

## The Voice of Cultural Heritage in Europe



### ENEWSLETTER March 2010

#### HIGHLIGHTS

##### **EUROPA NOSTRA OPENS ITS OFFICE IN BRUSSELS!**

An important new phase in the relationship between Europa Nostra and the European Union institutions has begun: Europa Nostra opened its office in Brussels on 1 March 2010, adding weight to our lobbying activities and enabling 'the Voice of Cultural Heritage in Europe' to be better heard at the heart of European institutions. Louise van Rijckevorsel from the EN International Secretariat moved from The Hague to Brussels where she will be in charge of the European Affairs and of the EN Brussels Office located at Rue de Treves 67 (corner with Rue de la Loi) in the very heart of the European quarter. Since the opening of our office Europa Nostra has already organised a number of meetings with key contacts at EU Institutions. [read more](#)

##### **EUROPEAN HERITAGE LABEL TO BE ESTABLISHED AS AN EU INITIATIVE**

The European Commission is proposing that the European Heritage Label be established as an EU wide initiative, Androulla Vassiliou, the new European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, announced in her press conference in Strasbourg on 9 March 2010. This important proposal is now submitted to the EU's Council of Ministers and the European Parliament for their approval, and could come into effect in 2011 or 2012. The purpose of the European Heritage Label is to highlight sites that symbolise European integration, ideals, and history. [read more](#)

##### **EUROPA NOSTRA 2010 ANNUAL CONGRESS IN ISTANBUL – REGISTER NOW!**

Preparations are in full swing for our [2010 Annual Congress](#) taking place in June in Istanbul Turkey, one of three 2010 European Capitals of Culture. It will offer participants a rich programme of meetings and events, including the EN Forum ('Multiple Identities – A Common Heritage' on 11 June), the annual Colloquium of the Scientific Council (8-9 June), and what promises to be yet another memorable European Heritage Awards Ceremony (10 June). [read more](#)

##### **LATEST NEWS: ALLIANOI DUE TO BE FLOODED AS OF 10 APRIL!**

Europa Nostra has just been informed that the Turkish authorities have opened a public tender to cover the archaeological site of Allianoi with soil as a preparation to filling the area with water and creating a reservoir behind the Yortanlı Dam. Consult [www.europanostra.org](http://www.europanostra.org) for the latest developments of our continuing campaign to prevent this tragic loss of one of Europe's important Roman heritage sites.

## **POLICY**

### **POLICY ADDRESS GIVEN TO MALTESE THINK TANK BY DENIS DE KERGORLAY**

On 18 February Executive President Denis de Kergorlay, spoke in Valletta to a large gathering of influential Maltese policy makers and representatives of heritage organisations on 'Europe and Heritage'. Focusing on how our roots and identity have been shaped by our European heritage and history, he underlined the way the historic environment – encompassing both our built and natural heritage – consists of layers of artefacts, buildings and sites that generations have shaped and left behind in the places in which they lived. [read more](#)

### **CULTURAL HERITAGE PUT ON THE AGENDA AT COP15**

EN partner, the International National Trusts Organisation (INTO) sent a high-level delegation to Copenhagen to call on world leaders to put solid measures in place to protect our heritage. The heritage community's grave concerns were submitted to the [COP15, UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen](#) (7-16 December 2009) in The Dublin Declaration (penned by INTO and fully endorsed by EN (see ENewsletter November 2009). Trusts and like organisations, with their global portfolio of heritage properties, share the responsibility of maintaining our global heritage (natural, built and cultural) for future generations. Time is against us and iconic buildings and landscapes all around the world are at risk. [read The Dublin Declaration](#)  
[watch the video with impressions from Copenhagen by Simon Molesworth, chairman of INTO](#)

### **CULTURAL HERITAGE CONCERNS AT EU-RUSSIA SEMINAR IN MOSCOW**

Board member Irina Subotić (RS) and Council member Maria Berza (RO) represented EN at the International Seminar "Russia – European Union: Signs on the Road Map of Cultural Cooperation" in Moscow on 8 December 2009. The conference was the first of its kind, bringing together high officials and specialists concerned with cultural cooperation from Russia and the European Commission, as well as representatives of civil society from both areas. Considering the importance of – and the threats to – the extremely rich Russian heritage, it was thought that more attention needed to be given to heritage questions, and EN called for a subsequent seminar on the subject. [read more](#)

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

### **MEETINGS IN PARIS WITH KEY INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**

In January 2010, Secretary General Sneska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovic and staff member Bruno Deslandes, held a series of meetings in Paris with Europa Nostra's international partners to explore synergies and cooperation in particular with regard to the safeguard of Europe's endangered cultural heritage. A meeting took place at the [World Heritage Centre in UNESCO](#) with Francesco Bandarin (Director), Mechtld Rössler (Chief for Europe), Anna Pavlovna Sidorenko (Programme specialist), and A. Junaid Sorosh-Wali (Assistant programme specialist), from the World Heritage Committee. Fruitful meetings were also held with Mounir Bouchenaki, Director General of [ICCROM](#), Bénédicte Selghslagh, Secretary General of [ICOMOS](#) and Daniel Therond, Director for [Cultural Heritage at the Council of Europe](#).

