



Call for Nominations

7 MOST ENDANGERED PROGRAMME 2022

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

“Europe's cultural heritage is a vast, multi-faceted mosaic showing who we were, who we are, and who we aspire to be. We are all responsible for this huge, precious and fragile legacy.”¹ The “7 Most Endangered programme” is run by [Europa Nostra](#) in partnership with the [European Investment Bank Institute](#) and has the support of the [Creative Europe Programme](#) of the European Union. Launched in 2013, it forms part of a civil society campaign to save Europe's endangered heritage. It consists of identifying the most threatened and valuable monuments, sites and cultural landscapes in Europe and mobilising public and private support, to find a viable future for these heritage sites. The programme raises awareness, carries out independent technical assessments and proposes recommendations for action. Being on the 7 Most Endangered List often serves as a catalyst for action for threatened heritage sites in Europe. Given the fact that heritage sites all over Europe are continuously facing different types of threats and in view of the positive results achieved, the programme is since 2020 running on a yearly basis, instead of every two years.

WHO CAN SUBMIT A NOMINATION?

COUNTRIES

Nominations can be submitted from countries that are [Member States of the Council of Europe](#).

ELIGIBILITY

Entries can be submitted by:

¹ Quote from Prof. Dr. Hermann Parzinger, Executive President of Europa Nostra, included in the essay [“Togetherness – A New Heritage Deal for Europe”](#) as part of the Big Ideas series of the EIB.

- Europa Nostra's Country Representations, Member and Associate Organisations (see [full list](#));
- Public and private bodies active in the heritage field located in countries where Europa Nostra is not yet represented;
- Member organisations of the [European Heritage Alliance 3.3](#)
- Individual members² of Europa Nostra;

WHICH SITES CAN YOU NOMINATE TO THE 7 MOST ENDANGERED?

ENDANGERED AREAS/SITE TYPOLOGY

- Historic buildings and their ensembles (including surrounding townscapes/landscapes)
- Places of Worship
- Archaeological sites (including their surrounding landscapes)
- Industrial buildings and areas
- Parks, gardens and cultural landscapes
- Heritage sites of historical importance (« Lieux de mémoire »)
- Intangible heritage

HOW DOES IT WORK?

SELECTION PROCESS

The deadline to submit nominations is **17 September 2021 (23:59 CET)**.

Subsequently, all nominations will be examined. An international advisory panel, comprising specialists in history, archaeology, architecture, conservation, management and finance, will meet to discuss the applications and shortlist the most endangered monuments and sites. Successful nominators for the shortlist phase will be informed by the end of November 2021. The final list of 7 most threatened heritage sites in Europe are selected by the Board of Europa Nostra and will be announced in March/April 2022.

² Individual members wishing to nominate an endangered heritage site are invited to liaise with Europa Nostra's member or associate organisations or country representations in their country.

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Timeline



CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The monuments and sites are selected considering:

- Heritage and cultural value of the site;
- Imminent danger the site is facing;
- The engagement of local communities and the commitment of public and private stakeholders to saving the site;
- The potential of the site to act as a catalyst for a sustainable socio-economic development of the area where it is located.

POST-SELECTION PROCESS

Heritage and financial experts from [Europa Nostra](#) and the [European Investment Bank Institute](#) follow up and undertake “rescue missions” to the 7 selected sites, together with the nominators. The multidisciplinary teams assess the sites and help formulate a feasible action plan for each of them, in close cooperation with national and local public and private stakeholders, including the site owner(s). The results and recommendations of these missions are summarised in technical and financial reports that are made available on the Europa Nostra website.

THE EIB HERITAGE GRANT

The 7 Most Endangered Programme includes the possibility for the seven selected sites to be eligible for an **EIB Heritage Grant** of up to 10.000 euros to start the implementation of actions, studies or assistance measures for the threatened site. Europa Nostra will ask all shortlisted sites to submit a feasible project proposal in case the site will be selected for the final list of 7 Most Endangered sites 2022.

The deadline for submitting your nomination is **17 September 2021 (23:59 CET)**.

HOW TO APPLY?

Read the [FAQ](#)

Download and fill in the
Nomination Form

Send the complete application
to sz@europanostra.org
by 17 September 2021

The form should be completed in English and sent by e-mail along with all required materials to Sara Zanini, Project Officer.

CONTACT

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WHAT ARE THE COMPONENTS OF THE NOMINATION DOSSIER?

- ✓ Nomination form (in word format) filled out in English and with the digital signature of the nominator
- ✓ High resolutions photo and video materials
- ✓ At least 2 letters of support to your nomination by public or private heritage organisations (at least one should come from an Europa Nostra member or associate organisation) in English or French language
- ✓ Additional information (preferably in English language) relevant to the site you are nominating (conservation reports, technical assessments, press clippings, maps, projects budgets, other resources, etc)

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR NOMINATION?

If you need help in submitting your nomination or if you would like to know more about previous 7 Most Endangered sites in your country, you can write to our contact point (Sara Zanini, sz@europanostra.org).

BACKGROUND

ABOUT EUROPA NOSTRA

[Europa Nostra](#) is the European voice of civil society committed to safeguarding and promoting Europe's cultural and natural heritage. A pan-European federation of heritage NGOs, supported by a wide network of public bodies, private companies and individuals, it covers more than 40 countries. Founded in 1963, it is today recognised as the most representative heritage network in Europe. Among its sphere of actions, Europa Nostra campaigns to save Europe's endangered monuments, sites and landscapes, in particular through the 7 Most Endangered programme.

ABOUT THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK INSTITUTE

The [European Investment Bank Institute](#) (EIB-I) was set up within the EIB Group (European Investment Bank and European Investment Fund) to promote and support social, cultural, and academic initiatives with European stakeholders and the public at large. It is a key pillar of the EIB Group's community and citizenship engagement.