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European Cultural Heritage Summit 2022 takes place in Prague on 25-27 September

From 25 to 27 September, Europa Nostra will host a very special 2022 edition of our European Cultural Heritage Summit in Prague. The Summit, which has been included in the official programme of the Czech Presidency of the Council of European Union, marks the 30th anniversary of the entry of the Historic Centre of Prague in the UNESCO World Heritage List. The highlights of the [Summit Programme](#) are the presentation ceremony of the European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards 2022 on 26 September at the recently restored State Opera and a high-level European Heritage Policy Debate on 27 September at the Žofín Palace. The programme also includes training for cultural heritage professionals as well as cultural excursions and networking events in Prague. [Registration](#)

will open at the end of August. The Summit was the main topic discussed at a [meeting between the Czech Minister of Culture and the Secretary General of Europa Nostra](#) on 2 June in Prague.

Prague Summit 2022



Discover the 2022 Award winners and vote for the Public Choice Award from 11 August to 11 September

On 30 June, the European Commission and Europa Nostra announced the 2022 winners of the European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards. This year, which marks the 20th anniversary of Europe's most prestigious Awards in the heritage field, 30 outstanding heritage achievements from 18 European countries have been awarded. Between 11 August and 11 September, heritage supporters and enthusiasts are encouraged to [vote online](#) for the Public Choice Award and mobilise support for the winner(s) from their own or another European country. The winners will be celebrated on 26 September in Prague at the European Heritage Awards Ceremony, to be co-hosted by the European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, **Mariya Gabriel**, and Europa Nostra's Executive President, **Hermann Parzinger**.

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Plácido Domingo hands over the Presidency of Europa Nostra to Cecilia Bartoli at Salzburg Whitsun Festival

Plácido Domingo symbolically handed over the Presidency of Europa Nostra to his newly appointed successor **Cecilia Bartoli** on 6 June during a festive evening in Salzburg. They both performed in the sold-out Gala Concert “Carmencita & Friends”, the grand finale of this year’s Salzburg Whitsun Festival, of which Cecilia Bartoli is the Artistic Director. After the concert, Plácido Domingo – who led Europa Nostra from 2010 to 2020 and who will remain its Honorary President – passed on the torch of the Presidency to Cecilia Bartoli, in the presence of the organisers of the Salzburg Festival and a large delegation of Europa Nostra, composed of Life Members and prominent supporters from all over Europe, which was led by its Executive President, **Hermann Parzinger**, and Secretary General, **Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović**. [Cecilia Bartoli was appointed as the new President of Europa Nostra](#), for an initial mandate of five years, on 20 May 2022 by the General Assembly of Europa Nostra.

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Europa Nostra addresses Euro-Mediterranean Ministers of Culture at first Culture Ministerial meeting of EU-Southern Partnership in Naples

The Conference of the Ministers of Culture of the Mediterranean convened by the Italian Ministry of Culture took place on 16-17 June in Naples. This was the very first meeting ever dedicated entirely to culture and cultural heritage in the framework of the EU-Southern Partnership. The conference was attended by representatives of 41 official delegations from the Euro-Mediterranean region and a reduced group of invited stakeholders. In her forceful address, also on behalf of the Climate Heritage Network, Europa Nostra's Secretary General, **Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović**, highlighted the vital contribution of cultural heritage to imagine and realise a post-carbon future in the Euro-Mediterranean area and beyond. At the end of the conference, Ministers of Culture unanimously adopted the Naples Declaration, to which Europa Nostra was invited to contribute. The Naples Declaration reflects the participating Ministers' commitment to the development of cooperation and joint actions to protect and valorise the region's shared heritage as a vector for understanding, sense of belonging, sustainable development, knowledge and creativity.

