

Press release

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**Tradition and innovation in comparison
Protection and enhancement of dry-stone buildings.
Alberobello, May 29th, 30th and 31st**

Project EX.PO AUS (EXtension of POTentiality of Adriatic UNESCO Sites) is a cross-border project co-financed by the EU within the IPA Adriatic CBC Programme 2007-2013. The project includes 12 partners from seven Adriatic states: City of Dubrovnik, as Lead Partner, Region of Istria, City of Split (Croatia), Province of Ferrara, Municipality of Ravenna – Art Museum of the City, Municipality of Alberobello; Aquileia Foundation (Italy), University of Primorska – Science and research centre (Slovenia); Centre for Conservation and Archaeology of Montenegro (Montenegro); Commission to Preserve National Monuments (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Office of Administration and Coordination of Butrint (Albania) and Municipality of Corfu (Greece).

The general objective of the project is to set up a cooperative network between the UNESCO sites of the Adriatic sea (including some remarkable sites aspiring to get this recognition), which will be able to develop, in a cross-border context, and diffuse highly qualitative technical and managerial competences by the various public and private actors involved, with the aim of pursuing a joint strategy of long term to achieve a sustainable valorisation of these sites, based on high levels of managerial, technological and energy innovation.

For this purpose the Municipality of Alberobello is developing a pilot project that focuses on the organization of two international workshops focusing on construction techniques and preservation of dry stone, adding the replacement of non-original doors in *Trulli*.

Project partners, experts in traditional dry-stone architecture, will participate at the meetings, in order to share the know-how useful to preserve authenticity and to bring forth new ideas and guidelines for the maintenance of traditional buildings.

In short, tradition and innovation will discuss during the three-day Conference on the safeguarding and enhancement of dry-stone constructions. In fact, the first workshop “Energy and cultural heritage –Experiences in progress“ will be held on May 29th, with specific sessions organised in the town of Alberobello to address the complexity of energy efficiency in historic buildings. The second workshop “Traditional dry-stone building techniques and innovation” will take place on May 30th and has as its objective a comparison on conservation and enhancement of the dry-stone constructions. During the third day, May 31st, themes related to energy, urban redevelopment and landscaping, protection of UNESCO World Heritage properties will be discussed.

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