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### **InHeriT: Promoting Cultural Heritage as a Generator of Sustainable Development**

InHeriT is a 3-year ERASMUS+ adult education project, aiming to increase public awareness on the economic value of built cultural heritage and its crucial role in generating regional and local development.

Its strategic objective is to increase public knowledge on the sustainable development potential of cultural heritage and to establish social initiatives building new entrepreneurial partnerships investing on local and regional cultural heritage.

In line with the transversal policy priorities for education, training and youth, as defined by Europe 2020 & ET2020, InHeriT aims at contributing to building a “smart sustainable and inclusive economy” with high levels of employment, productivity and social cohesion.

### **Erasmus+**

Erasmus+ is the new EU funding programme for education, training, youth and sport 2014-2020. Erasmus+ combines previous funding programmes in the sector including the Lifelong Learning Programme (Comenius, Leonardo, Erasmus, Grundtvig and Transversal Programmes), Youth in Action and five international cooperation programmes (Erasmus Mundus, Tempus, Alfa, Edulink and the programme for cooperation with industrialised countries). This will make it easier for applicants to understand the opportunities available, while other simplifications will also facilitate access.

Erasmus+ has three main targets: two-thirds of the budget is allocated to learning opportunities abroad for individuals, within the EU and beyond; the remainder will support partnerships between educational institutions, youth organisations, businesses, local and regional authorities and NGOs, as well as reforms to modernise education and training and to promote innovation, entrepreneurship and employability.



### ***Kick-Off Meeting***

The Kick-Off meeting of *InHERiT* took place on the 3rd of December 2015 in Athens Greece, at the premises of the Maniatakeion Foundation. This international meeting was organized by the School of Architecture, Technical University of Crete, being the leading partner of the project and opened the project activities.

PIOP, the Piraeus Bank Cultural Foundation, also attended the meeting as an associated partner as well as the Department of Informatics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens with its “Kostis Palamas” adult education project on Greek civilization and culture through innovative tools.

Its objectives will be attained by the following means:

- Creating a platform as an interactive tool for information and communication.
- Evaluating and assessing relative international good practices.
- Developing material that will be useful for training individuals in cultural heritage in general and related social entrepreneurship initiatives in specific.
- Customising the pedagogical material by allowing its adaptivity to different local contexts.
- Organising seminars and hands-on workshops, together with open lectures and on-line videos for deepening as well as disseminating project outputs.

During the kick-off meeting, the 7 partners of the Consortium agreed on the programme of the project and the division of tasks.

The School of Architecture, Technical University of Crete, introduced the *InHeriT's* administrative and accounting rules and activities.

### ***The Consortium***

- LP Technical University of Crete  
Greece
- PP1 University of Athens  
Greece
- PP2 Middlesex University  
United Kingdom
- PP3 Maniatakeion Foundation  
Greece
- PP4 Neapolis University  
Cyprus
- PP5 KEPPEDIH-KAM  
Greece
- PP6 Fondazione Flaminia  
Italy





### Next Steps

- After the Kick-Off meeting partners will start preparing InHERiT's 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop "Cultural Heritage as Economic Value: Economic Benefits, Social Opportunities, and Challenges of Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Development – A Workshop of Experiences". The workshop will take place in Athens from Wednesday, 11th of May 2016 until Sunday, 15th of May 2016 and will comprise of two parts: i) one dedicated to open lectures and round tables and ii) a hands-on workshop applying the theoretical framework. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance. The first part will be a small conference of experts (30 to 40 participants) on the economic value of cultural heritage. The scientific content of the Workshop will focus on the increasingly complex relationships between cultural heritage and the world's market economies. The second part will contain a two days students and young practitioners hands-on applied workshop organised by the Technical University of Crete and Neapolis University of Pafos. Participants will be asked to work collectively on concepts and plans related to specific case studies presented. All partners will participate in the activity, while the Maniatakeion Foundation and the University of Athens will be the coordinators.
- The papers that will be presented in the Workshop will go through the standard peer review process for inclusion in a special edited volume that presents a survey of best practices from around the world. The volume will be in English under the title "Cultural Heritage as Economic Value: Economic Benefits, Social Opportunities, and Challenges of Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Development – A Survey of Best Practices" and will be published preferably with an international publisher. The coordinator of the activity will be the University of Athens and will participate in it the Research Committee of the Technical University of Crete, the Middlesex University and the Neapolis University.

### Information:

<https://www.facebook.com/Inherit.erasmus.plus/>



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