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Europa Nostra and Climate Heritage Network organise two heritage-related events within World Urban Forum in Katowice

In its capacity as the Regional Co-Chair of the Climate Heritage Network for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, Europa Nostra contributed to the 11th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF) held in Katowice, Poland, from 26 to 30 June, with the co-organisation of two heritage-related events. The purpose of the events was to highlight how culture and heritage can help us respond to climate change and transform our cities for a better urban future. The event “Cities, Culture and Climate: A Get-Together for Green Culture, Heritage and Creative Cities” was held on 27 June, as part of the WUF11 official programme, while a satellite cultural and networking event with the same name was organised on 29 June with Polish and Silesian partners, as an effort to bridge the local, regional, national and international communities.

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Europa Nostra Heritage Hub for Central and Eastern Europe will be based in Kraków

On 9 May - Europe Day, the letter of intent establishing the Europa Nostra Heritage Hub for Central and Eastern Europe in Kraków was signed by the Mayor of Kraków, **Jacek Majchrowski**, and our Executive President, **Hermann Parzinger**. The role of the Europa Nostra Heritage Hub is to develop and strengthen our activities in this part of the continent, to involve civil society organisations in the protection of Europe's heritage, as well as to strengthen the role of Kraków as a leading European centre creating and implementing best practices in the area of heritage preservation and in the implementation of the UNESCO Convention. On 1 July, [our Kraków Hub's office started operating](#) at the historic premises of **The Society of Friends of Kraków History and Heritage** (our Member Organisation and long-standing partner), which was selected to run the first formal "outpost" of Europa Nostra.

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Athens will host Europa Nostra Heritage Hub for South Eastern Europe and Eastern Mediterranean

Athens becomes, after Kraków, the second city in Europe where a Europa Nostra Heritage Hub is being established; a decision that upgrades and consolidates the key role of Greece in the field of cultural heritage as well as its protection and promotion. **ELLINIKI ETAIRIA – Society for the Environment and Cultural Heritage (ELLET)**, Europa Nostra's country representation in Greece, was selected for the coordination, management and representation of the Hub in the wider region of South East Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean (with special focus on the Eastern Balkans). The Europa Nostra Heritage Hub in Athens was launched on 1 June at the headquarters of ELLET in Plaka, in the presence of the Mayor of Athens, **Kostas Bakoyannis**, the President of the ELLET, **Lydia Carras**, the Secretary General of Europa Nostra, **Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović**, and **Alexandra Mamalinga-Prokopiou**, representative of ELLET in Europa Nostra.

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Nominate endangered heritage
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Conflicts, natural and human-made disasters, climate-change related issues, neglect, unsuitable development or lack of funds. All over Europe our shared cultural heritage is faced with increasing threats. **If you know of important heritage in Europe that is endangered** – such as an historic monument or an ensemble of historic monuments, an archaeological site, a place of worship, an industrial complex, a historic garden, a museum, a movable or an intangible heritage asset – then **nominate it for the 7 Most Endangered Programme 2023** and join us in our efforts to save our heritage! [Watch video](#)

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Europa Nostra / European Investment Bank Institute Visit to Kosovo* (4-8 July)

A delegation composed of representatives of Europa Nostra and its partner the European Investment Bank Institute (EIBI) went to Kosovo* on 4-8 July. This visit was organised, primarily, as a follow-up to the [inclusion of the Dečani Monastery on the 2021 List of 7 Most Endangered heritage sites in Europe](#). The delegation visited the following heritage sites: Novobërdë/Novo Brdo, the Visoki Dečani Monastery, the historic town of Prizreni/Prizren, including its historic cinema Kino Lumbardhi, the Church of the Holy Virgin of Ljeviš, as well as the Gračanica Monastery. The delegation also held a series of meetings with representatives of the Kosovo authorities, namely the Minister of Environment and Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, Mr Liburn Aliu, the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport, Mr Hajrulla Çeku, and the Mayor of Deçani/Dečani Municipality, Mr Bashkim Ramosaj; with representatives of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Kosovo, namely Bishop Teodosije of Raška-Prizren and Father Sava, Abbott of the Dečani Monastery; with representatives of civil society organisations based in Kosovo, namely Cultural Heritage without Borders Kosovo (CHwB Kosovo) and the Lumbardhi Foundation; as well as with representatives of the international community in Kosovo, namely the Commander of KFOR, Major General Ferenc Kajári; the EU Special Representative and Head of EU Office in Kosovo, Ambassador Tomas Szunyog; OSCE Head of Mission in Kosovo, Ambassador Michael Davenport; Ambassador of Italy in Kosovo, Mr Antonello di Riu; and with the Acting Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Kosovo, Ms Zeinah Salahi.

