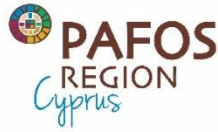


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EUROPEAN CULTURAL ROUTE



“St Paul’s footsteps” European Cultural Route

European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)

1st Annual Conference, Online, 15 December 2020, 10:00-13:00 CET

Draft Programme

10:00 Session 1: Setting the scene – Establishing the Cultural Route and the EGTC

- Opening address by Central Macedonia Region, Greece (Cult-RInG lead partner)- Alexandros Thanos, Vice-Governor for Tourism, Cult-RInG Interreg Europe lead partner, Greece
- Address by the Greek Prime Minister’s office in Thessaloniki - Mrs Antoniou, Greece (tbc)
- Address by Council of Europe EPA, EICR (tbc)
- Address by Lazio Region, Italy
- Address by Pafos Regional Board of Tourism – Nasos Hadjigeorgiou, Executive Manager, Cyprus
- Address by European Cultural Tourism Network (ECTN) – Raitis Sijats, ECTN President, VTA, Latvia
- Address by the Ministry of Culture, Greece (tbc)
- Religious sites and sustainable tourism in the Region of Central Macedonia- Greece: challenges and perspectives” - Assoc. Prof Christos N. Tsironis, Faculty of Theology of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
- Application for certification as a Cultural Route of the Council of Europe – Manos Vougioukas ECTN Secretary-General, Greece

11:30 Break

11:45 Session 2: Synergies with other Cultural Routes and the way forward

- **Via Francigena:** “the Road to Rome 2021” by the European Association of the Via Francigena Ways EAVF - Elena Dubinina, international relations advisor, Italy
- **St Olav Ways** - Hans Morten Løvrød, Head of National Pilgrim Center and Route Manager, Norway
- **Via Regia:** the benefits from the Cultural Route of the Council of Europe - Karlina Fischer, Project Manager, Germany
- Experience of other religious and pilgrimage Cultural Routes:
 - St James Way (invited)
 - St Martin of the Tours (invited)
- Religious and pilgrimage routes – Actions in Cult-RInG partner destinations
 - St Olav Ways in West Sweden – Marie Fors (video)
 - St James Way in North Portugal, by CIM Alto Minho (video)
- EGTC Activities plan for the next 3 years – Manos Vougioukas, ECTN Secretary-General, Greece
- Discussion
- Conclusions and next steps, Region of Central Macedonia, Presidency of EGTC

13:00 End