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## 3rd European Heritage Forum in Istanbul - "Cultural Heritage, Participation, Prosperity"

**Date:** 1-2 October 2010

**Place:** Istanbul

Opening ceremony: 1 October, 7 pm, Aya Irini museum, Saray içi, Sultanahmet/Istanbul  
Beginning of proceedings: 2 October, 9 am, Haliç Kongre Merkezi (Haliç Congress Centre), Eski Karaağaç caddesi, Söğütözü - Beyoğlu/Istanbul

**Organised by:** the Council of Europe and the European Commission, in cooperation with the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism

**Description:** Beyond the aspect dealing purely with its protection, how can the heritage be integrated in the social and cultural dynamics of a community to become a driving force within it? An analysis of heritage from this angle at the 3rd European Heritage Forum, on the theme "Cultural Heritage, Participation, Prosperity", will form a contribution to European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. The Forum will also mark the 25th anniversary of the European Heritage Days, devised on 3 October 1985 at the 2nd Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for the architectural heritage in Granada (Spain).

The Forum will be opened by Ertuğrul Günay, Turkish Minister of Culture and Tourism, Elizabeta Kanceska-Milevska, Minister of Culture of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", representing the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, Ian Micallef, President a.i. of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Kadir Topbaş, Mayor of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Mustafa Demir, Mayor of Fatih – Istanbul, and Marc Pierini, Head of Delegation of the European Union to Turkey. Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe will send a video message.

The Forum programme and additional information are available in the [Forum file](#).

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