



# EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE IDENTITY CARD



European Cultural Heritage Identity Card

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Cultural Heritage  
Identity Card



## SUMMARY

The »EU Cultural Heritage Identity Card« (EU-CHIC) project will propose a strategy and systems for the most efficient methods and tools of harmonising criteria and indicators for tracking changes and interventions on the tangible cultural heritage across Europe and its neighbouring countries. The project results will demonstrate a significant cost-benefit advantage for owners, managers, authorities and conservators in charge of protecting Europe's immovable cultural assets. It will also create the capability to monitor and systematically report on various human and natural impacts on the physical state of that heritage, and assist in the provision of the most relevant and economic choices for effective preventive conservation.



 Israel

 Egypt

## EU-CHIC COUNTRIES

 Coordinator

 WP Leader

 Partner

 Advisory Committee Member

## OBJECTIVES AND OUTPUT

The main objective of EU-CHIC is to develop and test guidelines, required for the efficient compilation and storage of data, pertinent to each monument and structure under observation. The EU-CHIC system will support sustainable maintenance, preventive conservation and the rehabilitation of historic sites and monuments. It will assist in the application of newly developed strategies that will be designed to evaluate efficiency, and be user-friendly in their approach. It will screen, and monitor over time, progressive changes to the physical heritage as a result of recurring human interventions and environmental impacts. Project partners will promote and assist in the introduction of the EU-CHIC system in their countries, and will further facilitate its use in neighbouring states through developed links with governmental and other authorities responsible for heritage protection and preservation.

## WORK PLAN

Development of the project will be achieved through the activities of four core work packages, the results of which will be supported by related coordination and dissemination work package activities. The main tasks of the project are to:

- Review and document current methodologies and tools for data collection and assessment,
- Develop criteria and indicators for risk assessment,
- Develop guidelines for the future improvement of methods and tools for the collection and storage of data required for the evaluation of changes to heritage assets over time, and
- Consolidate recommendations and strategies, adjusted to the particular needs and heritage preservation strategies of the various European, and neighbouring, countries.

The consortium consists of 12 partners from 11 countries - Slovenia, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Poland, and Spain - who are committed to coordinating their activities at both national and international level.

In a manner similar to that implemented by the “Monumentenwacht” organisation in the Netherlands, and Flanders Region of Belgium, a significant aim of the EU-CHIC project is to stimulate and assist in the creation of new initiatives for the regular monitoring and inspection of historic buildings and monuments. With guidance and support of an Advisory Network, and an Advisory Committee, such initiatives will be established in the project’s beneficiary countries and regions.

## History

Complete overview of the development of historic assets, from their inception to the present day.

## Restoration Work

Identification of all previous work activities, additions and interventions.

## Structure

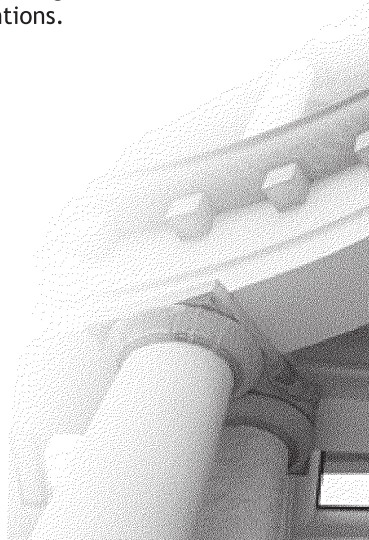
Investigation of the structure and any inherent problems.

## Survey Techniques

Achieving a state-of-the-art awareness to enable a full appreciation of the asset and its evolution over time.

## Guidelines

Protocols to support the correct analysis, and to determine the degree and extent of relevant interventions.



## State of Conservation

Indication of the asset's current condition, including an analysis of pathologies.

