



## EUROPEAN UNION PRIZE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE / EUROPA NOSTRA AWARDS 2010



### Celebrating Excellence

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**The European Commission and Europa Nostra announce 29 winners from 15 countries for the 2010 Edition of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards.**

**This unique Awards programme highlights some of Europe's best achievements, and showcases remarkable efforts made in safeguarding Europe's rich architectural, landscape, archaeological and artistic heritage.**

**The awards will be presented during the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual European Heritage Awards Ceremony, taking place in Aya Irini in Istanbul, Turkey on 10 June 2010, as part of the Europa Nostra Annual Congress. These events contribute to the celebration of Istanbul as a European Capital of Culture 2010 and are included in the official programme of Istanbul 2010.**

The awards will be presented by **Mrs Androulla Vassiliou**, European Commissioner responsible for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, and **Denis de Kergorlay**, Executive President of Europa Nostra.

Each year, the European cultural heritage community and its supporters turn their attention to the **European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards**. Proudly celebrated annually since 2002, the ceremony showcases the greatest achievements in maintaining and preserving Europe's shared cultural heritage. Jointly organised by the European Commission and Europa Nostra - the Voice of Cultural Heritage in Europe – this grand Award Ceremony starts off celebrations that will continue at local level and at the sites themselves throughout the year.

The Awards celebrate not only outstanding initiatives, conservation projects, research, and education successes within Europe's cultural heritage sector, but also reward the exceptionally dedicated service to heritage conservation by individuals and/or groups. The 2010 winners have been selected from nearly 140 submitted projects, stemming from 26 countries. The selection of Laureates is made by one of the 4 Heritage Awards Juries, composed of independent experts from across Europe.

A major aim of the Awards is to stimulate trans-border exchanges in the heritage sector. By spreading the "Power of Example", the Awards scheme encourages further efforts and projects related to heritage protection throughout Europe. This is in keeping with the goals set down by other Europe-wide cultural projects, such as the European Heritage Days whose slogan - "Europe, a Common Heritage" - promotes a shared European legacy.

Over the years, the Awards programme has seen remarkable examples of the conservation, management and interpretation of Europe's heritage. These range from some of the most well-known sites in Europe, such as *La Scala* in Milan (2005 Laureate), to other lesser-known treasures, such as the vernacular wooden Kesälähti Church Bell Tower in Finland (2009 Laureate).

**Among the 29 selected winners of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards, 6 Grand Prix winners will be announced at the European Heritage Awards Ceremony on 10 June in Istanbul Turkey, as 2010's most outstanding examples of heritage protection.** Each Grand Prix winner will receive a monetary reward of € 10,000.

## **Complete list of Award Laureates** (listed alphabetically by country)

### **Category 1 — Conservation**

- The Nordkette Cableway Stations, Innsbruck AUSTRIA
- La Fonderie de la Société Alsacienne de Construction Mécanique, Mulhouse FRANCE
- Le Collège des Bernardins, Paris FRANCE
- The Sarcophagi of the Dukes of Pomerania, Wolgast GERMANY
- The Neues Museum, Berlin GERMANY
- The Ancient Tower and Adjacent Buildings at Horio-Aghia Triada, Amorgos GREECE
- The National Observatory of Athens, Athens GREECE
- The Fortifications and City Walls of 's-Hertogenbosch, 's-Hertogenbosch THE NETHERLANDS
- The Westergasfabriek, Amsterdam THE NETHERLANDS
- The Monastery of Santa Clara-A-Velha, Coimbra PORTUGAL
- The Roman Theatre, Cartagena SPAIN
- The Church of Los Descalzos, Ecija SPAIN
- The Royal Site of San Ildefonso, SPAIN
- The Sultan's Pavilion of the Yeni Mosque, Istanbul TURKEY
- St Davids Bishop's Palace, St Davids UNITED KINGDOM
- St Martin-in-the-Fields, London UNITED KINGDOM

### **Category 2 – Research**

- Restoration Study for the Horní hrad of the Bečov State Castle, Bečov CZECH REPUBLIC
- Sacred Timber Architecture in the Carpathians: Building Archaeology of Selected Objects in Western Ukraine, Munich GERMANY
- Restoration Study for the Tempesta's Fortress, Noale ITALY
- The Letters Project – Vincent van Gogh's Letters, Amsterdam THE NETHERLANDS

### **Category 3 — Dedicated service**

- Nils Vest, Copenhagen DENMARK

*In this category, **Europa Nostra Awards** will be presented to two projects from European countries not taking part in the EU Culture Programme:*

- Commission to Preserve National Monuments, Sarajevo BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA
- Ludmila V. Shaposhnikova, Moscow RUSSIAN FEDERATION

### **Category 4 — Education, training and awareness-raising**

- REMPART: Volunteers for Saving Heritage, Paris FRANCE
- The East Eifel Volcano Park, Plaidt GERMANY
- The Baerwaldbad - Conservation of a Public Bath House through Vocational Training, Berlin GERMANY
- Empathic Archaeology - On Storytelling and Identity, Borger THE NETHERLANDS
- Discovering the Museum – Brukenthal National Museum, Sibiu ROMANIA
- Faith in Maintenance, London UNITED KINGDOM

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**For more information** about the awards programme, the winners, or to receive a limited Press Pass for the European Heritage Awards Ceremony, please contact:

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**Photos of Winners available on the Europa Nostra website [here](#)**

## **EU PRIZE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE / EUROPA NOSTRA AWARDS - 2011 Edition**

**The deadline for next year's Awards is 1 October 2010. Winners of the 2011 competition will be celebrated in Amsterdam in June 2011.**

See [www.europanostra.org/heritage-awards/](http://www.europanostra.org/heritage-awards/) for information. 2011 Entry forms will be available in April 2010.

### **\* Notes to editors:**

**Europa Nostra** represents some 250 non-governmental organisations, 150 associate organisations and 1500 individual members from more than 50 countries who are fully committed to safeguarding Europe's cultural heritage and landscapes. Together, we provide a powerful network for dialogue and debate, we celebrate the best heritage achievements; we campaign against threats to vulnerable heritage buildings, sites and landscapes, and we lobby for sustainable policies and high quality standards with regard to heritage.

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Categories for the awards range from the restoration of buildings and/or their adaptation to new uses, to quality interventions in historic settings and urban or rural landscape rehabilitation, to archaeological site interpretations, and care for art collections. Also awarded are research projects in the heritage field, education and awareness-raising initiatives related to cultural heritage, and dedicated service to heritage conservation by individuals or organisations. Information and photos of winners from past editions of the Awards scheme can be viewed on the Europa Nostra website, as well as in the yearly dedicated Awards publications.

**Prize Recipients from Category 1 (Conservation) will receive a commemorative plaque** (seen above) to be placed outside the building to serve as a reminder of the impressive and noteworthy efforts to preserve Europe's built heritage. These medals can be spotted across Europe at previous awarded projects from the last seven award ceremonies and this year's winners will soon be able to join this prestigious group. **Recipients from remaining Categories, receive a bronze trophy.**

The Awards Scheme is organised also with the kind support of ACLEU- Association of Charity Lotteries in the European Union ([www.acl.eu](http://www.acl.eu)) and Les Henokiens – Association of family and bicentenary Companies ([www.henokiens.com](http://www.henokiens.com))

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