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HAS ALLIANOI'S LAST HOUR STRUCK? URGENT APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

The person who has led the campaign to save Alliano, its chief archaeologist Dr Ahmet Yaras, expects that in less than two weeks, the directive to flood the site will be given. [Read below](#)
Instead of campaigning after the flooding, let us do whatever we can beforehand. We urgently appeal to you, readers of this ENewsletter, our members - both individuals and member organisations (please pass this onto all your membership), to **send a simple, single, one sentence letter / message to the real decision maker, the Prime Minister Tayyip Erdoğan**. Your simple message should be to prevent the flooding of Alliano. Please include your name and address. These letters / messages should be sent before Christmas, and copied to the Europa Nostra International Secretariat ([info\[at\]europanostra.org](mailto:info[at]europanostra.org)). Please send your message to:

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SAVE THESE DATES : 8 - 11 JUNE 2011 Europa Nostra Annual Congress Amsterdam

Europa Nostra's Secretariat is finalising an ambitious programme for our Annual Congress 2011, taking place from 8-11 June in Amsterdam. On Thursday 9 June, a veritable 'heritage market' will be held in the 2009 Heritage Award winning *Westergasfabriek*, with presentations to participants and the public by the winning Cultural Heritage Awards laureates, screenings of heritage films, and numerous interactive and networking opportunities. As always, the highlight of our congress will be the European Heritage Awards Ceremony, which will be presided by Europa Nostra's President Plácido Domingo, and Mrs Androula Vassiliou, European Commissioner responsible for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth. The ceremony will take place on 10 June in Amsterdam's world famous *Concertgebouw*. Our Secretariat will be sending out further information and invitations later in the new year: we hope you will join us!

HIGHLIGHTS

BRUGES CONFERENCE BRINGS A DECLARATION ON EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE

On 9 December, a large delegation of Europa Nostra representatives took part to the Conference "Cultural heritage: a resource for Europe. The benefits of interaction", organised by the Belgian Presidency of the EU in Bruges. The Conference gathered more than 200 participants and resulted in a Declaration of Intent, the "Bruges Declaration", presented by the Flemish Minister for Immovable Heritage, Geert Bourgeois. [Read more](#)

ROSIA MONTANA: HERITAGE IN PERIL PUBLIC HEARING IN BRUSSELS

On 30 November, Europa Nostra together with our Member organisation Pro Patrimonio (the National

regarding Rosia Montana in Transylvania, Romania. The Rosia Montana Gold Corporation (Canadian mining company Gabriel Resources and the Romanian Government) plans to exploit what would be Europe's largest open-cast gold mine at Rosia Montana, an area rich in natural beauty, vernacular architecture, and historical mining heritage dating back 2000 years to the time of the Romans. [Read more](#)

POLICY

FUTURE EU CULTURE PROGRAMME AND CULTURE IN MOTION CONFERENCE

Europa Nostra replied to the online consultation on a future EU Culture Programme, which will replace the current one from 2014 onwards. This consultation was launched by the European Commission on 15 September 2010 and stayed open until 15 December, to gather input on the objectives, activities and types of support of the future Culture Programme. [Read more](#)

NEW EUROPEAN FORUM FOR HISTORIC PLACES OF WORSHIP CREATED

In mid November representatives of twenty-four countries signed up to a new Forum as the culmination of a two day summit in Canterbury, UK. A Romanian village church with beautiful wall-paintings in immediate threat of collapse, a baroque Russian church re-found within a forest, a half-listed church in Belgium at risk of part-demolition and the development of a redundant Anglican church in the UK as a community well-being centre were just a few of the topics discussed by over 50 representatives of European places of worship organisations last week. [Read more](#)

WORKPLAN FOR CULTURE 2011-2014

The European Union's Council of Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Ministers adopted the Work Plan for Culture 2011-2014 during their meeting on 18-19 November in Brussels. This Plan sets up 6 priority areas. Priority D focuses on cultural heritage, including mobility of collections. [Read more](#)

EUROPEAN CAPITALS OF CULTURE CONSULTATION

On 27 October 2010, the European Commission launched an online consultation on the future of the European Capitals of Culture (ECoC). The consultation is open to individual citizens, public and private bodies, local/regional authorities, ministries and relevant stakeholders both inside and outside the EU and in the European institutions and associations until 12 January 2011. [Read more](#)

