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TO ALL MEMBERS OF EUROPA NOSTRA

Your support to Europa Nostra makes a difference!

Dear Member,

Following the resounding success of a first-ever European Year of Cultural Heritage in 2018, we wish to share with you the sense of pride with what has been accomplished thanks to an unprecedented Europe-wide mobilisation of so many heritage organisations, both public and private. The European Year will indeed be remembered as a true milestone for the public recognition of cultural heritage as a strategic resource for the future of Europe and as a stronger priority in many EU policies.

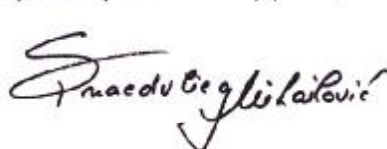
As you know, Europa Nostra played a very prominent role prior and during the European Year as the European Voice of civil society dedicated to cultural heritage. You shall soon receive the special double edition of our 'Heritage in Action' Magazine which is entirely dedicated to Europe as yet another contribution to ensuring a lasting legacy of the European Year of Cultural Heritage. This special issue of our Magazine will take you on an inspiring journey through the "unity in diversity" of Europe's cultural heritage with the aim to foster our sense of belonging to a common European cultural space and a sense of shared responsibility for its past, present and future.

The "Berlin Call to Action: Cultural Heritage for the Future of Europe" which was presented last June at our European Cultural Heritage Summit in Berlin has been signed by more than 2000 individuals and organisations from all over Europe, including many members of Europa Nostra. We are delighted to see that our mobilisation has started to bear fruits. In the "Berlin Call to Action" we urged the EU Institutions to develop an ambitious Action Plan for Cultural Heritage, and our appeal has been heard: the European Commission launched last December a European Framework for Action on Cultural Heritage with the aim to ensure a lasting legacy of the European Year. This document refers prominently to the vital mobilisation of heritage stakeholders as reflected in the "Berlin Call to Action".

While these important achievements confirm that we are heading in the right direction, we are convinced that we can and shall do much more in the future. At a time when Europe is preparing for hugely important elections for the European Parliament, we shall continue promoting excellence and quality for heritage, we shall campaign to save endangered heritage in Europe and beyond, and we shall be the forceful policy advocates of cultural heritage as a major asset for Europe's sustainable development and social cohesion.

All this has been and will be made possible thanks to the continued and most valuable support of our membership. We therefore wish to say to all members who have been part of our large European family for many years, and also to all those who have only just joined Europa Nostra, thank you for your commitment and contribution to our ever-growing movement for cultural heritage in Europe. We look forward to achieving together much more in this and coming years and to bringing Europa Nostra and our European movement for cultural heritage to new heights.

Respectfully and cordially yours,



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