HERITAGE IN TRANSITION: RE-IMAGINING INDUSTRIAL, RELIGIOUS AND MILITARY SPACES FOR THE REGENERATION OF URBAN AND RURAL AREAS • SUSTAINABILITY PILLAR

WHY? • OBJECTIVES
One of the aims of the European Year is to integrate cultural heritage into environmental, architectural and planning policies. This initiative is promoting the transformation of Europe's industrial, religious and military heritage for new uses. Through smart restoration and adaptive reuse, old buildings and sites can be given new leases of life and to bring economic and social dynamism to cities and regions.

FOR WHOM? • TARGET GROUPS
Local/regional authorities and communities, heritage professionals and architects.

WHAT? • CONTENT OF THE INITIATIVE
The initiative has three main components:

COMPONENT I – EXCHANGE OF GOOD PRACTICE
The initiative is showcasing examples where industrial, religious and military heritage has been successfully reused. Creative Europe-funded networks have organised conferences and events to share experiences and discuss challenges.

During the European Cultural Heritage Summit, held in June in Berlin, the European Commission organised a workshop on adaptive reuse and highlighted best practices from EU Prizes for Cultural Heritage (Europa Nostra) and Contemporary Architecture (Mies van der Rohe Foundation).

KEY DATES:
- 9 March 2018
  Shaping the Future – Urban Regeneration and Adaptive Reuse in Dublin (Ireland)
- 25-26 April 2018
  Preserve, Use and Develop: international conference on ecclesiastical heritage and its future challenges in Lund (Sweden)
- 16-18 May 2018
  European Heritage Heads Forum: Old sites and new functions – sharing our built heritage with the next generation in Luxemburg
- 20 June 2018
  Workshop on adaptive reuse at the European Cultural Heritage Summit in Berlin (Germany)
- 20 September 2018
  Young Talent Architecture Award (YTAA) ceremony at the Architecture Biennale in Venice (Italy)
- 11-13 October 2018
  FRH biennial conference “Religious Heritage – Europe’s Legacy for the Future” in Paris (France)
- 8-9 November 2018
  EFFORTS Annual Congress: “From Stronghold to Sustainable Military Heritage” in Venice (Italy)
- 23 November 2018
  Architects’ Council of Europe conference on Adaptive Re-use and Transition of the Built Heritage in Leeuwarden (the Netherlands)

COMPONENT II – ENGAGEMENT
The European Route of Industrial Heritage (ERIH) launched Work it out!, a pan-European dance performance in industrial heritage sites. E-Faith is running a cross-border twinning campaign between associations, while the Torch Initiative run by Future for Religious Heritage (FRH) is collecting personal stories related to religious heritage throughout Europe.
KEY DATES:
• 8 January 2018
  Kick-off ceremony of FRH’s Torch initiative in Leeuwarden (the Netherlands)
• 1 May 2018
  Work it out! Dance event in ERIH sites across Europe
• 6 May 2018
  PhotoWalk in Paris, Asti (Italy) and Middelburg (the Netherlands)
• 24-27 May 2018
  Europe’s Private Heritage Week
• 8-29 September 2018
  First European Fortress Day(s), taking place in 9 countries
• 21 September 2018
  Ringing Bells throughout Europe to commemorate the International Day of Peace
• October 2018
  E-Faith monthly activities dedicated to adaptive reuse
• 11 October 2018
  Torch closing ceremony at the FRH conference on religious heritage in Paris (France)

COMPONENT III – URBAN/RURAL REGENERATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Urban Agenda for Europe foresees a new partnership in the area of culture and cultural heritage. The call launched in this context is an invitation to Member States, cities and other stakeholders to strengthen cooperation for livable and innovative cities in Europe, while focusing on their cultural heritage assets.

The findings of EU regional or research projects are being used to promote the positive impact that adaptive reuse can have on the revival of neighbourhoods. Environmental issues are being addressed, and local and regional decision-makers are involved in discussions.

PARTNERS
• Commission services dealing with culture, regional development, research and innovation
• European Committee of Regions, Urban Group of the European Parliament; Eurocities
• ICOMOS Committees: IcoFort (on military heritage), PRERICO (on places of religion and rituals)
• Creative Europe networks: European Route of Industrial Heritage (ERIH), Future for Religious Heritage (FRH), Architects’ Council of Europe (ACE)
• EU Prizes for Cultural Heritage (organiser: Europa Nostra) and Contemporary Architecture (organiser: Foundation Mies van der Rohe)
• EFFORTS (European Federation of Fortified Sites); E-Faith (European Federation of Associations of Industrial and Technical Heritage)