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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

7 MOST ENDANGERED PROGRAMME 2025

Europe's cultural heritage is a vast, multi-faceted mosaic showing who we were, who we are, and who we aspire to be. We are all responsible for this huge, precious and fragile legacy.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Launched in 2013, the 7 Most Endangered Programme forms part of a civil society campaign to save Europe's endangered heritage. In most cases, the listing of an endangered site serves as a catalyst and incentive for the mobilisation of necessary public or private support, including funding.

The 7 Most Endangered Programme is run by [Europa Nostra](#) – the European Voice of Civil Society Committed to Cultural and Natural Heritage – in partnership with the [European Investment Bank \(EIB\) Institute](#). It also has the support of the [Creative Europe](#) programme of the European Union as part of Europa Nostra's network project European Cultural Heritage Agora.

WHO CAN SUBMIT A NOMINATION?

COUNTRIES

Nominations can be submitted for sites in countries that are [Member States of the Council of Europe](#).

ELIGIBILITY

Entries can be submitted by

- Europa Nostra's Country Representations, Member and Associate Organisations ([full list](#))
- Public and private bodies active in the heritage field located in countries where Europa Nostra is not yet represented
- Member organisations of the [European Heritage Alliance](#)
- Partners of the [European Heritage Hub](#)
- Individual members¹ of Europa Nostra

¹ Individual members wishing to nominate an endangered heritage site are invited to liaise with Europa Nostra's Member or Associate Organisations or Country Representations in their countries.

WHICH SITES CAN YOU NOMINATE TO THE 7 MOST ENDANGERED?

ENDANGERED AREAS/SITE TYPOLOGY

- Historic buildings and their ensembles (including surrounding townscapes/landscapes)
 - Civil buildings of community value
- Religious monuments
- Archaeological sites (including their surrounding landscapes)
- Industrial buildings and areas
- Heritage sites of historical importance (« Lieux de mémoire »)
- Historic public spaces (e.g. city or village centres, squares, parks, gardens)
- Cultural landscapes
- Natural landscapes (including parks and gardens)
- Intangible heritage

HOW DOES IT WORK?

SELECTION PROCESS

An international [Advisory Panel](#), comprising specialists in history, archaeology, architecture, conservation, management and finance, will meet to assess the nominations and shortlist the most endangered monuments and sites. The nominators of the shortlisted sites will be informed by the end of November 2024. The 7 most threatened heritage sites in Europe will be selected by the Board of Europa Nostra and will be announced in April 2025.

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Timeline



CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The monuments and sites are selected considering:

- Heritage value of the site;
- Imminent danger the site is facing;
- The engagement of local communities and the commitment of public and private stakeholders to saving the site;
- Ownership attitude (informative not catalytic to the decision); and
- The potential of the site to act as a catalyst for a sustainable socio-economic development of the area where it is located.