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Oksana Lyniv, renowned conductor from Ukraine, wins Helena Vaz da Silva European Award 2022

On 8 July, Europa Nostra and its country representation in Portugal, **Centro Nacional de Cultura**, announced the winner of the Helena Vaz da Silva European Award for Raising Public Awareness of Cultural Heritage 2022. **Oksana Lyniv**, renowned conductor from Ukraine, is the General Music Director at *Teatro Comunale di Bologna*, and is also the founder and art director of the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine and the LivMozArt International Classical Music Festival. This high European recognition pays tribute to Oksana Lyniv's exceptional art of communicating European culture and values through music to a wider public, in particular the younger generations. On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Award, the Jury also granted a **Special Recognition to Dijana Milošević**, theatre director, writer, professor and artist from Serbia, in recognition of her key role in defending Europe's culture and values. The Award Ceremony will take place on 24 November at the Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon.

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New European Bauhaus Festival: Europa Nostra contributes to five sessions and hosts inspiring side-event in Brussels

The first-ever New European Bauhaus (NEB) Festival took place from 9 to 12 June in several locations across Brussels and beyond as well as online. Built around the three pillars of “Fair”, “Fest” and “Forum”, it brought together experts and policy-makers from a wide range of disciplines and sectors, as well as citizens, youth and grassroots organisations. As an official partner of the NEB initiative developed by the European Commission, Europa Nostra contributed to three sessions as part of the Forum at Gare Maritime and to two side events organised as part of the Festival. In addition, [Europa Nostra organised the inspiring side-event “Fostering Peace & Solidarity, Beauty & Sustainability as core values of the New European Bauhaus”](#) on 10 June at the emblematic Brussels Town Hall. This event consisted of two parts: a **debate on the contribution of cultural heritage to the core ideals of the New European Bauhaus** and a **concert in solidarity with the people and culture of Ukraine**. It was attended by some 200 participants from civil society, the EU Institutions and the Belgian, Ukrainian and international communities.

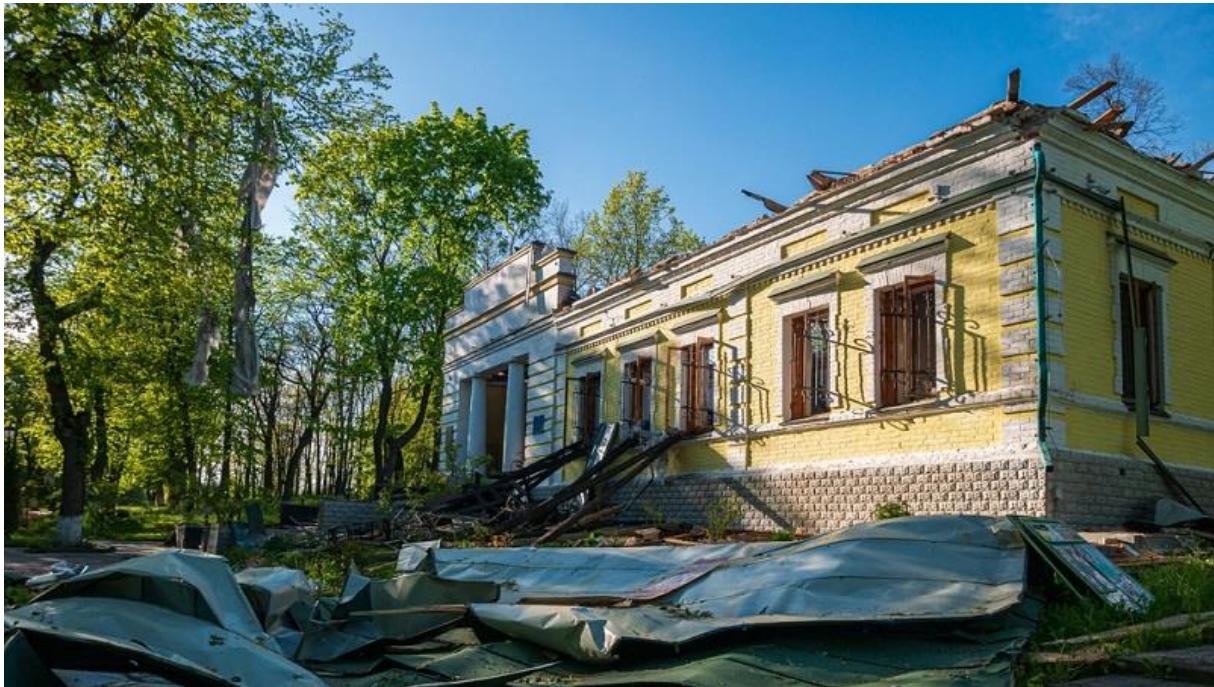
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Europa Nostra actively participates in the European Heritage Label Ceremony and Workshops in Brussels

