called on all stakeholders to continue examining carefully the impact on the built and natural heritage of all forms of energy, with a special emphasis on the impact of the proliferation of wind turbines on Europe's countryside.

further information

[Europa Nostra Declaration on the Impact of Wind-Power on the Countryside](#)

Europa Nostra in Dialogue with the Committee of the Regions of the European Union

Brussels, Belgium, 25 September 2008

Upon invitation of Dr Gerhard Harms, Chairman of the Commission for Culture, Education and Research, of the Committee of the Regions, Europa Nostra will have the opportunity to present its mission and action at the next meeting of this Commission which will take place on 25 September

2008 in Brussels. This presentation will be made by Rupert Graf Strachwitz, Chairman of Europa Nostra's European Policy Working Group. Europa Nostra was also invited to take part in the next meeting of the Committee of the Region's working group on relations with Turkey which will be dedicated to cultural heritage and its role in the relationship between the EU and Turkey. Europa Nostra will be represented at this meeting by Dr Orhan Silier, member of the Council of Europa Nostra and President of the Economic and Social History Foundation of Turkey as well as by Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović, Secretary General of Europa Nostra.

more information

[Committee of the Regions website](#)

Heritage at Risk

MONTENEGRO Bay of Kotor Endangered by Uncontrolled Urbanisation

During the summer, Europa Nostra was approached by its Member Organisation EXPEDITIO, the Centre for Sustainable Spatial Development in Montenegro, to support a campaign aiming to protect the region of Kotor on the Adriatic Coast in Montenegro, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979.

Uncontrolled urbanisation is taking place in the area since a few years. More recently, in the settlement of Lipci, situated on the Bay of Kotor, large-scale construction works are dramatically changing the cultural landscape of the Bay. Unless these threats are stopped as soon as possible, the consequences will be permanent and the destruction of the landscape of the Bay will mean the destruction of an exceptional heritage.

EXPEDITIO and other NGOs have asked assistance from the World Heritage Centre of UNESCO.

more information

[EXPEDITIO website](#)

SPAIN Industrial Developments Threatening Historic Numancia, Castilla y León

On 24 July, in letters to several representatives of the national, regional and local authorities - including the Spanish Minister of Culture, the President of the Junta de Castilla y León and the Mayor of Soria - Europa Nostra joined its member organisation [Hispania Nostra](#) and numerous other institutions in Spain and abroad in expressing grave concern about the seriously detrimental and irreversible impact on cultural heritage and the landscape, that would be caused by the projected development of the new industrial zone Soria II in the area of El Cabeza next to the ancient city of Numantia and in the immediate vicinity of six other areas declared to be of significant cultural interest.

The proposed industrial project - which is likely to include the participation of such energy and construction giants as Iberdrola, Acciona and ACS - totally violates the plan for the urbanisation of Soria which was approved in 2006 and which limits the industrialisation to the area of Valcorba for the next 30 years. Apart from Numantia, the Roman military encampment around of Garray, and the Church and Cloister of San Juan de Duero, the construction of this industrial zone will also affect the following properties declared to be of cultural interest: the Walled City on the left bank of the river Duero; the Cloister of the Church of San Pedro; and the Co-Cathedral of San Pedro.

A bastion of Iberian resistance against the Romans, Numantia was finally taken and destroyed by the Roman consul Publius Cornelius Scipio Aemilianus in the long and brutal siege of 134 BC. It is also closely linked with the Machado literary tradition and Cervantes. Furthermore, the Monastery of San Juan de Duero, located in the threatened area, is one of the first to have been built in the Romanesque style. The significance of the heritage of Numantia is clearly demonstrated by the fact that both Numantia and San Juan de Duero were the first monuments declared to be of significant artistic and historical interest by the government in 1872 and by the inscription of the area on Spain's Tentative List for potential nomination as a World Heritage Site.

