SHARED HERITAGE
SHARED VALUES

Polish-German Scientific Seminar of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)

6 NOVEMBER 2026, LEIPZIG TRADE FAIR, GERMANY

Organisers warmly invite you to participate in the Polish-German ICOMOS Scientific Seminar **"Shared Heritage – Shared Values"**, taking place on **6 November 2026 at Leipzig Trade Fair (Leipziger Messe), Germany**. The seminar will bring together experts to discuss contemporary approaches to shared heritage and serial World Heritage nominations.

The seminar will provide a platform for new international cooperation on serial nominations in Europe, while offering an opportunity to exchange experiences from Poland, Germany, and other European countries on serial and transboundary World Heritage properties, sustainable management systems, and participatory approaches.

Join us in Leipzig and register for the seminar to take part in this international exchange and contribute to shaping new opportunities for cooperation on shared heritage and future joint serial nominations in Europe.

Participation is free of charge but limited and requires prior registration. **Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Registration is open until 1 November 2026 at this link or via qr code:

Seminar Location: Congress Center Leipzig, Room 2, Messe-Allee 1, Leipzig, Germany

Contact the organisers: sekretariat@icomos-poland.org

The Polish-German ICOMOS Scientific Seminar will be co-financed by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage and supported by a grant from the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage.

Funded by
Ministry of Culture and National Heritage
Republic of Poland

LEIPZIGER MESSE
Polish National Committee International Council on Monuments and Sites ICOMOS
International Council on Monuments and Sites Conseil International des Monuments et des Sites Deutsches Nationalkomitee e.V.
National Institute of Cultural Heritage

PROGRAM

11:30 Registration of participants

12:00 Opening and Welcome

Boguslaw Szmygin / President of ICOMOS Poland
Tino Mager / President of ICOMOS Germany
Michał Krasucki / Director of the National Institute of Cultural Heritage

SESSION 1:
Shared ideas for serial nominations

12:15 - 12:35 The "Solidarity in Heritage" Strategy for Nomination Goals in Poland

Agata Kurdziel / World Heritage Focal Point, Deputy Director,
Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of Poland

12:35 - 12:55 Serial nominations on UNESCO WHL – possibilities, limitations and proposals of cooperation /perspective of the Polish experience/

Boguslaw Szmygin / President of ICOMOS Poland

13:00 - 13:20 The Erich Mendelsohn Initiative (2021-2026): towards UNESCO World Heritage Status - an Interim Review

Regina Stephan / University of Applied Sciences Mainz, Chair Erich Mendelsohn Society e.V.

13:20 - 13:40 Christiansfeld – 10 Years as a World Heritage Site: The Manager's Perspective

Steen Rosenvinge Lundbye / UNESCO Site Manager and Head of Cultural Heritage, Museum Kolding, Denmark

13:40 - 14:00 Discussion

14:00 - 14:30 Coffee break and refreshments

SESSION 2:
Sustainable management system of WHL shared heritage

14:30 - 14:50 Shared Experiences from Eleven German Sites

Friederike Hansell / World Heritage Focal Point,
Federal Foreign Office, Germany

14:50 - 15:10 Muskauer Park - Management of the Polish--German Transboundary World Heritage Property

Michał Krasucki / Director of the National Institute of Cultural Heritage

15:10 - 15:30 Prehistoric Pile Dwellings around the Alps - a Serial World Heritage Property between Challenges and Opportunities

Barbara Fath / International Coordination Group UNESCO Palafittes

15:30 - 15:50 Bottom-up Implementation of Participatory Management of UNESCO Heritage and Nominations in Poland – an Initiative implemented by ICOMOS Poland

Katarzyna Palubska / Head of the Heritage Management Commission of ICOMOS Poland

16:00 – 16:40 Final discussion with invited ICOMOS guests from Europe

16:40 - 17:00 Summary and closing of the seminar