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# ENewsletter

## Double Christmas Edition



A large blue banner with white and yellow text and logos. At the top left is the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage logo. In the center, the text "2,018 Signatures" is written in large yellow font, with "BERLIN CALL TO ACTION" below it in white. At the bottom, there are three logos: the German National Committee for Monument Protection, the Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz, and the Europa Nostra logo. Below the logos, the text "Cultural Heritage for the Future of Europe" is written in white. At the very bottom, there are three social media links: "#BerlinCallToAction", "www.europanostra.org/berlin-call-action", and "#EuropeForCulture".

## EYCH 2018 - Mission accomplished!

Our historic European Year of Cultural Heritage has come to its end. But the huge mobilisation of various institutional and civil society stakeholders, of numerous heritage professionals and volunteers is not over. The Year has generated a vast amount of initiatives and activities and lots of positive energy, engagement and enthusiasm all over Europe and beyond, as perfectly illustrated by this special edition of our ENewsletter. It has led to a significant policy breakthrough at European level. The [Berlin Call to Action](#) presented at the first European Cultural Heritage Summit (18-24/06) was signed by a symbolic number of 2,018 organisations and individuals with more signatures being received every day. Cultural

heritage has been recognized as a “cross-cutting priority” within the new [European Agenda for Culture](#). The new 4-year [Work-Plan for Culture](#) recently adopted by the EU Council has identified “sustainability in cultural heritage” as its first priority. Finally, at the Closing conference held in Vienna (6-7/12), the European Commission presented an ambitious and holistic [Framework for Action on Cultural Heritage](#) to ensure the lasting legacy of the Year. The implementation of this Action Plan will benefit from the setting up of a future Cultural Heritage Forum which will serve as a multi-stakeholder platform for consultation, exchanging of ideas and best practices and for promoting adequate public policies. Thanks to the joint commitment of all stakeholders, public and private, we now have a forward-looking roadmap ahead of us. Up to us, together with our members and our colleagues from the European Heritage Alliance 3.3., to continue building lasting bridges and partnerships and to step up our efforts in 2019 and beyond. In this way, we can be confident that the new European Parliament and the new European Commission will sustain the momentum and build upon the significant achievement of our European Year of Cultural Heritage.

***In the meantime, it is time to take a well-deserved end of the Year break and to wish all our members, partners and contacts a more peaceful, hopeful and prosperous European Year 2019!***

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## Highlights

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### **Ambitious European Framework Action on Cultural Heritage published**

The end of the historic European Year of Cultural Heritage was celebrated with a [closing conference](#) in Vienna. On this occasion, the European Commission presented a long-expected European Framework for Action on Cultural Heritage to ensure the legacy of the many fruitful partnerships and initiatives launched during the European Year. Europa Nostra and the German Cultural Heritage Committee took the opportunity to proudly present the symbolic number of 2018 signatures of the Berlin Call to Action to the European Commission at the conference. [Read more](#)

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### **3 Award winners celebrated at closing event of the Year in France**

On 10 December, during the closing event of the European Year in France organised by the Network of European Royal Residences at the iconic Grand Trianon in Versailles, tribute was paid to three projects carried out by members of the Network which received the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards 2018, namely EPICO: European Protocol in Preventive Conservation, coordinated in Versailles(France), the Botanical Garden of the National Palace of Queluz (Portugal) and The Winzerberg – Royal Vineyard at Potsdam-

Sanssouci (Germany). [Read more](#)

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## **Our appeal to the two Leaders of Cyprus: “Save the Endangered Heritage in the Buffer Zone of Nicosia”**

Following the 5th Anniversary [Conference](#) of the 7 Most Endangered programme co-organised by Europa Nostra in Nicosia from 22-24 October, which gathered over 100 participants from 20 countries, Europa Nostra made an appeal to “Save the Endangered Heritage in the Buffer Zone of Nicosia” to the two leaders of Cyprus, H.E. Mr. Nicos Anastasiades and H.E. Mr. Mustafa Akinçi. On 29 November, the Appeal was handed over to the Under Secretary to the Presidency, for the attention of H.E. Mr. Nicos Anastasiades. Europa Nostra also requested a meeting to hand over the Appeal to H.E. Mr. Mustafa Akinçi.