Unfortunately, the campaign led by Spanish heritage organisations and supported by Europa Nostra did not reach the desired effect. During an extraordinary session on 1 August 2008, the

municipal council voted for the expropriation of the owners from the land designated for this zone. This decision is expected to be ratified by the regional council (Junta de Castilla y León). Europa Nostra continues to monitor the situation and will continue to denounce this regrettable development.

further information

[Hispania Nostra website](#)

[reference to Europa Nostra's intervention published in the Spanish press \(ABC, 30 July 2008\)](#)

TURKEY The Allianoi Campaign Gains New Momentum – European Court of Human Rights Takes up the Case

Since it was first informed of the case in 2005, Europa Nostra repeatedly intervened in favour of the conservation of this outstanding Roman bath site of Allianoi, through its support to the many local campaigns. This spectacular site will be flooded as soon as the Turkish authorities decide to close the valves of the Yortanlı irrigation dam, whose construction was finalised in summer 2007. The concerted actions of local campaigners and the international conservation community have so far been successful in postponing the planned flooding of the site. Throughout 2008 the site was being surveyed for documentation purposes, whilst its remains on the surface are being covered with a "protective" clay coating. This practice will, according to experts, be very detrimental to the artefacts as the varying water levels imply that the remains will occasionally be at the surface of the dam water and occasionally submerged because of an insufficient amount of water.

Due to the urgency of the situation and the lengthiness of domestic legal procedures, the Allianoi Initiative brought the case before the European Court of Human Rights in February 2008. The decision of the Court in July 2008 to take up this case represents a small victory and a ray of hope for the Allianoi Initiative. This is the first application submitted to the Court regarding the preservation of cultural heritage.

more information on Heritage at Risk issues

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Europa Nostra Activities

Meeting of the Landscape Working Group Santander, Spain, 8-9 September 2008

The next meeting of the Landscape Working Group will be kindly hosted by the Fundación Marcelino Botín in its offices in Santander, Spain, on 8 September. The Botín Foundation, founded in 1964, focuses on four areas that are considered priority concerns: education of young people, transfer of technological research to industry, rural development and cultural endeavour. José María Ballester, Chairman of the Landscape Working Group, represents the Foundation Botin in EN Council since last June.

The agenda of the Working Group meeting will mainly focus on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and various other subjects such as climate change and the reform of the European Agricultural Policy will be discussed. The programme "Heritage and Territory", developed by the Fundación Marcelino Botín in the "Vallée del Nansa", will be presented to the Working Group before a study visit to the Vallée itself on Tuesday 9 September.

Meeting of Europa Nostra Scientific Council Kilkenny, Ireland, 27 September-2 October 2008

From 27 September to 2 October 2008 the Europa Nostra Scientific Council will hold its 44th colloquium in Kilkenny in Ireland. This year's meetings will focus on "Towers and Smaller Castle".

The meetings are organised in collaboration with the National Monument Service of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the Heritage Council, and with the support of the Office of Public Works and the Kilkenny Borough Council.

Partnerships

The Best in Heritage Dubrovnik, Croatia, 25-27 September 2008

From 25 to 27 September 2008, the Annual Presentation of the Best Museum, Heritage and Conservation Projects - The Best in Heritage - will take place in Dubrovnik, Croatia. This event - under the patronage of a.o. Europa Nostra - showcases the most successful projects related to cultural heritage. Awarded as the best on a national or international level, the projects illustrate the best professional achievement of the previous year.

Six winners of the 2006 European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards (the Prize awarded in 2007) will present their projects. Among them the "Sarica Church" in Cappadocia in Turkey, winner of the Top Prize in the category for architectural heritage, and the "Atlantik Wall Linear Museum", winner of the Top Prize in the category for research.

further information

[The Best in Heritage website](#)

CALL FOR BEST PRACTICES for the European Conference on "Heritage Care through Active Citizenship" Deadline 30 September 2008

Europa Nostra is cooperating with a consortium of three Flemish heritage umbrella organisations ([Heemkunde Vlaanderen](#), [FARO](#), [VCM](#)) to organise a European conference on "Heritage Care and Active Citizenship" on 23-24 March 2009 in Mechelen. The aim of the conference will be to highlight the important role heritage organisations play in the conservation and transmission of heritage in Europe. The conference will focus on bringing together activists from all fields of heritage (tangible and intangible, moveable and immovable) and on exchanging best practices. This project is made possible through the financial support of the European Commission's "Europe for Citizens" programme and the Flemish Ministry of Culture.