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PARTNERSHIPS

EUROPA NOSTRA AT «LE SALON INTERNATIONAL DU PATRIMOINE CULTUREL, PARIS»

Europa Nostra participated from 4 till 7 November, in the Salon International du Patrimoine Culturel, which was held in the Carrousel du Louvre in Paris. It was the occasion to present the organization to a wider public, namely of numerous private individuals, professionals, persons in charge to any levels of the Cultural Heritage of Europe, but also volunteers, persons fascinated or interested in the cultural heritage that visited the Salon and came on Europa Nostra's stand. [Read more](#) [Français](#)

HERITAGE IN PERIL

IS ALLIANOI A LOST CAUSE?

The preparatory work, begun on 10 April 2010, are complete, fulfilling the technical requirements for the planned flooding of Allianoi, the outstanding Roman Bath complex and town situated near Bergama in western Turkey. The inundation of Allianoi, as a part of the Yortanlı irrigation dam scheme, will result in the loss of the entire site, of the ancient spa town, including an impressive preserved thermal spa, dating from the 2nd century AD.

On Sunday 12 December in Istanbul's Taksim Square, many hundred protesters demonstrated against the flooding of Allianoi and marched along the main shopping street to Galatasaray. Almost all national TV's reflected this demonstration in their news. The Chamber of Architects of Turkey in cooperation with Allianoi Initiative, have organised a month of activities (12 December - 12 January) in support of Allianoi including many exhibitions, meetings, seminars, films, etc. Orhan Silier will be speaking in one

POLISH ART NOUVEAU VILLA TO BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR TRAMWAY SEWERS!

Europa Nostra has supported an urgent appeal to help save the Grüneberg Villa in Szczecin (Poland), currently slated for demolition to make way for a new Fast Tramway Line to be constructed in that city. Executive President Denis de Kergorlay has written to the Mayor of Szczecin, the Provincial Governor of West Pomeranian, and other officials appealing for the adjustment to the Tramway plans to avoid the destruction of the Grüneberg Villa. Governor Zydorowicz has responded positively to our appeal, and the campaign continues. [Read more](#) [Français](#)

EUROPA NOSTRA ADDS ITS VOICE TO THE INTERNATIONAL PROTEST AGAINST HUGE ADVERTISEMENTS COVERING VENICE

Europa Nostra, the voice of cultural heritage in Europe, expresses its support to the Appeal launched by Venice in Peril Fund and signed by distinguished cultural figures such as Sir Norman Foster and directors of major European and world museums protesting against huge commercial advertisements which have been proliferating on the historic buildings of Venice. [Read more](#) [Français](#)

RUSSIAN MONUMENTS MUSTN'T LOSE OFFICIAL PROTECTION

In a letter to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, Executive President Denis de Kergorlay added Europa Nostra support to the campaign of local NGO, Moscow Architecture Preservation Society (MAPS), and dozens of international heritage organisation directors, regarding changes to the Federal law No. 163864-5, which would remove important levels of protection for Russian historic buildings. Already, the "reconstruction" of entire streets that has taken place in certain Russian cities in the last decade, removing the national distinctiveness of these places, watering down and creating a "Disney-fied" parody of the essential Russianness of these streets, their neighbourhoods and wider townscape.

GOOD NEWS! GAZPROM TOWER WILL NOT LOOM OVER HISTORIC ST PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg Governor Valentina Matvienko announced on 9 December that plans have been definitely cancelled to build the glass-and-steel Gazprom Tower on the edges of the historic centre of this World Heritage City. Four years ago, the plans to build the 403m high tower caused an outcry among residents, numerous Russian heritage NGOs and opposition parties, as well as UNESCO who warned the Russian government it could exclude St. Petersburg from its list of World Heritage Sites if the tower was built. In 2007, Europa Nostra added its voice to the campaign with official letters to Governor Matvienko and the then Russian President Putin, voicing concern of the scale of the tower overpowering the city's baroque buildings and canals, and calling for another location for its construction. The city government and Gazprom have decided to relocate the tower and that residents would be made aware of all proposals for a new site and that the choice would not be made without their approval. [Read more](#)

WILL WIND TURBINES BE THE VIEW FROM MONT SAINT MICHEL?

