

### European award-winning architect Sir David Chipperfield to give a public lecture at the *Westergasfabriek*

**The Hague, 6 June 2011** – Sir David Chipperfield, multiple award winning architect of the Neues Museum in Berlin, is coming to make a public lecture in Amsterdam at the Westergasfabriek on Thursday 9 June at 16h30. Europa Nostra and event-partner Westergasfabriek invite the media to this lecture, entitled: **“Contrast and Harmony – Keeping our heritage alive and our cities and museums vibrant”**. The lecture will be held in the Gashouder building kindly made available by Westergasfabriek in cooperation with the Holland Festival, currently underway at this venue.

David Chipperfield Architects of London UK, are the architects responsible for the “renaissance” of the NEUES MUSEUM in Berlin Germany, double winner of two top European Union Prizes organised with the support of the Commission’s Culture Programme: the **2010 Grand Prix for Conservation of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards**, and the 2011 European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture / Mies van der Rohe Award.

Mr Chipperfield’s lecture will touch on the challenges and inspirations present when conservation and contemporary design meet. He will share his vision on moving Europe’s historic cities into the future, where respect and care for the heritage buildings and sites of our past can co-exist and combine with modern interventions, bringing both to the best advantage. Chipperfield’s lecture, to be illustrated with images of the Neues Museum and other projects currently underway, will be free and is open to the interested public.

David Chipperfield’s lecture will be one of the highlights of the **European Heritage Congress** organised by Europa Nostra this year in **Amsterdam from 8 to 11 June**. His lecture will close the Europa Nostra Excellence Fair, where in the afternoon the public is welcome to attend the European Heritage Market.

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#### Press notes:

**Europa Nostra, the Voice of Cultural Heritage in Europe**, 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. In 2010 Plácido Domingo was elected President of Europa Nostra, whose headquarters are located in The Hague. For more information on Europa Nostra see: [www.europanostr.org](http://www.europanostr.org)

For more information on David Chipperfield’s lecture, see <http://www.europanostr.org/coming-events/160/>



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The **European Heritage Market** will be happening on 9 June at the *Ketelhuis* and the *MC Theatre* of the *Westergasfabriek* from 13.30-16.00 hours. It will give to the interested public to get a chance to:

- speak to the 2011 winners of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards on their extraordinary conservation, research, volunteering and awareness-raising accomplishments in the heritage field;
- attend viewings of heritage documentaries, short videos and games in a preview for next year's start-up for Europa Nostra's Heritage in Motion - Multi-Media Festival;
- visit information stands of European and Dutch heritage organisations and networks active in the field of Cultural Heritage; and
- discuss heritage and architectural projects with their student authors from the Reinwardt Academy Cultural Heritage Programme in Amsterdam, and of the RMIT architecture programme at the TU Delft; and
- meet heritage experts from across the wider Europe.

For more information on the entire programme of the Europa Nostra's European Heritage Congress in Amsterdam, see: <http://www.europanostra.org/amsterdam/>

For the location of the *Westergasfabriek* and public transport and parking options, see <http://www.westergasfabriek.nl/en/westergasfabriek-en/contact>