The Conference organisers are currently searching for descriptions or nominations of inspiring practices and heritage projects in Europe, in which heritage organisations (especially those working for or with volunteers) or networks in civil society play an interesting role. The most interesting examples will be discussed at the Conference in March 2009. Suggestions should be sent in no later than 30 September 2008.

Europa Nostra has previously cooperated with these Flemish heritage organisations to launch the [Inventory of Heritage Organisations in Europe \(IHOE\)](#) - a new tool for partner search and exchange, developed for heritage organisations in Europe. The IHOE project maps out and presents an overview of all non-governmental organisations in Europe that are engaged in heritage in the broadest sense of the word.

more information

[Full Text Call for Best Practices](#)

Salon International du Patrimoine Paris, France, 6-9 November 2008

Just like in previous years, Europa Nostra will be present at the Salon International du Patrimoine, the International Heritage Show, that this year will take place from Thursday 6 to Sunday 9 November at the Carrousel du Louvre in Paris.

The themes for this year are *Heritage and Sponsorship* and *Heritage and Cultural Tourism*. Both topics are very close to the work of Europa Nostra, and we look forward to our presence at this event. Europa Nostra will set up an information stand and also intends to organise a panel on the role of lotteries for supporting cultural heritage.

Since 1997, the Salon International du Patrimoine has been the advocate for major heritage causes. Over the past 13 years, the show has welcomed a total of almost 250.000 visitors, more than 3000 exhibitors and 314 conferences. The Salon seeks to combine culture and economics and it is a showcase for quality craftsmanship and it brings together all sectors and all actors of the heritage scene.

EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards

REMINDER: 2009 Call for Entries Deadline 1 October 2008

In May, Europa Nostra and the European Commission published the Call for Entries for the 2009 edition of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards. Dossiers can be sent in four categories:

- Category 1 - Conservation;
- Category 2 - Research;
- Category 3 - Dedicated Service by Individuals or Organisations;
- Category 4 - Education, Training and Awareness Raising.

The deadline for submitting entry dossiers is **1 October 2008**.

Information on the 2009 EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards, entry forms and entry requirements are available on www.europanostra.org/awards/2009.html.

further information

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Local Award Ceremonies

Each year, winners of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards are invited to, after the European Heritage Awards Ceremony, organise Local Award Ceremonies to celebrate, on a local and national level, the winning of the Prize or Medal . These events constitute a valuable opportunity to give additional publicity to the winning project.

In the summer, already some Local Award Ceremonies have taken place:

- **18 June 2008** - Schatten van Amsterdam, the Netherlands, winner of a Medal in Category 4 - Education, Training and Awareness Raising. A ceremony was organised at the De Bazel building in Amsterdam, once a bank but recently converted into the Amsterdam City Archives. Europa Nostra was represented by Jan Willem van Beusekom of Erfgoed Nederland, member of Europa Nostra Council.
- **26 June 2008** - Emil van Brederode, the Netherlands, winner of a Medal in Category 3 - Dedicated Service. Europa Nostra was represented by Sneška Quaadvlieg-Mihailović, Europa Nostra Secretary General.
- **19 August 2008** - The International Built Heritage Conservation Training Centre, Romania , winner of the Prize in Category 4 - Education, Training and Awareness Raising. A successful ceremony was organised on the site of the Training Centre, the baroque Bánffy Castle in Bonțida in Romania. The ceremony was very well attended by representatives of the local and national government and the European Commission, and was covered by numerous local and national media. Europa Nostra was represented by Dr Andrea H. Schuler, Executive President.
- **29 August 2008** - Valéria Suruceanu, Moldova, winner of a Europa Nostra Medal in Category 3 - Dedicated Service. A successful ceremony was organised at the National Museum of Art in Chișinău. The ceremony was well attended by representatives of the national government and was covered by Moldovan and German television and various newspapers. Europa Nostra was represented by Alexander Fürst zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn, Vice-President of Europa Nostra and President of the Jury for Category 3 - Dedicated Service.

