Following the guiding theme of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, “Border Areas – Encounter Areas”, and focusing 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.

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

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.

Afterwards Reception of ICOMOS Germany and the Berlin Wall Foundation

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

The Path towards the Green Belt and the Iron Curtain Network
Chair: Thomas Drachenberg (BLDAM)

German Green Belt: National Natural Heritage and Living Monument
Ulve 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 Museum Eichsfeld)

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Definition of Joint Values of Natural and Cultural Heritage along the Former Iron Curtain – Strategies to Proceed
Chair: Imgrid Zündorf (Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam)

Escape Tunnels, Border Relics, Vehicle Barriers – Berlin’s Contributions to an Archaeology of the Iron Curtain
Tostien 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)

12.00 noon Strategies for an Extension/Europeatisation 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

1:30 pm End of Conference