

HISTCAPE meeting in Rhineland-Palatinate

The EU-HISTCAPE partners meet in the first week of June in the UNESCO World Heritage Site Upper Middle Rhine Valley, which is blessed with a high density of historical towns and municipalities and therefore provides a large amount of demonstration material. On the schedule of the EU-HISTCAPE-meeting is amongst other things an International Conference, Public Lecture event on the topic "Further Construction" (Construction in existing historical buildings), Study Visits and internal, interregional EU Workshops in which best practice is further analyzed.

Apart from the HISTCAPE partners in the literal sense, Rural Development Styria and "Heritage Europe" are each attending with a larger delegation. The delegations are going to attend the international conference in Rhineland-Palatinate and are also participate in other activities of the schedule, to inform themselves via tangible examples of best practice.

"Best Practice" Examples from Rhineland-Palatinate

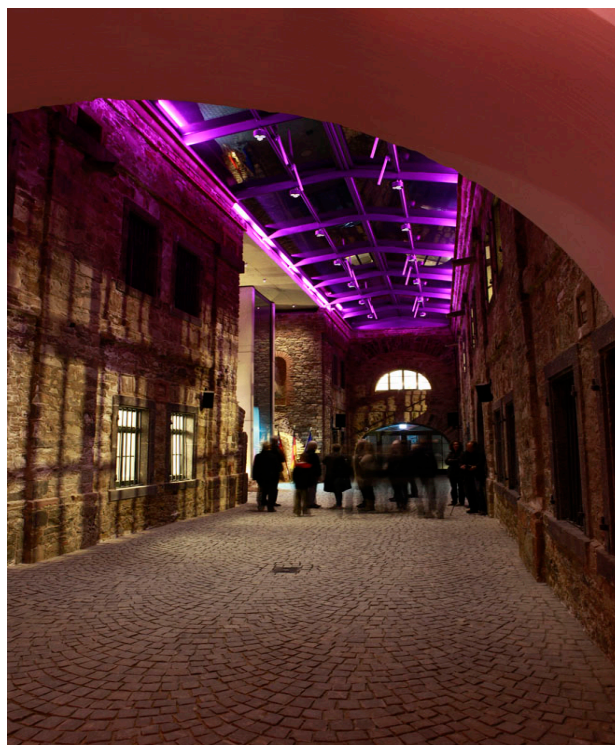
- Monument Protection Act: Protection of cultural monuments by law, simplified and faster procedures.
- Criteria for the definition of cultural monuments; Monumentlist.
- Documentation of cultural Heritage through geo based data (project)
- Initiative Dialog Building Culture in the UNESCO World Heritage Site Upper Middle Rhine Valley
- Directorate General Cultural Heritage and their diverse cooperation projects
- Masterplan UNESCO World Heritage Upper Middle Rhine Valley
- Pilot study to analyze the existing building stock in Oberwesel

International HISTCAPE Conference - Tuesday 4 June 2013

The subject of the international HISTCAPE-conference: “Representing Public Interest? Cultural Heritage amidst the Tension of Conflicting Values“ on Tuesday 4 June 2013, 10.00 to 20.00 in Koblenz Fortress Ehrenbreitstein (Kuppelsaal), is based on a clause in the Monument Protection Act of Rhineland-Palatinate. Within this act it is for the most part similarly written, that historical and cultural testimonials need to be protected, if this *represents public interest*. The speakers from European, national and from Rhineland-Palatinates Institutions are going to give answers on the central question: How it is possible to practically implement the obligation to act on behalf of the public interest, under the pressure of today’s challenges? They will present examples from their working fields, and will thereby explain how cultural heritage can be preserved through new ways and cross-sectoral approaches.

The aim of this conference is the presentation and clarification of these examples. In the process different fields of action will be put up for discussion. **All speeches will be interpreted simultaneously from and into English and German.**

Amongst the participants of the conference are: “Deutsche Stiftung Denkmalschutz“ (German Foundation for Monument Protection), European Heritage Legal Forum, Monument-Watch Netherlands, UNESCO Paris, European-University Viadrina, Ministry of Culture Rhineland Palatinate. Within the Framework of the Conference all of the HISTCAPE-partners give a short introduction to their organisations.



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The cultural Fortress Ehrenbreitstein in Koblenz is the place where the international EU-Conference for the sustainable preservation of cultural heritage will take place.