In the coming months, the following Local Award Ceremonies will take place:

- **13 September 2008** - Max Liebermann Villa and Garden, Berlin -Wannsee, Germany , winner of a Medal in Category 1 - Conservation;
- **13 September 2008** - La Grande Forge de Buffon, France, winner of a Medal in Category 1 - Conservation;

- **18 September 2008** - a joint ceremony for all Spanish winners, organised at the Royal Palace of El Pardo in Madrid. The ceremony will take place in the presence of HM the Queen of Spain;
- **19 September 2008** - The Van Nelle Design Factory, Rotterdam , the Netherlands , winner of a Prize in Category 1 - Conservation. The ceremony will coincide with the 10th International Conference of Docomomo;
- **19 September 2008** - The Archaeological Site of Skarkos, Greece, winner of a Prize in Category 1 - Conservation;
- **20 September 2008** - The Archaeological Site of Galerius' Palace, Thessloniki, Greece, winner of a Medal in Category 1 - Conservation;
- **12 October 2008** - Classes d'éveil au Patrimoine et à ses métiers, Belgium, winner of a Medal in Category 4 - Education, Training and Awareness Raising;
- **30 October 2008** - Jugendbauhütten der deutschen Stiftung Denkmalschutz, winner of a Medal in Category 4 - Education;
- **4 November 2008** - The Archaeological Site of Saint-Pierre Cathedral, Geneva , Switzerland , winner of a Europa Nostra Medal in Category 1 - Conservation.

VACANCY at the Europa Nostra Secretariat - Heritage Awards Coordinator

Europa Nostra is searching - as per 1 October 2008 - for a creative and dynamic person to fill the position of Heritage Awards Coordinator, responsible for the organisation and development of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards. Applications should be sent in no later than 15 September 2008.

more information

[Full Vacancy on Europa Nostra website](#)

Heritage Tours

2009 Heritage Tours Programme to be Published Shortly

The 2009 Heritage Tours brochure will be issued in October. For next year a fascinating variety of tours, including some quite off-the-beaten-track ones, has been scheduled. The programme will offer tours to Andalucía (29 March to 5 April), Bretagne (10 to 16 May), Greenland (30 June to 8 July), Florence/Sienna (26 October to 1 November) and Tunisia (12 to 21 November). Experience has taught that many tours sell out very quickly; therefore, early registration is highly recommended.

More information will also be available on Europa Nostra's website.

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Calendar of Events

EVENTS ORGANISED AS PART OF THE CULTUREAL PROGRAMME OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION:

2008 Meeting of the European Heritage Network (HEREIN) Chaumont-sur-Loire, 25 September 2008

The European Heritage Network (HEREIN) is a permanent information system combining government departments responsible for cultural heritage under the umbrella of the Council of Europe. Since it was set up in 1999 the network has become a reference point for government bodies, professionals, research workers and non-governmental organisations active in this field. HEREIN's 2008 meeting will focus on "Garden Policy in Europe and on "Heritage and Education".

The New Frontiers of the Culture Economy Paris, 2-3 October 2008

This conference will focus on enhancing the specifically cultural dimension of the creative industries, at the service of competitiveness, growth and employment.

European Forum for Architectural Policies Bordeaux, 9-10 October 2008

This conference will bring together professionals, policy-makers and institution representatives from all the Member States around the theme "Architecture and Sustainable Development".

Culture, Media and Economy in Europe Avignon, 17-18 November 2008

Closing Conference of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue Paris, 17-19 November 2008

"Enhancing the Value of European Heritage" Avignon, 4-5 December 2008

further information

[Culture Programme of the French Presidency website](#)

OTHER EVENTS:

Climate Change and Urban Design Oslo, Norway, 14-16 September 2008

Following successful congresses in Berlin 2005 and Leeds 2006, the Council for European Urbanism (CEU) will hold its third international congress in Oslo, Norway, from 14 to 16 September 2008. The congress will discuss the rapidly-evolving topic of "Climate Change and Urban Design", and the latest implications in science, policy, education and best practice.