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## **EU Ministers of Culture make the legacy of the European Year a priority**

At their meeting in Brussels on 27 November, EU Ministers of Culture adopted conclusions on the Work Plan for Culture 2019-2022, stressing the importance of sustaining the legacy of the European Year of Cultural Heritage (EYCH) 2018. Ministers acknowledged “the importance of taking this momentum forward to tap the full potential of the social and economic value of culture for Europe”. Europa Nostra welcomed the adoption of this Work Plan and stressed that the engagement of members of the EYCH Stakeholders’ Committee and other members of the European Heritage Alliance 3.3 remain important for the proper implementation of this Work Plan. [Read more](#)

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## **Helena Vaz da Silva Award for Bettany Hughes**

Bettany Hughes, historian, author and broadcaster from the United Kingdom, received the Helena Vaz da Silva European Award for Raising Public Awareness on Cultural Heritage 2018 from the Portuguese Minister of Culture Graça Fonseca at a ceremony held on 15 November at the Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon. “To peace, to life and to a powerful future for culture and heritage” - after making this strong statement at the end of her impassioned acceptance speech, Bettany Hughes was proud to sign the Berlin Call to Action. [Read more](#)

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## **Europa Nostra reappointed to run European Heritage Awards**

Europa Nostra was selected by the European Commission to be the organising partner of the annual European Heritage Awards for a new period of three years, from 2019 to 2021. The selection was made following an open call for proposals launched in June 2018 on the basis

of the Creative Europe programme of the European Union. The aim of this call was to ensure the continuation of the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage under the new name European Heritage Awards and to be coherent with the objectives of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 [Read more](#)

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## President Macron visits Villa Viardot in Bougival

The President of the French Republic **Emmanuel Macron** and his wife Mrs. **Brigitte Macron** paid a visit to the Villa Viardot in Bougival, near Paris, on 15 September. The Villa Viardot is one of the 18 priority sites that will receive support from the Heritage Lotto following the selection made by the renowned journalist and heritage activist **Stéphane Bern** (winner of one of our 2018 Awards in category “Dedicated Service to Heritage”) The restoration of this important “lieu de memoire” related to Europe’s musical, artistic and literary heritage and the project for a future European Music Centre in Bougival received the high patronage of Europa Nostra and its President Maestro **Plácido Domingo**. [Read more](#)

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## High Distinctions

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### High Decoration from Portugal for Europa Nostra’s President

**Plácido Domingo** received a High Decoration “for his role as President of Europa Nostra, which is particularly relevant in this European Year of Cultural Heritage” from the President of the Portuguese Republic **Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa** at a ceremony held on 31 August in Lisbon. The Grand Cross of the Order of Public Instruction was also given to Maestro Domingo for his outstanding contribution to “the training of younger generations, of which Operalia – The World Opera Competition – is a magnificent example”. [Read more](#)

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### Germany’s Top Heritage Award to Europa Nostra’s Vice-President

The Vice-President of Europa Nostra and President of Europa Nostra Deutschland Alexander Fürst zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn received the German Heritage Conservation and Protection Award 2018, the highest award for heritage achievements in Germany, which is conferred by the Presidency of the German Cultural Heritage Committee (DNK). He received the award in the category “Karl-Friedrich-Schinkel-Ring” at a ceremony held on 29 October in Strasbourg and delivered the acceptance speech on behalf of all 12 laureates. [Read more](#)

