

State Inspection for heritage protection of Latvia and the Monitoring Group on cultural heritage in the Baltic Sea States that involves national agencies of cultural heritage in Sweden, Norway, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Denmark, Poland, Germany, Russia and Iceland

invite You to participate in

THE 4th BALTIC SEA REGION CULTURAL HERITAGE FORUM
IN RIGA, LATVIA, SEPTEMBER 8-11, 2010

„CULTURAL HERITAGE - CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGE”

The cultural heritage of the Baltic Sea region has an outstanding value and diversity. Sustainable integration of cultural heritage assets to development potential creates a common responsibility that should be recognized by involved stakeholders, in communities, national policies and regional approaches.

The 4th Cultural Heritage Forum offers a meeting place where pending matters, knowledge and ideas can be exchanged on regional and European bases. Topical challenges – environmental, economic and intercultural – are valorised covering among others environmental assessment of historic buildings, cultural heritage as a public good and an asset in local and regional development, competent restoration of cultural heritage and maintenance of authenticity as well as contemporary architecture in historic surroundings.

Forum targets

Our aim is to discuss and define interdisciplinary and cross sectors risks which can lead to irretrievable loss of heritage values and policies that can help us enrich the social and economic values of our daily surroundings.

The Forum offers a unique opportunity to meet colleagues, relevant interest groups and stakeholders from neighbouring countries. There will be good opportunities for networking and exchange of experiences on regional bases.

Forum target groups

Heritage and planning professionals, owners and managers of cultural heritage property, architects, landscape architects, building engineers, developers, economists, construction companies, researchers, universities, representatives from the professional associations, educational institutions, heritage administrators, local/regional authorities and NGOs, state bodies responsible for cultural heritage, representatives from museums and sites, interested politicians.

Forum events (detailed information at <http://forums.mantojums.lv/>)

8. September: PreForum thematic seminars and meetings of regional cultural heritage networks, different venues in Riga, Jurmala and Tukums

9. September: Forum Plenary session and two sequential parallel sessions on:

- Environmental assessment of historic buildings
- Restoration of cultural heritage and authenticity

and

- Cultural heritage and contemporary architecture
- Cultural Heritage as a Public Good and an Asset in Local and Regional Development

10. September: Conference Plenary session and conclusions /
Opening of the European Heritage Days in Latvia

11. September: European Heritage Days events in Latvia



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Venues

8. September: detailed information at <http://forums.mantojums.lv/>

9. and 10. september, plenum:

Riga – Spīķeri Concert Hall, Maskavas Street 4/1

parallel sessions: Spīķeri Concert Hall, Maskavas Street 4/1

Contemporary Art Museum KIM?, Maskavas Street 12

11. september: European Heritage Days program online: www.mantojums.lv or <http://forums.mantojums.lv/>

Practical information

Participation in the Forum events is free of charge.

All other expenses are participants own expenses.

<http://forums.mantojums.lv/>

Online registration by 20 of August 2010, all Forum information and accomodation options. *Please, take into account that the number of participants is limited!*

Main Organising Bodies

Monitoring Group on cultural heritage in the Baltic Sea States*

State Inspection for Heritage Protection of Latvia

Supported by

UNESCO World Heritage centre

National Heritage Board of Sweden

Directorate for Cultural Heritage, Norway

National Board of Antiquities, Finland

In partnership with

Ministry of Culture of Latvia

Riga City Council

Riga City Architect's Office

Latvian National Commission for UNESCO

Latvian Association of Architects

Tukums Museum and Tukums District Council

Jurmala City museum

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** The wide sphere of cultural heritage forms a linking element, common concern and a remarkable potential for regional assets. During the reconnection of the region in the 1990'ies, the Monitoring Group on cultural heritage in the Baltic Sea States was appointed by the respective Ministers of Culture in the framework of regional cooperation under the umbrella of the Council of the Baltic Sea States. The members represent national bodies that are responsible for national management of cultural heritage.*

The Monitoring Group coordinates regional approaches, identifies actual fields of cooperation as well as encourages partnerships and quality projects regarding cultural heritage. The Monitoring Group has initiated Working Groups on topical thematic fields. Joint activities focus on sharing experiences and good practices, harmonizing heritage protection standards and management policies in the region. Networking aims at feeding awareness of cultural heritage aspects to other sectors and to the broader regional and even international policy making. More information <http://mg.kpd.lt>



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