



CULTURE AND NATURE

Local Communities for Heritage:
Good Practices in Central Europe

CONFERENCE

Castle Cieszyn
29th of March, 2023

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Idea of the Conference

Nature and Culture

The international conference (29th of March) is devoted to inspiring initiatives of local community leaders acting in the field of cultural and natural heritage of their small homelands. We will discuss heritage as a unique value for local communities that connects generations and crosses the borders. We will present good practices from Central Europe, Poland and the cross-border Polish-Czech region of the Cieszyn/Těšín Silesia. We will talk about innovative ways to interpret and preserve the heritage and the development of ecotourism. We will also pay attention to the role of women - leaders in using heritage for local development, improving the quality of life and sensitizing to the beauty inherent in culture, nature and landscape. Everything will take place in the form of lectures, interviews and debates with interesting, inspiring people - creators of unique ideas and projects. The effect of the conference will be the signing of the Ecotourism Declaration on the role of community sustainable tourism in the protection and preservation of heritage.

The study tour (30th of March) is planned as an eco-travel around the Cieszyn/Těšín Silesia region. We will learn about heritage community initiatives, meet the leaders and get to know the places where they work and create inspiring ideas.





Declarations

During the Conference, we will sign the Declaration on the role of ecotourism in the protection and preservation of heritage.

Partners from the Śląsk Cieszyński Euroregion will also sign a Declaration on entering the Cieszyn Wine Route into the Greenways Network.



Program

- 9.30-10.00 Registration
- 10.00-10.15 **Words of welcome - Anna Woźniak-Lubaś** (*Partnership Fund/Fundusz Partnerstwa*) and **Bogdan Kasperek** (*Association for Development and Regional Cooperation „OLZA”*)
- 10.15-10.30 Introduction to the Conference, **Dominika Zaręba**
- 10.30-12.00 **BLOCK 1: Culture and Nature: involving local communities in the protection and interpretation of heritage and ecotourism - good practices**
Keynote speaker: Yvonna Gaillyová (*Ecological Institute Veronica, Czechia*):
Hostětín - ecological village in the White Carpathians
Heritage beyond borders: Good practices for heritage in the Cieszyn/Těšín Silesia Euroregion -
Marcin Lipski (*Cieszyn Wine Trail, Chateau in Kończyce Wielkie*),
Bogdan Kasperek (*Association for Development and Regional Cooperation „OLZA”*: **Iron Bicycle Trail, local initiatives: Street of Cieszyn Women**)
Social initiatives for heritage around the Greenway Route of the Eastern Carpathians - Bogusław Pyzocha, Wojciech Grzanecki (*Bieszczady Foundation, Greenways Poland Association*)
- 12.00-12.20 coffee break

Program

- 12.20-14.00 **BLOCK 2 - Engaging different generations to work for a common local good; the role of women in preserving heritage; involving young people in heritage activities**
Debate with foreign and Polish guests - **Sofija Todorović** (Serbia), **Katalin Varga** (Hungary), **Zuzana Burdova** (Slovakia), **Katarzyna Hełpa-Liszkowska** (Poland); **Dominika Zaręba** (Poland) During the debate, guests will share their experiences and good practices. **Conducting the debate: Daniel Mourek** (Czechia)
Organisations: Youth Initiative for Human Rights (Serbia), Danube Bend Cultural Agglomeration and Association for Environmental Protection (Hungary), Nadácia Aevis (Slovakia), Foundation for Supporting Creative Education, Development and Revitalization "Kreaktywator" / Fundacja Wspierania Kreatywnej Edukacji, Rozwoju i Rewitalizacji „Kreaktywator” (Poznań, Poland), Fundusz Partnerstwa (Krakow, Poland), local community of Lanckorona, Poland, Partnerstvi o.p.s. (Czechia)
- 14.00-14.30 coffee break with press briefing
- 14.30-15.00 **BLOCK 3 - Declaration on the role of sustainable tourism in the protection and preservation of heritage and Declaration on the cooperation of the Cieszyn Wine Route within the Greenways network**
Online connection with a Ukrainian partner: **Serhii Pidmohylnyi** (*Greenways Ukraine*). Presentation of the content of the Declarations, signing of the Declarations.
- 15.00-16.00 lunch and networking



We invite you to beautiful Cieszyn and the Cieszyn/Těšín Silesia, a place where the idea of Culture and Nature combines!

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