Executive President Denis de Kergorlay has written the relevant authorities of the village of Tremblay (35460) where a last appeal is being launched today to try and stop the placing of a large scale wind farm in view of Mont Saint Michel. Because of the flatness of the salt marsh delta landscape, and because of the height of the wind turbines, which exceeds the wingtips of the Archangel adorning the iconic spire atop the Cathedral, the medieval cultural landscape surrounding this World Heritage Site will be visually polluted with 21st century technology despite the physical distance between the Mount and the wind turbines. Europa Nostra advocates the safeguarding of Europe's important heritage monuments and sites, including a generous respect of their surrounding landscapes, without which the monuments lose their autonomous presence and thus meaning. While Europa Nostra fully supports the quest for sustainable and renewable energy, striving to preserve the Earth's physical resources and health cannot come on the sacrificial alter of our cultural – build and natural – heritage. [Read more](#)

FOUNTAIN RESTORATION IN L'AQUILA BRINGS HOPE TO THE CITY

On 16 December 2010 Europa Nostra Italian Member organisation Fondo Ambiente Italiano (FAI) has unveiled the restoration of the *99 Cannelle*, a symbolic fountain for the citizens of L'Aquila, located as it is in the central square of this historic city. This private initiative is the first and only tangible result of the monumental heritage restoration works taking place in the historic centre of L'Aquila, following the devastating earthquake of 6 April 2009. [Read more](#)

WORLD MONUMENTS WATCH 2012 – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The World Monuments Watch calls international attention to cultural heritage around the world that is at risk from the forces of nature and the impact of social, political, and economic change. From

identifies places of significance in need of timely action.

Every two years, World Monuments Fund (WMF) accepts new nominations to the Watch: 15 March 2011 deadline. Watch listing provides an opportunity for sites and their nominators to raise public awareness reaching more than 250 million people worldwide, to foster local participation, advance innovation and collaboration, and demonstrate effective solutions. The Watch nomination process also serves as a vehicle for requesting WMF assistance for select projects.

For more information, see www.wmf.org/watch or e-mail [watch\[at\]wmf\[dot\]org](mailto:watch@wmf.org)

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EU PRIZE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE / EUROPA NOSTRA AWARDS

SELECTION PROCESS UNDER WAY

The selection process of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra awards 2011 has started. This year, a total of 138 dossiers were received at the Europa Nostra International Secretariat in The Hague. Last year, entries were received from 27 different countries, while this year entrants applied from 31 different countries ranging from Albania to Moldova and Luxemburg. [Read more](#)

EUROPEAN HERITAGE AWARDS CEREMONY IN AMSTERDAM ON 10 JUNE 2011

As highlight of the 2011 Europa Nostra Annual Congress, the European Heritage Awards Ceremony will take place next year on June 10 in the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam's world famous historic concert hall. The future winners of the 2011 European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards will be celebrated in the ceremony which will be presided by Europa Nostra's new President Plácido Domingo, and Androulla Vassiliou, Member of the European Commission responsible for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth. [Read more](#)

DISCOVER OUR 2010 LAUREATES

You can watch all the videos that were shown during the 2010 European Heritage Awards Ceremony at Aya Irini in Istanbul last June. These clips introduce each Laureate awarded in the 2010 EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards and explain the significance of the 29 winning projects. Every week we will be putting on the website homepage the video presenting one of our 2010 Laureates. This week our focus goes to The Sultan's pavilion of the Yeni Mosque in Istanbul. [watch videos](#)

LOCAL AWARDS CEREMONY AT COLLEGE DES BERNARDINS, PARIS

Our Executive President, Denis de Kergorlay and our General Secretary, Sneska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovic, were at the Collège des Bernardins, in Paris, in the evening of November 4th for the delivery of the Grand Prix (in the category Conservation) which was awarded to the Collège during our annual congress in Istanbul, last June. [Read more](#)

HISPANIA NOSTRA LOCAL AWARD CEREMONY, MADRID

Her Majesty Queen Sofía, Honorary President of Hispania Nostra since its creation in 1976, presided at the local awards ceremony of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards. The ceremony was held at the Royal Palace of El Pardo, near Madrid, for Spanish winners of the awards corresponding to 2009 and 2010. Denis de Kergorlay, Executive President of Europa Nostra was present, and the President of Hispania Nostra Don Alfredo Pérez de Armiñán opened the ceremony by explaining the structure of the awards and their significance in a European context. [Read more](#)

