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PROTECTING CULTURAL HERITAGE
FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF DISASTERS - NETWORK

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within the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network!**

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PROCULTHER-NET - Protecting Cultural Heritage from the Consequences of Disasters-Network, co-funded by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, aims at laying the foundations for the consolidation of a thematic community focused on the protection of cultural heritage at risk of disaster within the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network.

BACKGROUND

Cultural heritage is an invaluable source of identity, evolution and resilience of society. Its safeguard should be a universal concern, as it involves not only the protection of life and dignity of communities at risk of disaster, but also the sustainable development and preservation of humanity. The growing impact of natural and man-made hazards, exacerbated by the effects of climate change and recently by the COVID-19 pandemic, is endangering and making cultural heritage more fragile, increasing the underlying disaster risk drivers. The Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network, established by Decision No 1313/2013/EU, aims at strengthening the Union Civil Protection Mechanism-UCPM by bringing together civil protection and disaster management actors to collaborate and learn from each other.

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From 2019 to 2021, PROCULTHER-Protecting Cultural Heritage from the Consequences of Disasters, an initiative co-funded by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations under the UCPM, has advocated for a paradigm shift on the importance of including cultural heritage protection in the disaster risk management process through the definition of common European technical and operational languages, tools, standard operating procedures at each territorial level. Thanks to the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network, a dedicated thematic community will be consolidated within the UCPM to allow a growing, sustainable and shared knowledge exchange for the protection of cultural heritage prone to disasters.

PARTNERS

The Italian Civil Protection Department (Italy), as Consortium coordinator, the International Centre for the Study of Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property - ICCROM, the Ministry of Interior-Disaster and Emergency Management Authority - AFAD (Turkey), the German Archaeological Institute - DAI (Germany), the Ministère de l'Intérieur - Direction Générale de la Sécurité Civile et de la Gestion des Crises - DGSCGC (France), the Fondazione Hallgarten - Franchetti Centro Studi Villa Montesca - FCSVM, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Region Government of Castilla y León - JCyL (Spain), the Federal Agency for Technical Relief - THW (Germany), the Suor Orsola Benincasa University - UNISOB (Italy) and the University of Porto - UPORTO (Portugal).

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Disaster Risk Management Authorities, Cultural Heritage Protection Institutions, Academics, Researchers, Humanitarian actors and knowledge holders from UCPM Member and Participating States and third Countries

ARE CALLED TO



Strengthen a European **community** focused on the **protection of cultural heritage** at risk of disaster

Increase **UCPM interoperability standards** by reinforcing **know-how** transfer and **learning** processes

MAIN EXPECTED ACTIONS

CONNECT

NETWORKING AND ADVOCACY

- Engagement Plan
- Community Management guidelines
- Memoranda of Understanding and Agreements on hosting and accommodating the Community

SHARE

CAPACITY BUILDING

- Scientific advice and innovation
- Technical bulletins on topics of interest selected by the Community
- Thematic workshops
- Trainings and ad hoc trainings

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RESILIENCE

- Contribute to the efforts of the **Union Civil Protection Mechanism** to include **cultural heritage protection** in the disaster risk management process in order to sustainably **increase the resilience of our society**

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