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MASTERCLASS ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN HERITAGE

9:30 Registration and welcome coffee

Moderator: **Sara Crofts** (UK), Chief Executive, The Institute of Conservation and Jury Member of the European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards

10:00 Introduction (10 min)

10:10 Introductory message by Pia Sopta, Policy Officer for Cultural Heritage Policies, DG EAC, European Commission

10:15 Case studies of successful actions (60 min)

“Participatory urban public space planning: co-create your city.” - **Volodymyr Kebalo** (UA), Senior Project Officer “Strengthening democratic resilience through civic participation during the war and in the post-war context in Ukraine”, Council of Europe (online)

“Communities at the heart of heritage governance” - **Hakan Shearer Demir** (TR), Council of Europe Expert in Heritage Inclusion

“Weaving Roma perspectives into European cultural heritage” - **Tímea Junghaus** (HU), Director, ERIAC - European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture

“Social and urban regeneration through heritage and involvement of communities” - **Eduardo Gargiulo** (IT), Member of the Paranza Cooperative - Catacombe di Napoli

“Ambulance for Monuments - Promoting gender equity through heritage” - **Eugen Vaida** (RO), Architect and Co-Founder, Asociația Monumentum

“Heritage as a lever for employment, training and culture: case study in Marseille, South of France.” - **Coline Pélissier** (FR), European Development Manager and PhD Student, ACTA VISTA

11:20 Q&A

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11:30 Workshops (divided into groups of 15-20 people)

1. "How to include historical and cultural Roma elements in the Romanian educational curricula" - **Alexandru Zamfir**, Educational Expert, Roma Education Fund (Romanian language)

With the exception of a few subjects, the Romanian school does not include elements of Roma history and culture in its disciplines. School textbooks, such as those on the history of the Romanians, often present the events concerning the Roma in a subjective or even in an inaccurate way. However, the need to include these elements and present them objectively is great, as there are hundreds of schools where the number of Roma students is high, or even schools with one hundred percent Roma pupils. Another challenge is that of teachers that are not properly equipped and are not prepared to respond to this type of need, not having the necessary knowledge and a specific methodology.

This workshop will identify some suggestions through which elements of Roma history and culture can be successfully introduced into the Romanian educational curriculum, offering examples of good practice from programs that have already been piloted and proposing new solutions for the most effective implementation of such a program at the national level.

2. "How to centre the role of the heritage community in the urban regeneration process" - **Eduardo Gargiulo and Salvatore Illiano**, Members of the Paranza Cooperative - Catacombe di Napoli (English language)

This workshop will explore how the desire to make a change can transform space into place. Participants will learn about how to develop a process of recovery that is focused on the local people and allows for the recognition of the value of cultural heritage and reveals the power of networking.

3. "How to promote gender equity through heritage" - **Eugen Vaida**, Architect and Co- Founder, Asociația Monumentum (Romanian language)

The Ambulance for Monuments is one of Romania's most effective initiatives in the safeguarding of built heritage. Through its activities, the initiative has brought together young women professionals and students from urban areas who are highly knowledgeable yet may have less practical experience, with conservative local communities from rural areas in Romania, to help save the country's neglected heritage sites. Construction

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activities have long been considered the unique remit of male professionals and laymen. While women are well represented in the planning and research sectors of cultural heritage, they remain outsiders in areas of craftsmanship and in more hands-on activities, especially in rural areas.

This workshop will identify solutions to bring us closer to a more inclusive way of providing access to knowledge, while respecting the traditional communities' intangible heritage of customs and rituals.

4. "Heritage governance in times of community regeneration" - **Hakan Shearer Demir**, Council of Europe Expert in Heritage Inclusion (English language)

The session will focus on the complexities that may emerge with human mobility (forced displacement, gentrification, migration, etc.) where communities are directly affected and the potential role of heritage in addressing societal challenges. This interactive session will discuss arguments raised by long-term residents and newcomers, and explore possible approaches to heritage governance in times when the 'local' is being redefined.