The CEU Congress will welcome government officials, planners, architects, social scientists, ecologists, developers, local community activists, and all other development stakeholders who feel a responsibility to contribute to more sustainable urban development. Examples from Europe, North America and elsewhere will be presented and discussed.

more information

[Council for European Urbanism website](#)

[Congress website](#)

10th International Docomomo Conference Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 16-19 September 2008

The 10th International Conference of Docomomo, the international organisation for Documentation and Conservation of buildings and sites of the Modern Movement, will take place from 16 to 19 September in the Van Nelle Design Factory in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

This renowned Modern Movement icon will accommodate the conference programme of Parallel Paper and Case Study Presentations, Round-table Sessions, the 2nd edition of the International Docomomo Student Workshop and public evening lectures by distinguished invited speakers.

During the closing session of the conference, on Friday 19 September 2008, the 2008 European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Award that was awarded to the Van Nelle Design Factory will be presented by Dr Andrea H. Schuler, Executive President of Europa Nostra.

more information

[Docomomo International website](#)

[10th International Docomomo Conference website](#)

Annual Congress and General Assembly of ECOVAST Wittstock (Dosse), Germany, 17-21 September 2008

The 2008 Annual Congress and the General Assembly of ECOVAST, the European Council for the Village And Small Town, a Member Organisation of Europa Nostra, will take place in Wittstock (Dosse) in the Prignitz/Brandenburg in Germany from 17 to 21 September 2008.

Small Towns in the countryside are often overlooked when it comes to trying to solve the problems of Europe or the World. However they are important central points in the settlement structure, they are indispensable for a future-orientated economic, social and cultural development, important for the quality of life and the identity of the inhabitants of the region.

For this reason ECOVAST, the Town of Wittstock (Dosse) and the Brandenburg Chamber of Architects organise a conference to discuss this subject. ECOVAST started at the Europa Nostra Conference in Hamburg, in 1978, and will therefore celebrate its 30th anniversary this year. A dinner will be organised by the German Section of ECOVAST (itself celebrating its 20th anniversary) on 20 September.

further information

[ECOVAST website](#)

Launch Paesaggi Sensibili - The Sensible Landscapes by Italia Nostra 20 September 2008

On the occasion of the 60 th anniversary of Italian Constitution, **Italia Nostra** launches a national campaign "The Sensible Landscapes" to reconfirm the Italia Nostra's effort to defend the landscape and the cultural and artistic heritage of the country, which belongs, according to the Article 9 of the Constitution, to the fundamental principles of the country's identity.

Today, it is absolutely necessary to promote the knowledge of our territory as it is still necessary to defend Italy. Valleys, hills, plains, coasts and alpine summits, lakes and rivers, pine forests and agricultural areas, archaeological parks, historical villas and antique villages are the constituent elements of the heritage, whose value is indisputable and still more at risk as being degraded due to carelessness and speculation.

On 20 September 2008 , new pathways will emerge in the country, "The Sensible Landscapes" of Italia Nostra. They are 50 elements of a heritage to be saved, that represent a new "Voyage in Italy" aimed to discover values of the country ranging from the *Strait of Messina* to *Appia Antica Park in Rome*, from the *Cinque Terre Park* to *Murgia Materana*, and from the *Mouth of the river Po* to *Tuvixeddu Necropolis* in Cagliari. Thank to its sections operating in the country, Italia Nostra invites the citizens to repossess the landscapes through walks, boat or train excursions, proposes conferences and debates and presents "The list of values" and "The list of risks" of "The Sensible Landscapes". The association involves the young and the school world in a competition whose aim is to rediscover the Italian landscape.

more information

[Italia Nostra website](#)

European Heritage Legal Forum Brussels, Belgium, 22-23 September 2008

The first meeting of the recently created European Heritage Legal Forum (EHLF) will take place in Brussels on 22-23 September 2008. The proposal for the establishment of an EHLF was endorsed last May at the annual meeting of the European Heritage Heads Forum (EHHF) in Copenhagen , Denmark . The aim of this Forum will be to bring together representatives of national governmental bodies who have the task of monitoring European legislation and assessing its impact - direct or indirect - on cultural heritage. At the meeting in Brussels participants will further examine the main aims and specific tasks of the future European Heritage Legal Forum.