LOCAL AWARD CEREMONY FOR NEUES MUSEUM AND BAEWALDBAD, BERLIN

Alexander Fürst zu Sayn-Wittgenstein, President of Europa Nostra Germany, presented the 2010 European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards on two projects in Germany: the Neues Museum in Berlin-Mitte and the Baerwaldbad in Berlin-Kreuzberg. "This is probably one of the most unusual places where ever a local awards ceremony took place, " said Sneska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovic, Secretary General of Europa Nostra, on congratulating the winners in Berlin. [Read more](#)

LOCAL AWARD CEREMONY HONOURING LUDMILA V. SHAPOSHNIKOVA, MOSCOW

Alexander Fürst zu Sayn-Wittgenstein represented Europa Nostra at the award ceremony celebrating the life long dedication of Madame Ludmila Shapishnikova in safeguarding the memory of the great

an institution that keeps the memory of the Roerich Pact, a document of great value, which not only led to the signing of the Hague Convention, but which very much influenced the civil society to focus their interest and activities on the protection of our cultural heritage. [Read more](#)

You can find out about upcoming and past Local Awards Ceremonies as well as conferences and other events on the [calendar](#) on our website

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HERITAGE TOURS 2011: REGISTER NOW!

HERITAGE TOURS - MOROCCO: IMPERIAL CITIES AND PRIVATE HOMES

This tour to one of the most striking regions of North Africa has been designed to give you a lasting impression of the unique and sophisticated Moorish civilization, as well as of what remains of the influences Europeans left in that spectacular area. Book now for this exclusive Europa Nostra tour taking place next year on 19-28 March and discover all the other exciting tours for 2011. [Read more Français](#)

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MEMBERSHIP

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

During the recent Board and Council meetings the following organisations have been appointed as new affiliates (in various categories) of Europa Nostra.

Member organisations:

[Rencontres du Patrimoine Europe-Roumanie, RPER-France](#)

[Egnatia Epirus Foundation, Greece](#)

[Rencontres du Patrimoine Europe-Roumanie, RPER-Romania](#)

[The Society of Architectural Conservation, Sweden](#)

[Touring and Automobile Association, Turkey](#)

We warmly welcome these organisations and thank them for their support.

SUCCESSFUL FUND-RAISING AT THE RESIDENCE DE FRANCE IN THE HAGUE

Business and individual members and supporters of Europa Nostra's mission and our work for the benefit of Europe's cultural and natural heritage, enjoyed an evening in the heritage setting of the Résidence de France in The Hague on Monday, 11 October 2010. This special evening was very kindly and generously hosted by the French Ambassador to the Netherlands, H.E. Monsieur Jean-François Blarel and his wife Madame Sabine Blarel, who opened their beautiful residence to over 70 invited guests. Europa Nostra's former President (from 1991 to 2007), H.R.H. the Prince Consort of Denmark, travelled from Copenhagen to join us as guest of honour. [Read more Français](#)

EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT DENIS DE KERGORLAY RECEIVES PRIX DANIEL STRASSER

Europa Nostra Executive President was awarded the Prix Daniel Strasser from the *Institut de France's Académie des sciences morales et politiques* for the totality of his engagement and activities dedicated to safeguarding Europe's cultural heritage, especially in the cadre of Europa Nostra. Denis de Kergorlay has donated the monetary reward to Europa Nostra.

For queries about the use of the members login, please get in touch with Giuseppe Simone gs[at]europanostra[dot]org

BEST WISHES FROM THE BOARD AND THE SECRETARIAT OF EUROPA NOSTRA to you all for a warm and festive holiday season and we look forward to meeting you in the New Year to further our mission of safeguarding Europe's cultural heritage, built and natural, tangible and intangible, so that we can continue to enjoy, be enchanted by and live in Europe's incomparable and varied heritage buildings, villages, towns, cities and landscapes throughout Europe!

COLOPHON

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.

We are the Voice of Cultural Heritage in Europe.

Join Europa Nostra!

We invite all committed to cultural heritage to join: heritage professionals and volunteers; associations, networks and federations; foundations; public authorities and agencies; museums, schools and universities; corporations and businesses. Share your knowledge, experience and enthusiasm!

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