### **INTO TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE EN CONGRESS IN ISTANBUL**

Simon Molesworth, Chairman of [International National Trusts Organisation \(INTO\)](#), will be travelling from Australia to Istanbul to attend the EN Annual Congress in Istanbul and take part both in the EN General Assembly and in the EN Forum. The meeting of European members of INTO is also expected to take place in Istanbul, in the margin of the programme of EN Congress.

### **BUILDING BRIDGES WITH THE NETWORK OF EUROPEAN MUSEUM ORGANISATIONS**

Astrid Weij, International Officer at Erfgoed Nederland, EN's Dutch member organisation, represented EN at the [Network of European Museum Organisations \(NEMO\)](#) annual meeting in Linz (AT) at the end of November 2009. In 2010, Europa Nostra and NEMO will actively explore possible ways of developing a mutually beneficial dialogue thus strengthening the Voice of Cultural Heritage and forming

an alliance of importance to the future success of our advocacy and lobbying activities towards the European decision-makers.

### **HISTORIANA PROJECT FURTHER DEVELOPS**

Staff member Laurie Neale represented EN at the second meeting (20-21 November 2009) of the Advisory Board of the **Historiana** project, spearheaded by EUROCLIO (European Association of History Educators) and Erfgoed Nederland (EN Member). [Historiana.eu – Online Educational Tool on European History and Heritage](http://Historiana.eu), is being developed as a web-portal resource for teachers and students to offer a balanced view of Europe's past, using narratives, maps and relevant images of the continent's rich heritage of objects, monuments, sites and landscapes. In the meantime the BBC World Service broadcast a related and excellent documentary in February entitled 'Textbook Diplomacy: Healing History - How textbooks are being used to heal the wounds of war' in which Joke van der Leeuw-Roord, Executive Director of EUROCLIO, is interviewed. [more info](#)

### **EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON CIVIL SOCIETY AND HERITAGE (Mechelen, 5-6 July 2010)**

Following the successful conference "Heritage Care through Active Citizenship" which took place on 22-23 March 2009 in Mechelen, a new European Conference on Civil Society and Heritage will be organized in Mechelen on 6-7 July 2010, during the Belgian Presidency of the European Union. As last year, Europa Nostra is happy to be one of the partners for the organisation of this Conference. [read more](#)

### **THE BEST IN HERITAGE 2010 (Dubrovnik, 24-26 September 2010)**

This year again, Europa Nostra will support, as the main partner, The Best in Heritage 2010 event taking place on 24-26 September 2010 in Dubrovnik. The programme of this enriching event organised every year in the enchanting city of Dubrovnik can be found on [www.thebestinheritage.com](http://www.thebestinheritage.com). On the occasion of this event, Europa Nostra will seek to bring together representatives of heritage organisations from the entire region of South-East Europe to discuss further ways of increasing their cooperation and strengthening their Voice. [read more](#)

## **HERITAGE AT RISK**

Work is continuing in structuring Europa Nostra's Heritage at Risk programme. Valuable input was provided in group discussions during the [Council meeting in February](#), in helping determine the programme's priorities. The Secretariat is also regularly posting on our website, examples of local concerns and specific cases of threatened heritage under the section [Recent stories](#), to bring wider attention to the issues.

### **ROSIA MONTANA (Transylvania, Romania)**

#### **Protest against the gold-mining project gains new momentum!**

Despite the positive 2007 Court ruling in favour of protecting the unique archaeological remains of the Roman and pre-Roman mine galleries and the entire Carnic massif of Rosia Montana, this important cultural landscape site in North West Romania is under grave threat of being destroyed. At the cost of removing all remains of this important heritage site for short term benefit, the mining conglomerate Rosia Montana Gold Corporation, wishes to turn the area into an open-pit gold mine which would also bring with it grave environmental risks from the massive amounts of cyanide emissions and run-off necessary for gold mining. The local heritage community and EN are taking action to protect Rosia Montana and to forcibly argue that developing the area for cultural tourism would bring better sustainable long term economic and social benefits. [read more](#)

