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"Religious heritage is the biggest museum of Europe, and its buildings are markers of it connected by routes and paths and lanes which were the highways of their time.

Cathedrals, synagogues, mosques, chapels, hermitages are real palimpsests. They hold layers upon layers of history and art."

Pilar G. Bahamonde, FRH President

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Europe's unique
religious heritage

Europe's religious heritage matters

Europe's religious heritage is a treasury of historic, communal, and artistic excellence. The 600,000 churches, chapels, synagogues, mosques, cathedrals, monasteries, convents and temples, many dating back centuries, are a unique and essential part of Europe's culture and society.

Europe's religious heritage has a future

Future for Religious Heritage (FRH) brings together people and organisations who want to save and protect Europe's religious heritage. FRH welcomes all faiths and is a non-profit European network. With members in the non-profit sector, universities, religious organisations, as well as local and national governments, FRH provides a Europe wide platform for cooperation and the exchange of knowledge.

Our work includes:

- Sharing expertise
- Following up on European policies
- Providing members with relevant news and various online services which can be found in our monthly newsletters
- Awareness-raising with policymakers and the general public with initiatives such as Run for Heritage, Photo and video competition and the Religious Heritage Innovator of the Year
- Event organization
- Research and European projects such as Religiana

Our biennial Conferences provide a unique opportunity to network with professionals, academics, heritage experts and policymakers.

Europe's religious heritage is under threat

- Declining congregations and societal shifts mean that many of these buildings are being used less and less for worship, even though they remain much loved by both locals and visitors alike.
- Many of the buildings are in a poor state of repair and more funds are desperately needed to restore them.
- The general public, as well as policy makers, are often unaware of the threats that Europe's religious heritage faces. Because of this, there are few plans and policies in place to safeguard religious buildings and their contents for future generations.
- As a result, many religious buildings, that together make up Europe's 'largest museum', are in grave danger of being lost.

Become a member

You will join a growing network of over 170 members in over 35 countries.

Learn more about becoming a member at: www.frh-europe.org/get-involved/

All members receive:

- Updates on European policies and relevant calls
- Invitations to our events
- The opportunity to be part of a European platform for the exchange of ideas
- Regular news from across Europe
- Exclusive access to an international network of experts and stakeholders
- Visibility opportunities
- Updates on recent religious heritage publications

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