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## Other news

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## **EUROPA NOSTRA'S CONTRIBUTION TO KEY EVENTS OF EUROPEAN YEAR**

**Luxembourg:** [Conference 'Heritage for Future: networking & funding of cultural heritage'](#)

**Thessaloniki:** [EKBMM International Conference 'Byzantine Monuments and World Heritage'](#)

**Bucharest:** [Romania closes the European Year with a special Forum](#)

**Leeuwarden:** [Architects Council of Europe's Conference on Adaptive Re-Use and Transition of Built Heritage](#)

**Venice:** [European Commission's Conference 'Cherishing Heritage: Quality principles for intervention on heritage'](#)

**Brussels:** [European Parliament's Interparliamentary Meeting on European Cultural Heritage](#)

**Lisbon:** [DAFNE 'Cultural Heritage Foundations Knowledge Exchange](#)

**Brussels:** [European Commission's Fair of European Innovators in Cultural Heritage](#)

**Leipzig:** [European Year of Cultural Heritage Stakeholders Meeting](#)

**Venice:** [EFFORTS Congress on Sustainable Military Heritage](#)

**Brussels:** [European Historic Houses Conference on enhancing sustainable entrepreneurship](#)

**Nicosia:** [International Conference on Digital Heritage – Euromed 2018](#)

**Warsaw:** [eTwinning programme of the EU: Conference on Cultural Heritage](#)

**Strasbourg:** [European Heritage Days Assembly](#)

**Paris:** [FRH Conference 'Religious Heritage: Europe's Legacy for the Future'](#)

**Brussels:** [European Week of Regions and Cities](#)

**Brussels:** [EEA and Norway Grants' Workshop 'Cultural Heritage: Worth the Investment?'](#)

**Brussels:** [European Parliament Intergroup Meeting on European Year of Cultural Heritage](#)

**Brussels:** [European Heritage Alliance 3.3 Meeting](#)

**Brussels:** [ERRIN Network's Conference on Experience Economy and Cultural Heritage](#)

**Krakow:** [European Conference on European Heritage Label & its future Challenges](#)

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

**Brussels:** [Declaration "Better Places to Live, Better Places to Visit" presented](#)

**Dubrovnik:** ["The Best in Heritage" Conference 2018 held](#)

**Paphos:** [Winners of "Destination of Sustainable Cultural Tourism Awards 2018" celebrated](#)

**Turin:** [EYCH Cooperation Project "Food is Culture" launched](#)

**Aarhus:** [Winners of the "Heritage in Motion Awards 2018" announced](#)

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

**Greece:** [Photo exhibition on Award-winning Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Monuments opened](#)

**Finland:** [Culture Leap Educational Programme celebrates Grand Prix](#)

**Italy:** [Ceremony to mark the success of the Open Monuments initiative held](#)

**Slovenia:** [Plečnik House celebrated its Award with collaborators and 160 visitors](#)

**Serbia:** [200 people celebrated the rehabilitation of the Pavilion of Prince Miloš in Arandjelovac](#)

**Serbia:** [Panel Discussion "Berlin Call to Action: Initiatives deriving from the Award winning Centuries of Bač project"](#)

[\*\*Serbia:\*\* Bač Fortress hosts high-profile ceremony to celebrate Europe's top heritage Award](#)

[\*\*Czech Republic:\*\* Award presented to St. Wenceslas Rotunda in Prague](#)

[\*\*Denmark:\*\* Restoration of Poul Egede's Mission House honoured](#)

[\*\*Italy:\*\* Association of the International Private Committees for the Safeguarding of Venice honoured](#)

## **THE 7 MOST ENDANGERED**

[\*\*Albania:\*\* European experts release report for the rehabilitation of Post-Byzantine Monuments in Voskopoja and Vithkuq](#)

[\*\*Bulgaria:\*\* European experts put forward action plan to preserve the Buzludzha Monument](#)

[\*\*Georgia:\*\* Experts from Europa Nostra and EIB Institute visited David Gareji monastery complex](#)

[\*\*Cyprus:\*\* High-level discussion on endangered heritage in the Buffer Zone of Nicosia](#)

[\*\*Cyprus:\*\* Photo exhibition on the Buffer Zone opened in Nicosia](#)

