

EUROPEAN HERITAGE HEADS FORUM



Programme 7-9 October 2026 EHHF 20th Annual Meeting

Foreword

Dear EHHF members,
Dear colleagues,

On the occasion of the 20 anniversary of the establishment of the European Heritage Heads Forum, we have the honour of hosting the 20th EHHF Annual Meeting 2026 in the capital of Zagreb.

Given the celebratory nature of this year's meeting, our wish is to reflect upon the past, present and future of both European cultural heritage and the European Heritage Heads Forum, through a highly relevant lens: Cultural Heritage Resilience in the Face of Contemporary Challenges.

Under extraordinary circumstances, we face professional duties to safeguard heritage values while making compromises to ensure future safety – more so when available recovery funding must be used within limited timeframes. Over the past six years – ever since two powerful earthquakes hit Northern Croatia in 2020 – Zagreb and surrounding counties have been a case study in contemporary post-earthquake reconstruction. During the Annual Meeting, we invite you to consider cultural heritage resilience, with an emphasis on risk reduction and preparedness, rapid and efficient response and post-crisis recovery – both from a heritage and societal perspective.

We hope this programme will inspire meaningful conversations and dynamic discussions, and usher in the next twenty years of European Heritage Heads Forum – all while discovering the city of Zagreb.


Tomislav Petrinec



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dress code

We advise normal clothing for the conference day (be mindful there will be AC inside) and business casual attire for the Welcome Reception and Official Dinner.

Please note that we recommend appropriate shoes for the Tour before the Welcome Reception and Friday excursion. If you would prefer not to carry all your belongings with you during the Friday excursion, you may store them in the lockable cabinets available in the Mimara Museum cloakroom.

Accompanying persons

The Annual Meeting is strictly reserved for Heads and their accompanying delegates. Accompanying partners are welcome to join the additional evening activities.

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER

WELCOME PROGRAMME

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| 16:00 | Meeting point at Ban Josip Jelačić Square |
| 16:15 | Guided visit to the Zagreb Cathedral
Croatian Conservation Institute
Zagreb City Office for Cultural Heritage and Nature
Croatian Centre for Earthquake Engineering |
| 17:30 | Medieval Zagreb Tour
Zagreb City Museum |
| 19:00 | Welcome Reception at the Meštrović Atelier (standing dinner)
Mletačka St. 8 |

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

08:30	Coffee and registration at the Mimara Museum F. D. Roosevelt Square 5
09:00	Opening of the 20th EHHF Annual Meeting Director Tomislav Petrinec
09:10	Welcome addresses Tajana Pleše, Director of the Mimara Museum Nina Obuljen Koržinek, Minister of Culture and Media of the Republic of Croatia
09:30	Keynote: Disaster Risk Management for Built Heritage: What it Takes Prof. Xavier Romão, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto (FEUP), Vice-president of ICOMOS-ICORP
10:30	3 minutes / 3 slides: Cultural Heritage Resilience Across Europe: National Perspectives and Emerging Risks
11:15	Coffee break
11:45	3 minutes / 3 slides: continued
12:45	Walk through Mimara, followed by lunch
14:30	Thematic workshops on Preparedness
15:45	Coffee break
16:15	Rapporteur session and key takeaways of the day
17:00	Conclusion of the first day

EVENING PROGRAMME

18:00	Optional tour of the Croatian State Archives Marko Marulić Square 21
19:00	Official Dinner at the Hotel Esplanade Mihanovićeve St. 1

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

08:30	Coffee and registration at the Mimara Museum F. D. Roosevelt Square 5
09:00	Croatian UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Dubrovnik and Šibenik: Good practice and challenges to preservation and management Mihaela Skurić, Director of the Institute for the Restoration of Dubrovnik Gorana Barišić Bačelić, Director of Fortress of Culture Šibenik
10:00	Keynote: The 20 Years of EHHF Alexandra Warr, Head of International Strategy, Historic England
10:30	News from the Heads
11:15	Coffee break
11:45	EHHF Plenary Session Updates from the Secretariat, the EHLF, the Task Force, and the skills project. Vote on the skills project, the name of the Troika and the Secretariat.
13:30	EHHF Steering Committee handover to Finland and closure of the 20th EHHF Annual Meeting
13:45	Lunch at the conference venue

EVENING PROGRAMME

15:15	Departure for Sisak-Moslavina County (Petrinja and Sisak)
17:00	Guided tours of post-earthquake reconstruction projects in Petrinja & Sisak
19:30	Refreshments (standing dinner)
20:30	Departure to Zagreb (estimated arrival 21:30)

EXTRA VISITS & TICKETS

Saturday activities:

Tickets for the following sites will be provided to the members who have indicated their interest in the registration form:

- **Archaeological Museum in Zagreb**
Nikola Subić Zrinski Square, 19
- **Ethnographic Museum**
Ivan Mažuranić Square, 14
- **Technical Museum Nikola Tesla**
Savska cesta St. 18
- **Croatian Natural History Museum**
Demitrova St. 1
- **Zagreb City Museum**
Opatička St. 20
- **Croatian Museum of Naïve Art**
Čirilometodska St. 3
- **Museum of Contemporary Art**
Dubrovnik Avenue, 17

For any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to our colleagues at the Directorate or the Permanent Secretariat.

CREDITS



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