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ABOUT THE EVENT

Climate change and extreme weather events pose unprecedented challenges to cultural and natural heritage across Central Europe and beyond. The INACO Final Conference brings together innovative methodologies, digital tools and hands-on experiences to address how we can better protect our shared heritage.

Our conference titled “Risk Management for Cultural and Natural Heritage in Times of Climate Change” is organised within the CE0200739 INACO project, supported by the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme with co-financing from the European Union.

DETAILS

Date:	11th of November 2026
Time:	9:00 - 16:00
Venue:	Esterházy Castle, Esterházyplatz 1, 7000 Eisenstadt, Austria
Patricipation:	In person, free of charge

The organisers reserve the right to make changes to the programme.

09:00 09:30 OPENING REMARKS

Claudia Pamperl – JS Interreg Central Europe
Maria Cristina Facchini – CNR-ISAC, Director
Alessandra Bonazza - Project Coordinator INACO, CNR-ISAC
Florian Bayer - Head of Esterházy Collections

09:30 11:00 SESSION 1

FROM RISK TO PREPAREDNESS: GOVERNANCE, COOPERATION AND CO-CREATION

Anna Kaiser
The Risk Manager for Cultural and Natural Heritage: Building Capacity for Integrated Risk Management

- The contribution will introduce the Risk Manager concept developed within INACO and the competences, networks and interdisciplinary cooperation required to manage climate-related risks to Cultural and Natural Heritage. It provides the conceptual framework for the session and highlights the need to bridge heritage management, climate expertise, public administration and emergency response.

Ana Miličić
From Project Legacy to Continuous Preparedness: Mainstreaming Cultural Heritage through Local Civil Protection Activities

- This practice-oriented contribution demonstrates how cultural heritage preparedness can be integrated into regular civil protection activities. Drawing on experience from Dubrovnik-Neretva County, it addresses workshops, exercises, field visits and continuous cooperation between heritage professionals and civil protection actors. Particular connection to the session: institutionalisation of cooperation, continuity beyond individual projects, preparedness and civil-protection integration.

SESSION 1 GUIDING QUESTION
How can risk knowledge be translated into institutional cooperation, preparedness and sustainable risk-management structures?

This session focuses on the human and institutional foundations of heritage risk management. Effective preparedness requires more than risk assessments: responsibilities need to be defined, stakeholders involved, cooperation established and risk-management processes embedded in existing governance and civil-protection structures.

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Iaroslav Babiak
From Risk Assessment to Preparedness:
A Case Study of the Strukivska Church in the Ukrainian Carpathians

- The paper presents a multi-hazard approach for the UNESCO-listed Strukivska Church and connects risk assessment with stakeholder mapping, governance and practical preparedness measures. Particular connection to the session: translating risk assessment into site-level preparedness, identifying responsibilities and connecting heritage protection with civil protection.

Lisbeth Johannsen
LOCALIENCE Project:
Co-Creating Risk Management Plans with Local Stakeholders

- The contribution will present experiences from the LOCALIENCE project in developing risk-management plans through stakeholder co-creation processes, with particular reference to activities in Styria and Hungary. The contribution provides a complementary perspective on participatory risk governance and the translation of local knowledge and stakeholder priorities into planning processes.

11:00 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 13:00 SESSION 2

FROM DATA TO DECISIONS: DIGITAL TOOLS AND CLIMATE INFORMATION FOR HERITAGE RISK MANAGEMENT

Alessandro Sardella
Digital Tools for Cultural and Natural Heritage Risk Management: Vulnerability Assessment and Risk Mapping

- The contribution will present the digital approach developed within INACO, particularly the connection between vulnerability assessment, climate-related hazards and spatial risk information. It will show how digital tools can support Risk Managers in identifying vulnerabilities, understanding changing hazard conditions and informing preparedness and planning.

Anna Uciechowska-Grakowicz
Interoperability and Usability of Water-Related Climate Information in a Tri-Border River Basin: Lessons from the Climate_CRICES Flooding Pilot

- The paper examines the usability and interoperability of water-related climate information across the Poland–Czechia–Germany Lusatian Neisse river basin. It addresses differences in national information systems and the challenges involved in translating climate information into cross-border planning and adaptation. Particular connection to the session: climate information, river-basin risk management, interoperability and the practical usability of data.

SESSION 2 GUIDING QUESTION
How can climate information and digital technologies be transformed into useful decision support for Cultural and Natural Heritage?

The second session turns from governance to the information required for risk management. It considers different stages of the process: making climate information usable, assessing vulnerabilities, documenting change and developing increasingly sophisticated tools for spatial analysis and decision support.

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Krzysztof Herner
Preserving Post-Industrial Heritage: Automated 3D Documentation and Crisis Assessment Frameworks

- This contribution presents digital approaches for documenting and monitoring underground and post-industrial heritage, including TLS, SLAM, photogrammetry, drones, digital twins and related technologies. Particular connection to the session: detailed digital documentation, monitoring and crisis assessment as foundations for informed heritage risk management.

Ersun Varol
A Conceptual Framework for Predictive GeoAI and Multicriteria Spatial Decision Support for Climate Resilience in Biocultural Heritage Sites: The Case of Ayvalık

- The paper proposes a conceptual spatial decision-support model combining GIS, multicriteria analysis and predictive GeoAI for climate-risk zoning in Ayvalık's historic, archaeological, agricultural and natural landscape. Particular connection to the session: moving from spatial risk information towards predictive analysis, prioritisation and decision support.

13:00 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30 16:00 SESSION 3

HERITAGE UNDER PRESSURE: APPLYING RISK MANAGEMENT ACROSS SITES AND LANDSCAPES

Zoltán Heizler, Mihaela Skurić, Kristína Stromková
From Pilot Sites to Transnational Risk Management: Lessons from INACO

- The contribution brings together practical experience from the INACO pilot sites and shows how project methodologies have been applied under different environmental, heritage and institutional conditions. Rather than introducing another methodological framework, the presentation should focus on implementation, lessons learned and transferability.

Sabeeh Lafta Farhan
IFrom Urban Adaptation to Heritage Risk Management: A Multi-Hazard Digital Framework for the Kut Barrage and the Tigris River Cultural Landscape in Kut, Iraq

- This contribution develops a multi-hazard framework for a riverine cultural landscape exposed to flooding, drought, heatwaves and riverbank erosion. It connects spatial risk analysis and vulnerability assessment with urban planning and disaster-risk management. Particular connection to the session: applying integrated risk management to a complex riverine cultural landscape and connecting heritage protection with wider territorial planning.

SESSION 3 GUIDING QUESTION
How can risk-management approaches be implemented and adapted across different heritage types, hazards and geographical contexts?

The final session moves from frameworks and tools towards their practical application. It deliberately brings together very different heritage environments – INACO pilot sites, a riverine cultural landscape, an urban flood context and archival institutions – to explore what can be transferred and what needs to remain context-specific.

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Jolanta Dąbrowska
Watching the River Rise: Social Participation and Citizen Monitoring in Urban Flood Response in Wrocław

- The paper examines the evolution of citizen participation during major flood events in Wrocław and the development of structured citizen monitoring, including the Water Warden platform. Particular connection to the session: community participation, local knowledge and citizen-generated information as elements of urban flood preparedness and risk management.

Mateusz Binda
Improving heritage resilience of archival institutions as part of the SAGA Creative Europe project

- The proposed contribution addresses climate-related risks to archival institutions and documentary heritage in the context of five European archives and considers measures for strengthening their resilience. Particular connection to the session: extending climate-risk management beyond sites and landscapes to archival institutions and documentary heritage.



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