[\*\*Cyprus:\*\* Participants visit Othello Tower and monuments restored by the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage in Famagusta](#)

[\*\*Portugal:\*\* Europa Nostra's delegation visits Monastery of Jesus in Setúbal](#)

[\*\*Albania:\*\* Europa Nostra and EIB Institute mission visits Post-Byzantine Churches in Voskopoja and Vithkuqi](#)

[\*\*Romania:\*\* European experts issue report for the rehabilitation of the Constanța Casino](#)

## **ACROSS EUROPE**

[#WeEuropeans op-ed published in leading media all over Europe](#)

[Europa Nostra marks its 55th anniversary](#)

[\*\*Brussels:\*\* Cities of Viborg \(Denmark\) and Monteverde \(Italy\) awarded for improving access to cultural heritage](#)

[\*\*Brussels:\*\* EU Culture Ministers discuss the future Creative Europe programme 2021-2027](#)

[\*\*Brussels:\*\* Europa Nostra co-signs call to boost future budget of EU Creative Europe programme](#)

[\*\*Spain:\*\* Hispania Nostra promotes the 'Let the bells ring out!' initiative](#)

[\*\*Europe:\*\* Ringing the bells for peace during the European Year of Cultural Heritage](#)

[\*\*Lisbon:\*\* Europa Nostra's governing bodies discuss strategy beyond 2018](#)

[\*\*Lorca \(Spain\):\*\* Hispania Nostra organises International Congress 'Cultural Heritage and Catastrophes'](#)

[\*\*Venice:\*\* Europa Nostra builds bridges between heritage and craftsmanship at Homo Faber exhibition](#)

[\*\*Brussels:\*\* Europa Nostra presents activities to cultural delegation from Poland](#)

## **READ & SHARE**

[Study on Best practices in sustainable management and safeguarding of cultural heritage in the EU](#)

[Voices of Culture Report on fostering the contribution of Culture to Social Inclusion](#)  
[European Commission's Brochure about successful EU-funded cultural heritage projects](#)  
[Europa Nostra's 3 Learning Kits on Fundraising, Awareness-Raising & Advocacy, and Citizen Engagement & Education](#)  
[Cultural Heritage Counts for Europe Executive Summary in 12 languages: Ukrainian edition just released!](#)  
[Europa Nostra's Latest News](#)  
[Latest stories on Heritage Times](#)

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

### **Member Organisations**

[Azerbaijan: Union of Architects](#)

[Kosovo \(UNMIK\): Network for Civic Activism](#)

[The Netherlands: Oude Kerk Amsterdam](#)

[The Netherlands: DutchCulture](#)

[Norway: The Oslo Heritage Society](#)

[Portugal: Love Ribatejo - Associação para o Estudo e Defesa do Património Histórico, Cultural e Ambiental do Ribatejo](#)

[Romania: Asociatia Prin Banat](#)

[Spain: The Gabarron Foundation](#)

### **Associate Organisations**

[Croatia: Municipality of Tkon - Island of Pasman](#)

[Croatia: Museums and Galleries of Konavle](#)

[Czech Republic: Charles University](#)

[Germany: Landschaftsverband Westfalen-Lippe](#)

[Italy: PROMO P.A. Fondazione](#)

[The Netherlands: Province of Utrecht](#)

[Serbia: The City of Sabac](#)

## **HERITAGE TOURS 2019**

### **Programme - Register NOW**

[17-22 May | Milan & Lake Como, \*\*Italy\*\*](#)

[8-14 September | Jutland & Funen, \*\*Denmark\*\*](#)

[14-20 October | Exploring Extremadura, \*\*Spain\*\*](#)

Members are reminded that the Europa Nostra Heritage Tours will not be organised after 2019. It is anticipated that numerous members may wish to avail them of joining one of these tours, and thus it is likely that the 2019 tours will be quite popular. Hence, we urge you to submit very early the registrations for the tour(s) of your liking.



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