### **HISTORIC CENTRE OF L'AQUILA (Abruzzo, Italy)**

#### **Proper restoration works still missing after the 2009 earthquake**

The Europa Nostra Council unanimously decided during its [meeting in February](#) to endorse Italia Nostra's appeal to the Italian Government, calling for a coherent, consistent and legally binding conservation plan for the Historic Town Centre of L' Aquila and its surrounding small historic villages in

the Abruzzo Region of Italy, as they are rebuilt after the devastating earthquake of 6 April 2009. There is an urgent need for the entire area to be declared a historic monument and cultural landscape of extraordinary significance, and insist that its protection be guaranteed by the State. [read more](#)

### **CONCERNS ABOUT THE HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES PLANS IN HARDANGER FJORD (Western Norway)**

Europa Nostra Norway wrote to the Norwegian Ministry of Oil and Energy (10 December 2009) expressing concern about plans to construct 400km of 420 kV power lines in the fjords of Western Norway. They requested specifically for a delay in handling the appeal for construction of the high voltage power line along the Hardanger Fjord. [read more](#)

### **COMPROMISE REACHED CONCERNING THE RESTORATION OF HOTEL LAMBERT (Isle de Saint- Louis, PARIS)**

After discussions between the [Paris historique](#) association and delegates from the French Ministry of Culture and the Parisian Mayor's office, a compromise was reached concerning the renovation of this landmark, one of Paris' most renowned 18<sup>th</sup> century heritage buildings. Hotel Lambert, situated on l'Isle de Saint-Louis on the shores of the Seine, was bought and some of the proposed renovation interventions aroused fears for the integrity of the monument, and fierce opposition from the local and national heritage community. [read more](#)

### **HERITAGE AT RISK IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE (Pécs, Hungary 27 June – 1 July 2010)**

The international conference on Heritage at Risk in South-East Europe is the final event of the Heritage without Borders: Redefining Cultural Values through the Built Heritage of SE Europe project, financed by the European Union, through the [Culture programme](#). This project is based on an international co-operation, being led by the [Transylvania Trust](#), and co-organised by National Office of Cultural Heritage (Hungary), Cultural Heritage without Borders (Sweden, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania, Kosovo-UNMIK), the Butrint Foundation (UK, Albania), and Dubrovnik Preservation Foundation (Croatia).

The purpose of this Conference, organised in partnership with Europa Nostra, in the framework of Pecs-European Cultural Capital 2010 is to familiarize the participants with the issues related to the built cultural heritage of South-East Europe and to try and find ways of addressing the problem. [read more](#)

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## **RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**

### **EN SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL TO BE MORE CLOSELY INVOLVED IN EN CORE ACTIVITIES**

Representatives of the EN Scientific Council, led by its Chairman Gianni Perbellini, met in Paris with Europa Nostra Executive President and Secretary General to discuss the role and the future of the Scientific Council and to finalise the Scientific Council's Operating Rules in accordance with the revised EN Statute. In addition to their studies and colloquia on Europe's heritage of ancient fortifications, dwellings and related landscapes, the Scientific Council will be increasingly involved with the core programmes and policies of Europa Nostra, including providing expert advice regarding the Heritage at Risk programme being developed at the Secretariat. Members of the Scientific Council already make up the European Heritage Awards Jury for the Research Category. The XLVI meeting of the Scientific Council will take place in Istanbul at the occasion of the EN Annual Congress in June. "The reuse of ancient fortified settlements from middle ages to early modern times" will take place at Kadir Har University on 8-9 June.

### **JUST PUBLISHED: 20 YEARS OF EU RESEARCH INTO CULTURAL HERITAGE**

'Preserving our heritage, improving our environment - 20 years of EU research into cultural heritage' has just been published by the European Commission, Research DG (ref. EUR 22050, 2 volumes). This two-volume publication covers 20 years of research in the area of cultural heritage from 1986 to 2006. Volume I provides an overview, while Volume II contains outlines of nearly 100 projects

implemented between 2000 and 2008. Many of the projects are to be found on the cultural heritage projects pages of this web site, including 'Noah's Ark', winner of the Grand Prize of the Research Category for our Awards in 2009. [http://ec.europa.eu/research/environment/index\\_en.cfm?pg=cultural](http://ec.europa.eu/research/environment/index_en.cfm?pg=cultural)

