

NEWSLETTER

WHO WE ARE

The Via Querinissima is an international non-profit association and a **modern cultural route**, which aims at following Pietro Querini's itinerary by **sea** and by **land**, enhancing the **values** of **solidarity** and **hospitality**, as well as promoting **slow** and **sustainable** cultural tourism.

We are composed by public and private bodies:

Veneto Region (Italy); **Nordland Region** (Norway); **Vastra Götaland Region** (Sweden); **Municipality of Cadiz** (Spain); **North Adriatic Sea Port Authority** (Italy); **Pro Loco Sandrigo** (Italy); **Confraternity of Bacalà alla Vicentina** (Italy); **CERS** (Consortium of European Reenactment Societies - Italy); **UNPLI Vicenza** (Italy), **UNPLI Veneto** (Italy); **Municipality of Røst** (Norway); **Heraklion Development Agency** (Creta / Greece); **Municipality of Sandrigo** (Italy), **Nord University** (Norway); **Trondheim Municipality** (Norway), **Camino De Santiago de la Ría de Muros Noia Association** (Spain), **Accademia of Anconitana Stockfish** (Italy), **Marciana National Library** as honorary member (Italy), **Municipality of Bodø** (Norway), **Municipality of Vicenza** (Italy), **Querini Stampalia Foundation** as honorary member (Italy), **Nordland County Library** (Norway), **Vatican Apostolic Library** as honorary member (Vatican City), **3win action** (Greece).



Restoration Pietro Querini's route to Compostela

The Camino de la Ría de Muros Noia recently inaugurated the environmental and landscape restoration works of a section near the mediaeval bridge of Pontenafonso.

This is a section of great natural beauty that was sometimes impassable due to excessive vegetation. Thanks to the restoration, remodelling and resilience plan funded by the European Union - Next Generation EU, the ground has been modified and a transverse barrier has been installed to prevent the development of vegetation. New signage and information panels with ethnographic information, e.g. on the mills or the biodiversity of the area, have also been installed.

With this measure, this section, which is part of the route from Pietro Querini to Compostela, has become an exemplary model that will benefit both pilgrims and local residents.



Children discovered Querini's story

Friday, June 21st, 2024 an important event for children happened in Bodø! The day they met Querini!

It was the day Querini sailed into Bodø, arriving in front of the Cathedral in his boat, much to the delight of children from Asphaugen Kindergarten.

At 12 PM, there was an official opening by Kyrre Kolvik, the head of the district council. The ribbon was cut, and guests were invited to warmly welcome Querini.

Children and adults made their way to Bodø Cathedral where Querini and Cristoforo Fioravante (a member of his crew...) sat slumped, exhausted, and completely devoid of zest for life. Once the audience was assembled, Cristoforo stood up, looked out over the sea, and spotted all the children. He welcomed them in Italian but quickly realized that these children did not speak his language, so he switched to Norwegian. With a clear and loud voice, they told the story of who they were and their

dreadful fate. To show the audience how many men were lost, all the children were taken to the boat and had to turn towards the adults (there were about 60 of them). Then, 16 remained to testify how many made it to Røst. Two children were taken on board the boat, one fished, and one bailed out the boat (water in a tub with its own bailer).

Suddenly, Cristoforo saw seagulls and realized that land was in sight. All the children were engaged and scouted for land. Gradually, Cristoforo saw a mountain landscape, an island, and the crew rowed with the last of their strength. Now, Querini, Cristoforo, and the crew left the boat. They sought out Røst (the church) where the café with a heart for the Cathedral had set up long tables and served juice to everyone, as we were near death. Here, the children heard the rest of the story and how Querini spent his days on Røst and how they made their way back to their loved ones in Italy.

This event was organized by the Bodø Motor Historical Association (BMF) which at the end of June organized the Norgesløpet 2024, an event focusing on mobile cultural heritage and the dissemination of movable cultural heritage.



Discover the literary heritage linked with Querini's journey

Curious about Pietro Querini's journey, the places he visited and the goods he transported?

Visit our website and find a wide selection of books that tell of his adventure and more!

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Mark on calendar

The VQ members are getting ready to participate for the first time to the **"Stockfish Feast" which takes place in Tyliossos (Heraklion, Crete GR) yearly on December 5th**. The area belongs to the feud Pietro Querini was assigned by the Serenissima back in the 15th century: his home was nearby as well as the vineyards he produced his Malvasia wine from.

Together with the organizers, our Association is planning the agenda for presenting Via Querinissima, the history of Querini and his links with the Cretan territory as well as the cultural and touristic impact of VQ for the island of Crete and for Greece in General.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The members introduce themselves and their connection with Via Querinissima



3win Action is a greek organisation committed to improving quality of life and social welfare through sustainable development, innovation and reducing inequality.

Founded in 2018, it promotes sustainable tourism and entrepreneurship, supports scientific research and focuses on corporate social responsibility.

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Via Querinissima at Venice International Film Festival

 **September 5th**

On the occasion of the **85th Venice International Film Festival**, we have the pleasure of presenting a video about Via Querinissima on Thursday September 5th. This screening is an important opportunity to present our project to the public.

We are proud to be able to present this story in such a prestigious setting!



Bodø Biennale 2024

 **Until September 8th**

Bodø Biennale is a festival for dance and visual arts, and takes place every other year.

The program consists of performances, site-specific art projects, installations, performances, film, talks, concerts, DJs, seminars, workshops, and more.

Join us on a vibrant, shiny, moving and bodily journey in the September night!

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Art of Democracy international conference

 **September 10th-14th**

As it happened in 1432 for Pietro Querini, when the storm is at its fiercest, you need a safe harbor. Bodø and Nordland has been such a safe harbor for fishermen and travelers for hundreds of years. Now, Bodø will also become a safe harbor for artists and writers who are persecuted in their home countries, for storms can come in many forms—such as conflicts and war.

Join the “Arts of Democracy” international conference in Bodø.

More than 85 member cities, including 14 former European Capitals of Culture, which form the cornerstones of *ICORN, the International Cities of Refuge Network*, wait for you! . Together with ICORN—and cities like Paris, Stockholm, Trencin, Stavanger, Amsterdam, Chemnitz—Bodø2024 will connect art and culture with democracy.

Join us in this important celebration of art and democracy, where together we can help strengthen freedom of expression and create a safer existence for persecuted artists from around the world.

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RØST FAR OUT

 **September 19th-22nd**

A cultural weekend on the outmost island in Lofoten, Røst, between september 19th - 22nd. A lot of different activities around the island, open to the public. For the specific program click below!

[More info](#)

Festival of Bacalà alla Vicentina

 **September 19th-30th**

In a few weeks the long-awaited **Festa del Bacalà alla Vicentina**, a culinary event of great tradition organized by the Pro Loco of Sandrigo, under the patronage of the Veneto Region and the City of Sandrigo, will begin. **From September 19th to 30th, 2024**, the squares of Sandrigo will come alive with authentic flavors, workshops, exhibitions, markets and performances. An unmissable opportunity to immerse yourself in the region's food and wine culture, celebrating one of Veneto's most beloved dishes.

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