To mark the 10th anniversary of the European Heritage Label, a full day of workshops and a special ceremony to celebrate the sites selected in 2019 and 2021 took place on 13-14 June in Brussels. Since its launch in 2013 by the European Commission, 60 sites have received the European Heritage Label for the European values they embody and their contribution to the European integration process. The events had the participation of **Mariya Gabriel**, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, policy-makers at all levels, representatives of civil society organisations, as well as experts in the field of cultural heritage. Representatives from Europa Nostra contributed to a debate on youth engagement for cultural heritage in the frame of the [European Year of Youth 2022](#) as well as to workshops on heritage and innovation, sustainability and audience development.

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Europa Nostra Council's statements on alarming situation in Ukraine and outcomes of Conference on the Future of Europe

The Europa Nostra Council met on 9 and 10 May in Kraków for its first physical meeting ever since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting took place at a most symbolic time and place with fruitful discussions on various aspects of Europa Nostra's work, ranging from European policy advocacy to saving endangered heritage and the European Year of Youth. As concrete outcomes of the two-day discussions, our Council issued **two important and timely statements**: [Europa Nostra strongly condemns ongoing deliberate destruction of cultural heritage in Ukraine](#) and [Cultural Heritage for the Future of Europe – Europa Nostra reaction on the proposals formulated by the Conference on the Future of Europe.](#)

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Europa Nostra concludes the 3-year European project ILUCIDARE with a lively event in Brussels and online

On 22 April, Europa Nostra and KEA European Affairs, on behalf of the ILUCIDARE Consortium, co-hosted the final conference of the 3-year EU-funded ILUCIDARE project. The conference, entitled “**ILUCIDARE Playground: turning a new page for heritage**”, took place in Brussels and gathered 70 people on-site and 115 online participants from all over Europe and beyond. The aim of the playground was to take stock of the achievements of the ILUCIDARE project and further disseminate its learning outcomes to facilitate its uptake by other projects, actors and policies. The programme revolved around the many practical tools produced within the project to support heritage-led innovation and international relations, and put the spotlight on the actors of the ILUCIDARE community who have co-created or benefited from these tools. [Europa Nostra invited five European Heritage Youth Ambassadors to cover the ILUCIDARE closing event.](#)

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Youth for the Future of Cultural Heritage in Europe (deadline: 31 August 2022)

Europa Nostra and its partner organisations working with youth in cultural heritage launched on 20 April the consultation “Youth for the Future of Cultural Heritage in Europe” as a contribution to the [European Year of Youth 2022](#). The Europe-wide consultation, which is done through a 10-minute anonymous [online survey](#), shall identify young people’s most pressing needs, dreams and aspirations when it comes to the future of the cultural heritage sector. The results will be analysed and will feed the policy/position paper to trigger concrete actions for youth involvement in the cultural heritage sector. [Read more](#)

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