The conference will showcase the importance of volunteering as an appropriate tool for the awareness raising, the documentation, the rescue and the conservation of cultural heritage as well as for the non-formal education in the field of heritage. It shall serve as a platform to present good practice examples, to exchange experiences and to stimulate further heritage volunteering projects all over Europe.

Good practice examples of heritage volunteering projects from Germany and other European countries will illustrate the potential of volunteering for cultural heritage. The examples will demonstrate the applicability of volunteering for various types of heritage, for various heritage-linked tasks and for different constellations of cooperation between non-governmental organisations, public authorities, foundations and enterprises active in the field of heritage.

The conference will gather representatives from organisations and institutions that either organised in the past, or plan to organise in the future, projects in the fields of volunteering for heritage and heritage education, representatives of state authorities and heritage administrations as well as citizens with personal experience in volunteering for cultural heritage. A special focus is placed on projects for young adults, students and young professionals.

The conference will be the final event of European Heritage Volunteers’ overall project “Best practice models of volunteering for European Cultural Heritage” in the frame of Germany’s official programme for the European Year of Cultural Heritage as well as the opening event of the European project “Sharing Heritage – Sharing Engagement / Beyond the European Year of Cultural Heritage”.

Conference language is English. Participation is free of charge. Applications requested till October, 28th, 2018.
Programme

Opening

13:00 – 13:05
Welcoming address by Dr. Bert Ludwig,
European Heritage Volunteers

13:05 – 13:15
Opening speech by Dr. Uwe Koch,
Head of German Cultural Heritage Board
German coordinator
for the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018

Panel 1 – HERITAGE

13:15 – 14:15
Examples of heritage volunteering projects in Germany
within the framework of the European Year of Cultural Heritage
Volunteering for technical heritage
in the German-Czech transboundary mining cultural landscape
Erzgebirge / Krušnohori
by Friederike Hansell, Saxon World Heritage Coordinator
Institute of Industrial Archaeology and History of Sciences
and Technology, Technical University Bergakademie Freiberg
Volunteering for park and garden heritage
at the World Heritage site “Classical Weimar”, Thuringia
by Andreas Pahl, Head Gardener of Belvedere Park,
Weimar Classic Foundation
Voluntary engagement for heritage in danger
at the former Grand Hotel “Waldlust”, Freudenstadt,
Baden-Württemberg
by Siegfried Schmidt, Heritage Association Freudenstadt
Rescue and documentation of Jewish Heritage
at the Jewish cemeteries in Halberstadt, Sachsen-Anhalt
by Uri Faber, Moses Mendelssohn Academy Halberstadt

Panel 2 – VOLUNTEERING

14:15 – 15:00
Experiences from the perspective of former participants
from Europe and beyond
Moderation: Lorena Aldana Ortega
European Commission
Directorate General for Education and Culture
European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 Task Force
Panelists:
Erica Santori, Italy
Gabriela Iracema Randig, Germany
Juan Carlos Barrientos, Honduras
Mariana Martinho, Portugal
Petar Petrov, Bulgaria

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

Panel 3 – EUROPE

15:30 – 16:30
Examples of heritage volunteering projects all over Europe
within the framework of the European Year of Cultural Heritage
Moderation: Jochen Butt-Pośnik
Head of the German Contact Point
EU Programme “Europe for Citizens”, Bonn
Preservation of the highly endangered 11th century Church
of St. Sergiu and St. Bacchu in Himara
by Rineldi Xhelilaj, Head of Cultural Heritage Management,
Regional Directorate of National Culture Vlora, Albania
Inventory and preventive conservation of Azulejos in Lisbon
by Frederico Nuno Contente Vaz, Senior Technician, Conservator and Restaurator,
Divisão de Salvaguarda de Património Cultural, Lisbon Municipality, Portugal
Conservation of Marble Elements at Tyniec Monastery Church
by Marta Sztwiertnia, Fundacja Chronic Dobro, Tyniec, Poland
Innovative interpretation of industrial heritage in Rijeka
by Marina Batinc, Project Coordinator, Culture Hub Croatia,
and Marko Luka Zubic, Expert Associate, Center for Advanced Studies of the South-East Europe,
University of Rijeka, Croatia

Panel 4 – OUTLOOK

16:30 – 17:15
Spotlight on European Heritage Volunteers Projects in 2019
Preservation of Zorats Church and surrounding monuments,
by Ara Tarverdyan, Director of the Service for the protection
of historical environment and cultural museum-reservations
of the Ministry of Culture of Armenia
Mapping and conservation strategies at an Early Christian basilica
at the archaeological site Palmatis, Dobrich Region, Bulgaria
by Belitsa Atanasova Paunova, Regional Historical Museum Dobrich, Bulgaria
Preservation of traditional wooden architecture
at Kenozero National Park
by Svetlana Marich, Head of Socio-Cultural Department
Kenozero National Park, Archangelsk, Russia
Preservation activities at Kauppila Farm Museum in Laitila –
an exemplary case of archaic southwest Finnish building tradition
by John Björkman, Head of Development,
Museum Centre of Turku, Finland

17:15 – 17:30
Presentation of the Project “Sharing Heritage – Sharing Engagement / Beyond the European Year of Cultural Heritage”

17:30 – 18:00
Time for informal gathering and idea-exchange