

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).



DO YOU KNOW THAT:

Norwegian Jekt trade museum awarded as Museum of the Year in Norway

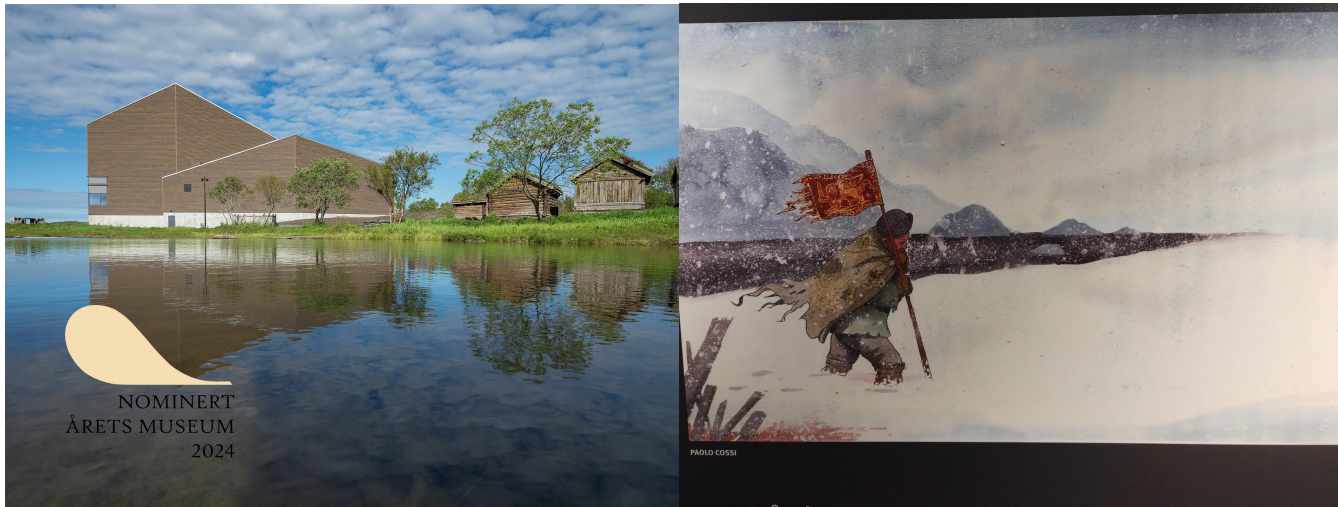
We are happy to announce that the Norwegian Ministry of Culture has awarded **Jektefartsmuseet/ Norwegian Jekt trade museum** as Museum of the Year in Norway!

This museum is particularly linked to Via Querinissima: here it is in fact possible to discover the story of Pietro Querini and more generally to discover the coastal culture in Nordland.

A fundamental place to visit for all those who move towards the Arctic in Querini's footsteps.

Congratulations to the friends of **Jektefartsmuseet/ Norwegian Jekt trade museum**!

More info: <https://jektefart.no/Hjem>



The museum and an illustration on Pietro Querini's adventure that you can find at the museum

ITINERARIES: explore Swedish's route

The Swedish route:

📌 **Vadstena**: immerse yourself in history of the church of Vadstena, where Pietro Querini made a stopover on his return journey. Querini documented in his diary the warm welcome he received when he arrived. From Pietro Querini's diary (P.Nelli, 2007): *We arrived at a place called Vadstena, where St*

Bridget, founder of a religious order for priests and devout women, was born. In her honour, the royal family had a beautiful church built in which I counted no less than forty-two altars and the ceilings were covered with a very shiny metal. In this monastery live pious nuns with their chaplains of the same religious order.

📌 **Stegeborg Castle:** this is where Pietro Querini met the feudal lord Zuanne Franco at Stegeborg Castle.



WHAT HAPPENED IN THE MEANTIME

New member

We are delighted that the Vatican Apostolic Library has joined the Association.

This collaboration is of great importance to us because the Vatican Library preserves the diary of Pietro Querini. Not only that, with its rich cultural heritage we are confident that we can develop new initiatives along the route.

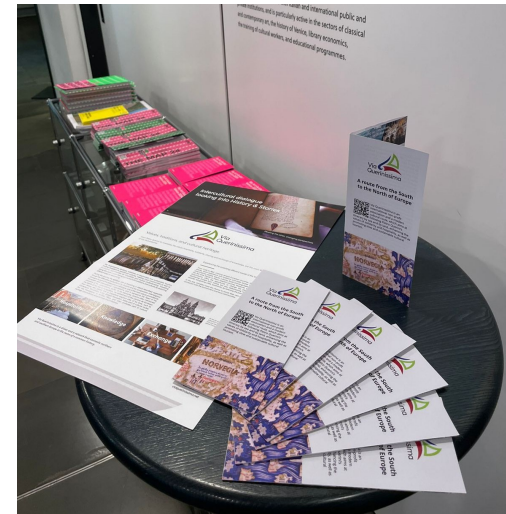
Welcome and we look forward to developing new projects together!

