

5th Interregional Event of Exchange of Experiences (IEEE) on-line. "About re-thinking/Reuse. Successful cases in Religious Heritage"

Online

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9:00-12:30 CET



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"About Re-thinking/Reuse. Successful Cases in Religious Heritage" is a peer-learning event dedicated to the exchange of good practices among project partners and stakeholders working on the rethinking and reuse of religious heritage across Europe. More than a traditional seminar, it is conceived as a structured space for dialogue, comparison, and mutual learning based on concrete experiences.

The event brings together institutional representatives, practitioners, and policy experts to present successful cases of transformation and revitalisation of former religious buildings, showing how reuse can act as a lever for territorial development, social innovation, and cultural programming. At the same time, particular attention is paid to respecting the historical, architectural, and symbolic values of these sites, fully acknowledging their specific typologies and spatial configurations.

Reuse is therefore approached as a knowledge-based process: not every function is suitable for every building, and informed decision-making is the essential starting point for any sustainable intervention. By sharing methodologies, governance models, and practical solutions, the event aims to strengthen the partners' capacity to design context-sensitive reuse strategies that preserve identity while ensuring long-term viability.

Agenda

09:00 – 09:10 | Welcome and introduction

Prof. Chiara Occelli & Irene Ruiz Bazán Politecnico di Torino – Lead Advisory Partner

Block 1 – Digital and interpretative approaches to religious heritage

09:10 – 09:25 Digital revitalisation of lost heritage (Latvia)

Dace Strautkalne – Zemgale Planning Region

09:25 – 09:40 Revitalization of sacred heritage and adaptive re-use: the Indra Museum of Happiness (Latvia)

Dace Strautkalne – Zemgale Planning Region

09:40 – 09:55 Interactive museum of writing and printing – preserving heritage through education and workshops (Poland)

Agata Mazurek – Kujawsko-Pomorskie Voivodeship

09:55 – 10:05 | Coffee break

Block 2 – Cultural reuse and programming as a driver for territorial development

10:05 – 10:20 Transformation of Īle Church into a concert hall (Latvia)

Dace Strautkalne – Zemgale Planning Region

10:20 – 10:35 The Dominican Convent of Gotor: Reuse of Religious Heritage for Territorial Innovation (Spain) TBC

10:35 – 10:50 The Monastery of Veruela: A Model for Heritage Reuse (Spain)

Marta Fernández & Aroa Martín – Diputación Provincial de Zaragoza

10:50 – 11:05 The Synagogue of Uncastillo: A Model for Reusing Religious Heritage as a Cultural and Territorial Resource (Spain)

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11:05 – 11:15 | Coffee break

Block 3 – Governance models, social innovation and community-based reuse

11:15 – 11:30 Multifunctional use of the former church of St. Philip and James in Velešín (Czech Republic)

Veronika Koblízková – Regional Development Agency of South Bohemia (RERA)

11:30 – 11:45 Transformation of St. Mark's Church into a gallery and concert hall (Czech Republic)

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11:45 – 12:00 Revitalization and cultural adaptation of the Holy Trinity Church and adjacent park (Czech Republic)

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12:00 – 12:10 Social housing project for people with disabilities on the grounds of the Redeemer Church in Beratzhausen (Germany)

Verena Pfeffer – Upper Palatinate District

12:10 – 12:30 | Discussion and closing remarks