## Materials

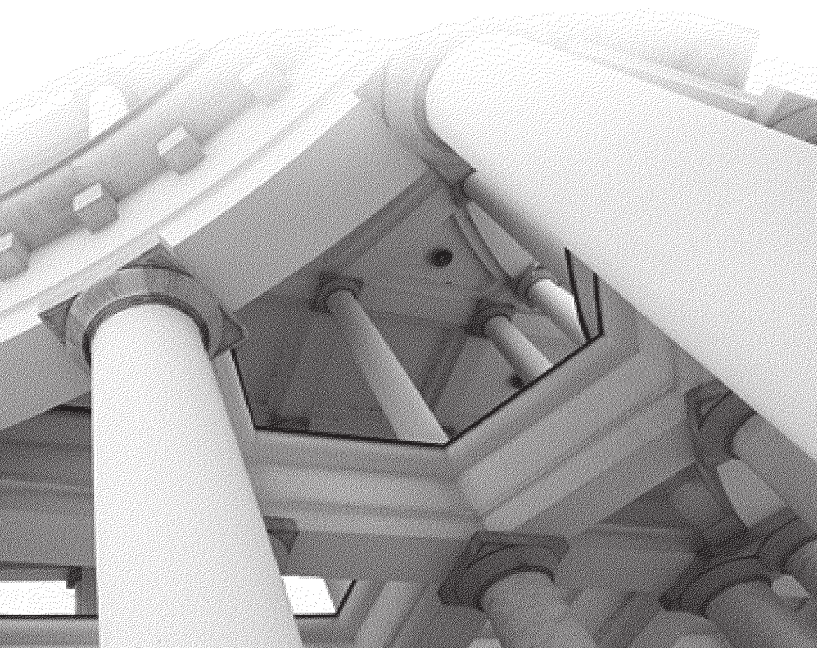
Understanding characteristics and typologies, related to historic developments.

## Risks

Monitoring risk analysis to ensure the safety and security of heritage assets.

## Knowledge Management

Comprehensive approach to managing heritage assets to determine levels of appropriate interventions, and preservation strategies.



## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members of the EU-CHIC Advisory Committee come from five countries - Egypt, France, Norway, United Kingdom (Scotland) and The Netherlands. This Committee will lead the EU-CHIC Advisory Network through assisting its members develop the necessary cooperation with local authorities, and a wide range of other stakeholders involved in the protection of the heritage. Advisory Committee participation in Steering Committee meetings will greatly contribute to the adaptation and development of the project goals and achievements to satisfy real end-users requirements.

## ADVISORY NETWORK

All Project partners will establish, maintain and develop cooperative links with local authorities responsible for safeguarding the cultural heritage. Led by the Advisory Committee, the Advisory Network will also involve, and engage with, a range of other relevant stakeholders. The role of the Advisory Network members is critical for the project, and the implementation of its results, as members will also positively contribute to the development of EU-CHIC strategies and recommendations in the implementation of future policy.

Widely distributed throughout Europe, the active engagement of all participants will significantly influence the uptake of the project results. Advisory Network members will be encouraged to direct other beneficiaries and partners to adopt the EU-CHIC methodologies in local conservation schemes. Significant success in this arena will greatly assist in achieving the widespread adoption of a universal methodology, and the harmonisation of criteria and indicators, as identified in the project's overall objectives.

# PROJECT PARTNERS

## BENEFICIARIES

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## PUBLIC EVENTS

- Workshop 1, Vienna, Austria, April 2010
- Workshop 2, Ljubljana, Slovenia, May 2011
- Final Conference, Split, Croatia, May 2012

## PUBLIC DELIVERABLES

- EU-CHIC Portal  
(October 2009)
- EU-CHIC Leaflet 1  
(October 2009)
- Set of papers in Journals and  
Conference Proceedings  
(from January 2010 to December 2012)
- Proceedings of Workshop 1  
(May 2010)
- Proceedings of Workshop 2  
(July 2011)
- Proceedings of Final Conference  
(September 2012)
- EU-CHIC guidelines in several languages  
(September 2012)
- Final EU-CHIC Report  
(September 2012)
- EU-CHIC Leaflet 2  
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