

Welcome to the European symposium

Heritage Led Regeneration Delivering Good Practice

Thursday 15 to Friday 16 September 2005 | Göteborg, Sweden



The Challenges of Heritage Led Regeneration

Much of Europe's most important physical cultural heritage is experienced in the context of historic towns and cities. Many of these places are also known to make important contributions to the social and economic well being of their regions.

There is currently a lack of evidence, however, about the benefits of heritage led regeneration, a lack of information as to how to regenerate towns and cities through investment in heritage, and a lack of good practice guidance in terms of the processes to be followed.

The Scope of the Symposium

This is the launch symposium of a three-year European project called INHERIT, which will focus on the built heritage as an asset in regeneration.

The symposium will be a unique opportunity for delegates from heritage and historic cities across Europe to share their experiences of regeneration and to hear about how heritage is being used to lead the regeneration of historic towns and cities.

To create a broad platform for exchange of knowledge and ideas we invite decision makers, officials, practitioners, stakeholders, heritage activists, researchers and others with interest in how heritage led regeneration can contribute to social cohesion, economic vitality, and environmental quality.



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WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Venue: The Dickson Palace

18.00- *Registration* at the Dickson Palace

20.00 *Welcome reception* at the Dickson Palace
Hosted by the City of Göteborg

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Venue: The Grand Old Theatre

8.30 Coffee and registration

9.00 Symposium opening

City of Göteborg Welcome address

Anneli Hulthén, Chair of the Göteborg City
Planning and Building Committee

Inherit introduction and welcome address

Brian Smith, Inherit Project director, Secretary
General EAHTR

9.30 Plenary session one

*The significance of heritage for urban
regeneration*

President of session: **Louis Roppe**, President EAHTR

*Realising social and economic benefits: The regeneration of
Grainger town, Newcastle*

Fiona Cullen, Heritage officer, Newcastle City
Council

Cultural planning: An integrated approach to regeneration

Lia Ghilardi, Director, Noema Research and
Planning, London

*The importance of heritage to current and future EU regional
policy*

Michel Lamblin, Director, Interreg IIIC West

*Accessible, useful and vital: Visions and strategies for the
cultural heritage in Sweden*

Inger Liliequist, Director-General, Swedish National
Heritage Board

*** *Lunch at the Grand Old Theatre* ***

13.00 Plenary session two

*Regional examples of heritage led
regeneration*

President of session: **Dubravka Suica**, Mayor of Dubrovnik

England, **Ian Poole**, Chairman, English Historic Towns
Forum

Finland, **Per Håkan Slotte**, Mayor of Porvoo

Slovenia, **Mateja Hafner Dolenc**, Secretary General,
Association of Slovenian Historic Towns

15.00-17.30 Parallel session one

Site visits in Göteborg: by foot, tram, bus, or boat

20.00 *Conference Dinner at the Fish market*

FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Morning venue: Museum of World Culture

9.00 Plenary session three

Museum of World Culture Welcome address

Jette Sandahl, Director, Museum of World Culture

9.20 Parallel session two

Themed workshops

(including coffee breaks and some free time for themuseum)

A. *The value of the common heritage*

Nicholas Falk, Founder Director, Urban and
Economic Development Group (URBED) London, UK

B. *Accessibility in the renewal of building environments*

Elena Siré, architect, Elena Siré Arkitekt AB, Solna,
Sweden

C. *Whose heritage? Involving the public to define the issue*

Mats Herklint, Conservation officer, the County
Administration of Västra Götaland, Sweden

11.00 Plenary session four

Report back from workshops

*** *Lunch at the World Culture Museum* ***

13.30 Plenary session five

Afternoon venue: The Grand Old Theatre

*General Assembly of EAHTR (European Association of Historic
Towns and Regions)*

15.00 Plenary session six

Symposium conclusions and the way forward

President of session: **Brian Smith**, Inherit Project director,
Secretary General EAHTR

Identifying good practice; round-table discussion with
workshop leaders

Symposium conclusions

16.00 The symposium closes

What's INHERIT?

INHERIT is a European funded network project, under the INTERREG IIIC programme, lead by the European Association of Historic Towns and Regions (EAHTR) located in Norwich. It involves the cities of Belfast, Newcastle, Göteborg, Verona, Gdansk and Ubeda. The project, which runs until December 2007 will identify examples of good practice, produce guidelines on how to implement heritage led regeneration and a report on the effectiveness of EU regional policies relating to cultural heritage and regeneration.

Site visit options

The site visits cover four different themes of heritage regeneration and use four different modes of transportation. Tick the one you want to join on the registration form.

By bus: The modern heritage in the urban outskirts

After decades of deterioration the suburban areas of housing estates that were built in the 1960s and '70s are now being regenerated with focus both on the architectural qualities of late modernism and on environmental and social sustainability.

By tram: Residential areas – the threatened, the saved, the lost and their replacement

The traditional working class districts of two to three storey wooden buildings were largely demolished in the 1970s – totally against the public opinion. Today we can study the success of the areas that were actually saved. The tour starts with an early post-war gem: the neighbourhood unit Guldheden – an area at present in transition.

By boat: Regenerating the harbour and its industrial heritage

A trip through history that goes from the 17th century moat and channels to the riverbanks where the industrial heritage of the harbour now makes the material basis for Göteborg's most central urban regeneration. New residential areas mix with large scale office developments, university buildings, hotels and museums.

By foot: Brave (and other) approaches towards the heritage

A walk in the historic city that raises questions about both buildings and urban structure. The tour covers Asplund's (then controversial) addition to the town hall from the 1930s – today a national monument, contemporary infill projects, and the recent additions to the 19th century central station.



Workshop themes

A. The value of the common heritage

Much of today's heritage industry seems to focus on saving the great heroic showpieces while leaving the ordinary to rot or to be eroded. Yet, in places that most people would dismiss as having no future the heritage of the commonplace can be used as a catalyst for urban renaissance. Changes can be made when resources are devoted to projects that give identity to neighbourhoods and that create a 'pride of place'.

B. Accessibility in the renewal of building environments

Accessibility is often seen as a problem when dealing with precious heritage environments. This need not be the case. A considerate treatment of the historical value of buildings can be combined with accessibility for people with disabilities. Good examples are described and are intended to function as inspiration when solutions adapted to each individual object are being worked out.

C. Whose heritage? Involving the public to define the issue

What does 'cultural heritage' mean to people in common, and does their understanding of the concept differ from that of professionals? There is a wide range of interpretations and some have greater influence than others when it comes to directing interest and resources. A Swedish investigation is presented as a starting point for discussions about what there is to gain with democratically based definitions of 'heritage'.

Any questions?

If you want more information you are welcome with your questions to any of us, depending on the issue.

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About registration and accommodation

Congrex Göteborg, see overleaf

