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How to preserve cultural heritage and adapt it to current environmental needs?

“Heritage, a model for sustainable development”: International Conference organised by Euromed Heritage 4 programme in collaboration with ICOMOS-France (Paris, 4-5 October 2010)

How can we preserve our urban and architectural heritage while reducing energy bills and contributing to the development of sustainable cities and towns?

This challenging issue is placed at the heart of the conference which will provide about 200 participants with a comparative view between European and Mediterranean countries on their legal obligations for preserving architectural and urban heritage, while saving energy in existing buildings.

“Today - says Christophe Graz, EH 4 Project Manager -, the sustainable development of historic towns has become a major imperative, to which the protection of architectural and urban heritage contribute greatly. However, most modern solutions that achieve the required energy savings rely on contemporary construction standards that are not necessarily compatible with the specific architectural and technical characteristics of ancient buildings and vernacular architecture”.

Heritage experts from specialised organisations will show best practice examples, either traditional, forgotten or innovating, that are emerging in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The objective is to provide theoretical and practical references for upcoming public policy development at national and local levels within the region.

The working sessions will start at 9 a.m. at the National School of Administration in Paris.

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“The European Union is made up of 27 Member States who have decided to gradually link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, during a period of enlargement of 50 years, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders”.