more information

[European Heritage Heads Forum website](#)

Forum Belgrade II - A Soul for Europe Belgrade, Serbia, 3-4 October 2008

Forum Lyon - A Soul for Europe Lyon, France, 10 October 2008

The Berlin based "A Soul for Europe" initiative aims to emphasise the cultural component of the development of Europe, to ensure a Europe of Europeans and not just a Europe of institutions, administrations and regulations. The initiative is organising two conferences in October 2008. Topics will include the dialogue between political decision makers and representatives of civil society.

On 3-4 October 2008, the initiative "A Soul for Europe ", the Felix Meritis Foundation and Kulturni Front Beograd organise the *Forum Belgrade II* in Belgrade, a second encounter of political decision makers, business representatives and civil society in the Serbian capital. Europa Nostra will be represented by Dr Irina Subotic of Europa Nostra Serbia .

On 10 October 2008 , together with the Felix Meritis Foundation and the theatre company Image Aiguë, the Forum Lyon will be organised at the famous Théâtre des Célestins in Lyon, France. This will be the first time that a West-European city will host the Forum debates. Mr Denis de Kergorlay, Vice-President of Europa Nostra, will attend the Lyon event.

more information

[Forum Belgrade II - A Soul for Europe website](#)

[Forum Lyon - A Soul for Europe website](#)

International Conference "Maritime Traditions in European Waters - What's on?"

Rostock, Germany, 9-11 October 2008

On 9-11 October 2008, the Baltic Sea Committee, in consultation with Europa Nostra Member Organisation European Maritime Heritage, will organise an International Conference on "Maritime Traditions in European Waters".

At this conference, the opportunities and merits of traditional shipping will be discussed by city representatives, organisers of harbour festivals - of which many take place in the Baltic Sea Region -, owners, agents or operators of traditional sailing ships, scientists of maritime and naval museums, representatives of cities or institutions representing world maritime heritage sites, national shipping authorities, institutions, associations or private persons interested in maintaining or simply displaying the maritime cultural heritage of Europe and especially in the Baltic Sea Region.

more information

[Conference website](#)

[European Maritime Heritage website](#)

Celebration of the 2008 European Heritage Days Brussels, Belgium, 23-24 October 2008

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the European Heritage Days in Belgium and as a contribution to 2008 - European Year of Intercultural Dialogue, a European Forum on "Heritage and Dialogue" will be organised on 23-24 October 2008. This Forum, which will take place in Brussels, will also be the central event marking the celebration of the 2008 European Heritage Days.

further information

[European Heritage Days website](#)

2008 Culture Action Europe Conference Marseilles, France, 23-25 October 2008

Hosted by two key actors of the local cultural scene - la Friche la Belle de Mai et Lieux Publics -

and by the Region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, the 2008 Conference of Culture Action Europe (formerly the European Forum for the Arts and Heritage) will bring together European actors from the broad field of culture. The conference will take place in Marseilles, from 23 to 25 October 2008.

At the Mediterranean seaside, the conference will address two main themes: culture in the European Union's external relations and the role of civil society in European cultural policy-making. The conference is aimed at artists, creative and cultural operators who want to develop both their knowledge and their networks in the field of European cultural cooperation and policies. 150–200 Participants are expected from all over Europe and the Mediterranean region.

further information

[Culture Action Europe website](#)

[Conference website](#)

SAVE THE DATE Europa Nostra 2009 Annual Congress Taormina, Sicily, Italy, 3-7 June 2009

The Europa Nostra 2009 Annual Congress will take place in Taormina on Sicily, Italy, from 3-7 June 2009. It will be organised in cooperation with Italia Nostra and the Distretto Culturale Taormina Etna, Associate Member of Europa Nostra since 2007. The European Heritage Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday 6 June in the Teatro Antico of Taormina.

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