12:15 Reporting from workshops

12:30 - 12:35 Concluding remarks - Sara Crofts

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CONFERENCE ON HISTORICAL CENTRES: CITIES BETWEEN LIVING COMFORT AND HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Moderator: **Eugen Vaida**, Architect and Co-Founder, Asociația Monumentum

14:00 Welcome speeches by **Ramona Chiriac** (RO), Head of the European Commission Representation in Romania, **Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović** (RS), Secretary-General of Europa Nostra and **Ștefan Bâlici** (RO), President of The Romanian Order of Architects.

14:15 Keynote by **Indy Johar** (UK), Architect, Co-Founder and Director of Dark Matter Labs & Architecture 00 (online)

14:30 Panel 1. Significance of best practices awarded by Europa Nostra incl. Q/A

Participants: Jury members of the European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards

Moderator: **Elena Bianchi** (IT), Coordinator of the European Heritage Awards/ Europa Nostra Awards

- ▶ **Pavlos Chatzigrigoriou** (GR), Chair of the Selection Committee Citizens' Engagement & Awareness-raising
- ▶ **Sara Crofts** (UK), Chair of the Selection Committee Education, Training & Skills and Member of the Jury
- ▶ **António Lamas** (PT), Chair of the Selection Committee Conservation & Adaptive Reuse Member of the Jury
- ▶ **Sabine Nemec-Piguet** (CH), Chair of the Selection Committee Research and Member of the Jury
- ▶ **Eugen Vaida** (RO), Chair of the Selection Committee Heritage Champions and Member of the Jury

15:15 Panel 2. Public policy in historical centers

Moderator: **Eugen Pănescu** (RO), Architect and Urban Planner, OAR representative in the ACE Urban Issues and Heritage Workgroup

1. "An integrated approach to heritage conservation - Fabric neighbourhood" – **Roxana Pătrulescu** (RO), Head of Office for Rehabilitation of Historic Neighbourhoods within the Department for Urban and Territorial Planning, Municipality of Timișoara

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2. "Public financial support for historic buildings" – **Kristina Creoșteanu** (RO), Director at Historic Monuments Foundation, City Hall of Brașov

3. "Heritage Opportunities/threats with Mega-Events in Europe (HOMEE): Changing environments, new challenges and possible solutions for preservation in mega-events embedded heritage rich European cities" – **Zachary Mark Jones** (US/IT), Postdoc Research Fellow and Adjunct Professor at Milan Polytechnic University

4. "KDK - Strategy for development through heritage - opportunities for heritage protection, conservation, and development in small cities. Case study Jimbolia" – **Gabriela Domokos Pașcu** (RO), Conf. Dr. Arch. at Timișoara Polytechnic University

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 Panel 3. Projects with social impact in historical centers

Moderator: **Alexandra-Maria Rigler** (RO), Architect and Cultural Manager, Director at Centrul de Proiecte Timișoara

1. "Heritage of Timișoara. Awareness raising on cultural identity in the historical quarters of Timișoara" – **Mihai Moldovan** (RO), Timișoara Heritage Curator, Member of Asociația Prin Banat

2. "Architecting in a city with 19 historical centers" – **Oana Bogdan** (RO/BE), Architect, Founder of @bogdan

3. "Gare Maritime, Brussels, Belgium" – **An Li Yap** (BE), Project Manager, Gare Maritime, Nextensa (online)

18:00 Panel 4. Improvement of energy efficiency in historical housings

Moderator: **Daniel Tellman** (RO), Architect, Managing Partner at Subcontrol, Regional Branch President OAR

1. "The nZEB Regulatory Document from the perspective of the responsible authority" – **Anca Ginavar** (RO), Director at General Directorate for Territorial Development, Ministry of Public Works, Development and Administration, Romania

2. "Could traditional crafts effectively reduce energy loss in historical buildings? The center for activities and regional resources" – **Ciprian Ștefan** (RO), Manager ASTRA Museum, Sibiu

18:45 – 19:00 Concluding remarks by Ștefan Bâlici