### **2010 CULTURAL POLICY RESEARCH AWARD**

The European Cultural Foundation, the Riksbankens Jubileumsfond and the European Network of Cultural Administration Training Centres (ENCTAC) have officially launched the call for applications for the 2010 Cultural Policy Research Award. Designed to foster academic and applied cultural policy research and to explore issues at stake in contemporary Europe, the Cultural Policy Research Award aims to contribute to new competence building among young scholars in comparative cultural policy research. Applications must be submitted by 24 May 2010 through the online application form on the CPRA Award website. Detailed information on the application procedure and guidelines is available on the [ENCTAC](#) website. [read more](#)

### **EU PRIZE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE / EUROPA NOSTRA AWARDS**

#### **Competition 2010**

A total of 139 awards dossiers, originating from 26 countries, arrived at the EN's International Secretariat to compete in the 2010 edition of our Awards scheme. All entries have been registered, acknowledged, and sent to independent experts for *in situ* assessment, in preparation for the series of 4 Heritage Awards Jury meetings. Winning projects will be announced in the spring on our website and via a press release. The European Heritage Awards Ceremony will take place on 10 June in the outstanding heritage setting of Aya Irini as part of the [Annual Congress in Istanbul](#).

#### **Competition 2011**

The deadline for next year's Awards is 1 October 2010; winners of the 2011 competition will be celebrated in Amsterdam in June 2011. Do enter your heritage project, study, awareness-raising project, or nomination of a dedicated individual or group, to compete in the 2011 edition of the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards!

The entry forms will be available on the website as from the 1 April 2010.

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### **HERITAGE TOURS 2010**

There are still places available on our [2010 Heritage Tours](#) which are prepared exclusively for our Individual Members: to **Emilia Romagna** (IT), to **Tyrol** (AT and IT), **Old Castile** (ES), **Jordan** and **Copenhagen** (DK). Please note that on some of these tours only a few places remain; we therefore encourage you to book your favourite tour as soon as possible.

It is important to note that the net income derived from these tours benefits the Hans de Koster Fund (enabling members and partners from Central and Eastern Europe to take part in EN activities) and Europa Nostra's Heritage at Risk campaigns. Members' participation in our Tours is therefore greatly welcomed.

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### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **EN WEBSITE CONTINUES TO DEVELOP**

In the last half year, our new website has become a prime channel of communicating to our members and the heritage sector. Our special thanks go to those of you who have already contributed a number

of [interesting stories](#) which you can see online (among others, stories on an endangered ancient Greek road in Diolkos (GR), some successful restoration projects in Cappadocia (TR) and a visit to the intriguing Dutch village of Zaanse Schans (NL)). We look forward to receiving your further and regular input under the website section “share your stories/photos/events” and to posting it on our website.

Read among [Recent Stories](#) of cases of endangered heritage and find them flagged on our designated web-map.

[Send us](#) your favourite heritage-related photos so we can post them on the rotating top banner of the website homepage.

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### **MEMBERSHIP LEAFLET: TURKISH VERSION JUST PRINTED**

A new membership leaflet has just been printed in **Turkish**, in preparation for the Annual Congress in Istanbul in June. The leaflet has now also been translated into **Portuguese**, for which we are grateful to our volunteer translator. The leaflet text is available in the following language versions: EN, FR, IT, DE, TR (in a printed form) and NL and PT (in a translated form). Please assist us in translating the texts into other European languages and/or in finding sponsorship for its printing in these additional languages. Please also note that copies of our leaflet can be sent to you for distribution among your own contacts.

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### **CALENDAR OF EN MEETINGS (March – June 2010)**

- **CONSULTATION MEETING WITH EN COUNTRY REPRESENTATIONS** at EN Brussels office, 24 March
- **EXPERT MEETING ON THE REFORM OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS ON EUROPE’S HERITAGE AND LANDSCAPE** convened by Europa Nostra at EN Brussels office, 25 March
- **EN TASKFORCE MEETING ON INDUSTRIAL and ENGINEERING HERITAGE** at International Secretariat in The Hague, 25-26 March
- **LIAISON MEETING WITH EUROPEAN – INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS OR ORGANISATIONS** active in the wider field of heritage convened by Europa Nostra at EN Brussels office, 15 April
- **EN BOARD MEETING** at EN Brussels office, 16 April
- **46<sup>th</sup> (XLVI) MEETING OF THE EN SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL** in Istanbul (TR), 8-9 June
- **2010 EN ANNUAL CONGRESS** in Istanbul (TR), 8-12 June (for more details see above)

Check also regularly the [CALENDAR OF MEETINGS](#) on our website.

### **COLOPHON**

**Europa Nostra** represents some 250 non-governmental organisations, 160 associate organisations and 1400 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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