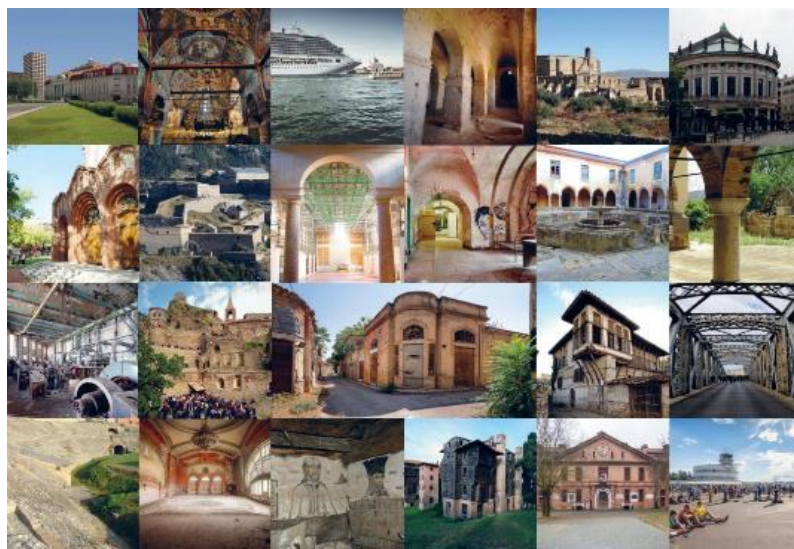
POST-SELECTION PROCESS

Heritage and financial experts from Europa Nostra and the European Investment Bank Institute follow up and undertake “rescue missions” to the 7 selected sites, together with the nominators. The multidisciplinary teams assess the sites and help formulate a feasible action plan for each of them, in close cooperation with national and local public and private stakeholders, including the site owner(s).

The results and recommendations of these missions are summarised in technical and financial reports that are made available on the Europa Nostra website. You can read about successful 7 Most Endangered projects via [this link](#).

THE EIB HERITAGE GRANT

The 7 Most Endangered Programme includes the possibility for the 7 selected sites to receive an **EIB Heritage Grant** of up to 10.000 euros to start the implementation of actions, studies or assistance measures for the threatened site. Europa Nostra will ask all shortlisted sites to submit a feasible project proposal.



HOW TO APPLY?

Go to 7mostendangered.eu/nominate and carefully read the instructions to apply.

Click on the red Nomination Form button at the end of the page and start your application. Once you have completed the application, click the **Submit** button.

The deadline to apply is **15 September 2024**.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO SUBMIT AS PART OF YOUR NOMINATION?

- ✓ Nomination form (to be submitted in digital form via [this link](#))
- ✓ High resolution photos and video(s);
- ✓ At least 2 letters of support to your nomination by public or private heritage organisations (at least one should come from a Europa Nostra Member or Associate organisation) in English or French language;
- ✓ Supplementary materials relevant to the site you are nominating (if available)

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR NOMINATION?

If you need help in submitting your nomination you can write to the programme coordinator Antigoni Michael (am@europanostra.org) or you can contact the Europa Nostra Representation in your country ([list here](#)). You can also find the answers to your questions in our 7 Most Endangered dedicated [FAQ webpage](#).

If you would like to know more about the previous 7 Most Endangered sites in your country, please visit the [7 Most Endangered website](#).

ABOUT

EUROPA NOSTRA

[Europa Nostra](#) is the European voice of civil society committed to safeguarding and promoting cultural and natural heritage. It is a pan-European federation of heritage NGOs, supported by a wide network of public bodies, private companies and individuals, covering over 40 countries. It is the largest and the most representative heritage network in Europe, maintaining close relations with the European Union, the Council of Europe, UNESCO and other international bodies. Founded in 1963, Europa Nostra celebrates its 60th anniversary this year.

Europa Nostra campaigns to save Europe's endangered monuments, sites and landscapes, in particular through the [7 Most Endangered Programme](#). It celebrates and disseminates excellence through the [European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards](#). Europa Nostra actively contributes to the definition and implementation of European strategies and policies related to heritage, through a participatory dialogue with European Institutions and the coordination of the [European Heritage Alliance](#).

Europa Nostra has led the European consortium selected by the European Commission to run the [European Heritage Hub](#) pilot project (2023-2025). It is also an official partner of the [New European Bauhaus](#) initiative developed by the European Commission, and is a leading European member and supporter of the [Climate Heritage Network](#).

EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK INSTITUTE

The [European Investment Bank Institute](#) was set up within the EIB Group (European Investment Bank and European Investment Fund) to promote and support social, cultural, and academic initiatives with European stakeholders and the public at large. It is a key pillar of the [EIB](#) Group's community and citizenship engagement.

More information at <http://institute.eib.org>

CREATIVE EUROPE

[Creative Europe](#) is the EU programme that supports the cultural and creative sectors, enabling them to increase their contribution to Europe's society, economy and living environment. With a budget of €2.4 billion for 2021-2027, it supports organisations in the fields of heritage, performing arts, fine arts, interdisciplinary arts, publishing, film, TV, music, and video games as well as tens of thousands of artists, cultural and audiovisual professionals.