IRON CURTAIN AND GREEN BELT

NETWORKS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION IN A EUROPEAN BORDER LANDSCAPE

CONFERENCE ON THE OCCASION OF THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF CULTURAL HERITAGE 2018

Following the guiding theme of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, "Border Areas — Encounter Areas", and focussing on the inner-European post-war border of the Iron Curtain, the aim of this international conference is to review, present, and discuss the difficult heritage of the Cold War as well as to explore the potential for a transboundary cooperation and network.

Location

Berlin Wall Memorial, Visitor Centre Bernauer Straße 119, 13355 Berlin





PROGRAMME

17/06/2018

Welcome Dr. Klaus Lederer, Mayor and Senator for 8:00 pm Culture and Europe: Dr. Uwe Koch, Head of the offices of the Deutsches Nationalkomitee für Denkmalschutz (DNK)

8:15 pm **Public Evening Lecture: Unbuilding Walls**

> Marianne Birthler and Thomas Willemeit (Graft Architects) will be talking about the exhibition of the German architectural pavilion curated by Graft Architects and Marianne Birthler at the Venice Biennale of Architecture 2018.

Reception of ICOMOS Germany and Afterwards the Berlin Wall Foundation

18/06/2018

Welcome/Introduction Jörg Haspel, President of 9:00 am ICOMOS Germany; Axel Klausmeier, Head of the Berlin Wall Foundation: Kai Frobel, BUND: Michael Cramer, MEP

10:00 am The Path towards the Green Belt and the Iron Curtain Network

Chair: Thomas Drachenberg (BLDAM)

German Green Belt: National Natural Heritage and **Living Monument**

Uwe Riecken (Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), National Focal Point Grünes Band Deutschland)

The European Green Belt – Initiative for the pan-**European Ecological Network**

Liana Geidezis (BUND, head of Grünes Band, regional coordinator Grünes Band Zentraleuropa and deputy chairperson of the European Green Belt Association e.V.)

Archaeology of the Iron Curtain

Anna McWilliams (Heritage Consultant and Researcher)

Network Iron Curtain: Remembrance and Civic Educational Programmes

Mira Keune (Borderland Museaum Eichsfeld)

12:45 pm Lunch Break 2:00 pm

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European Initiatives along the Former Iron Curtain as Partners of the Initiatives "European Green Belt" and "Iron Curtain Network" - Focus: Border Region of **Austria/Hungary**

Chair: Jörg Haspel (ICOMOS Germany)

Activities along the Austrian Green Belt for the Preservation of the Natural Heritage

Christine Pühringer (Naturschutzbund Österreich, National Focal Point Grünes Band Österreich)

The Tone of the Monument

Tibor Kuslits (ICOMOS Hungary)

Fertö/Neusiedlersee Cultural Landscape: Challenges for the Management of a Cross-border World Heritage Site

Ulrike Herbig (TU Wien, ICOMOS Austria)

Šumava and Bavarian Forest National Parks – a Quarter Century of Cooperation

Martin Starý and Pavel Bečka (TransParcNet)

3:30 pm Coffee Break

European Initiatives along the Former Iron Curtain as 4:00 pm **Potential Partners of the German Initiatives "European**

Green Belt" and "Iron Curtain Network"

Chair: Melanie Kreutz (BUND)

The "Místa Zblízka" Project

Linda Kovářová and Jan Albert Šturma (Czech Republic)

The Past in the Present. Remembering the Cold War – a Danish Perspective

Gese Hansen and Peer Henrik Hansen

Public Evening Event – Exhibition Opening: 7:00 pm

> "Through the Eve of the Photographer – Berlin 28 Years after the Fall of the Wall"

Wolfgang Bittner, Berlin Heritage Conservation Authority

Welcome Dr. Michael Gödde, Senate Administration for Environment, Traffic and Climate Protection/Green Belt Berlin; Dr. Klaus Lederer, Mayor and Senator for Culture and Europe

Opening Jörg Haspel, Head of the Berlin Heritage

Reception of ICOMOS Germany and the Berlin Heritage Conservation Authority

VENUE: Senatsverwaltung für Umwelt, Verkehr und Klimaschutz, Am Köllnischen Park 3, Modellsaal

19/06/2018

9.30 am

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Definition of Joint Values of Natural and Cultural Heritage along the Former Iron Curtain – Strategies How to Proceed

Chair: Irmgard Zündorf (Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam)

Escape Tunnels, Border Relicts, Vehicle Barriers – Berlin's Contributions to an Archaeology of the Iron Curtain

Torsten Dressler (ABD-Dressler)

The Iron Curtain as Reflected in the Memory of the World of UNESCO

Joachim-Felix Leonhard

The European Green Belt - Structural and Conceptual Considerations for a Serial Natural and Cultural **Heritage of UNESCO**

Leonie Glabau (ICOMOS Germany/LDA Berlin)

Results of the "Feasibility Study Green Belt"

(funded by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation with funds of the Federal Environment Ministry) Katharina Diehl and Karl Heinz Gaudry (University of Freiburg)

The Feasibility Study in the Light of Recent Developments in the UNESCO World Heritage Convention

Barbara Engels (BfN)

11:30 am Coffee Break

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12:00 noon Strategies for an Extension/Europeanisation of Existing Networks

Video Message Mechtild Rössler, Director, UNESCO World Heritage Centre

Panel Discussion

Susan Baumgartl (Iron Curtain Network); Roland Bernecker (DUK); Barbara Engels (BfN); Liana Geidezis (BUND); Gerry Woop (State Secretary for Europe) Chair: Jörg Haspel

Afterwards Lunch Break

End of Conference 1:30 pm

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