Via Querinissima info points!

Last month, staff sent promotional materials for the route to all partners from Spain, Sweden, Italy and Norway to support their valuable work.

Below some pictures of the info points:

- North Adriatic Sea Port Authority
- Bodø Municipality
- Sandrigo Municipality
- Pro Loco Sandrigo
- Querini Stampalia Foundation





Draw you map

Via Querinissima General Assembly held last April, 22nd approved a pilot action to enhance the **awareness of younger students** on European heritage and engage them in the Via Querinissima

promotion.

The pilot project will involve scholars from the entire Via Querinissima areas in educational and creative activities and will drive to a final parallel exhibition in the local contact office of the Association.

Bodø 2024 and the network of Cultural Routes in Europe

Via Querinissima took part in the significant gathering in Oslo titled "**Bodø 2024 and the European Cultural Routes Network,**" hosted by **EUNIC Norway** in partnership with Norway's Kulturdirektoratet and Bodø2024.

Stefano Agnoletto represented Via Querinissima among distinguished speakers from Norway, France, Spain, Latvia, Portugal, Italy, and Austria on an esteemed international panel.

[More info](#)



In the footsteps of the Via Querinissima by bike

A new and exciting project along the Via Querinissima!

From June 28th to July 20th, a group of enthusiastic cyclists will retrace Pietro Querini's route by bike.

On April 9th, Roberto Ciambetti, President of the Via Querinissima and President of the Veneto Regional Council, officially presented the project.

Full article in Italian below - More information in English coming soon on our website, stay tuned.



Final Audit in front the EPA

The Association's international staff is preparing for the final step in the candidature of the Via Querinissima as a Council of Europe Cultural Route. In fact, the final hearing with the EPA will take place on May 22nd.



THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The members introduce themselves and their connection with Via Querinissima

Bodø is the county capital of Nordland, located at 67°17'N and is Northern Norway's **second largest city** with around 53,000 inhabitants.



In May 1816, Bodø was given the status of a market town.

Bodø society is characterized by positivity and growth. Although there are those who claim that it is always windy in Bodø, we can however go so far as to admit that there is reasonably good “draught” in the city. And to the extent that it is a little windy, it is in that case a tailwind!

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VIA QUERINISSIMA DAYS

A rich programme is taking shape for these three days dedicated to celebrating Pietro Querini's route.

We look forward to seeing you from 18th to 20th July in Bodø, for the Via Querinissima Days.

To view the draft program click below.

Please confirm your attendance by **May 15th** by sending an email to info@viaquerinissima.net, so that we can organise everything in the best possible way and if you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact us at this address!

[Draft Program](#)

Dance Show dedicated to Pietro Querini

Camino de Santiago de la Ría de Muros Noia Association, Via Querinissima Partner in Spain, is carrying out a very interesting project that they will premiere at the Via Querinissima Days.

In the north-west of Spain, in the region of Galicia, the tomb of a disciple of Jesus Christ, Santiago, is guarded.

For more than ten centuries, believers from all corners of Christendom have been making pilgrimages to CAMPUS STELAE (Compostela), the city of SANTIAGO, to comfort the spirit and seek eternal salvation. Most of them cross the sea.

Among them, a Venetian patrician and navigator who, with his devoted journey by land from a harbour on the Galician coast, unwittingly inaugurated the route of what five centuries later became known as the CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE LA RÍA DE MUROS NOIA, a Camino de Santiago that owes its creation and extension to Pietro Querini.

Starting from this historical milestone and many others that characterise the history of our Camino de Santiago and the towns through which it passes, they have initiated a process of revitalising this part of our history and a process of cultural enhancement that includes, among other things, the production of a dance **show dedicated to Pietro Querini**.

The complete show will premiere next autumn in Santiago de Compostela, but in the meantime they will present a preview of the show with the principal dancer of the Oitos Dance Company during the Querinissima days in Bodo, on 18th and 20th July.

See you next July in Bodø!

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



FIRST LEGO LEAGUE OPEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

May 13rd–17th

FIRST® LEGO® League is one of the world's largest knowledge and technology competitions for children and young people aged 6-16. It aims to inspire children and young people to become tomorrow's engineers, researchers and problem solvers. The around 800 participants come to present the work they have done, and celebrate the end of this year's FLL season together with children and young people from all over the world.

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EUROPEAN CABINS OF CULTURE

May 19th-September 29th

In collaboration with the Norwegian Tourist Association and The Nordland Trekking Trail, Bodø2024 presents European Cabins of Culture: a summer where tourist cabins and hiking destinations in Nordland are transformed into tiny culture houses, where artists and performers create a cultural program out in Nordland's magnificent nature.

All events in the program are free to attend. Welcome to the program!

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BODØ BEAT

May 19th-25th

Join the Bodø BEAT International Percussion
Festival

More info

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#InternationalCulturalAssociation

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