

NEWSLETTER

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE MEANTIME

Via Querinissima Days: a great success

The VQ Days in Crete were a huge success!

Two exciting days (4th-5th December) filled with events, conferences, and tours, all dedicated to celebrating the Greek heritage linked to Pietro Querini.

During the VQ Days, Via Querinissima had the opportunity to engage not only with local stakeholders but also with various tourism businesses, fostering valuable dialogue and collaboration to promote and enhance the region's cultural heritage.

Participants had the pleasure of exploring part of the Cretan Querini trail, visiting local producers of olive oil, wine, and honey, and attending the Stockfish Festival in Tylissos.

This event further strengthened the bond with Crete and its local community, emphasizing the importance of working together with all local partners to preserve and promote Querini's shared cultural legacy.

Special thanks go to our partners, the Heraklion Tourist Development Agency and 3 Win Action, who made it all possible. A heartfelt thank you as well to our partners from Sweden, Italy, Norway, and Spain and to everyone who participated in making this event unforgettable.



INCREMENTAL Project won INTERREG EUROPE call for proposals

We are proud to announce that the European project **INCREMENTAL**, presented by two of our founding partners - **the Veneto Region and Nordland County Council** - in cooperation with other partners from Greece, France, Poland, Romania and Albania, was one of the winners of the last INTERREG EUROPE call for proposals. Among the strategic stakeholders involved during the project implementation both the members include Via Querinissima Association, that will contribute to test the strategies proposed by the project.

The project:

INCREMENTAL PROJECT - Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) and local development. Communities, safeguard and resilience – aims at supporting the local policy addressed to the intangible heritage, according to the 2003 UNESCO Convention, it promotes a more **comprehensive approach to**

cultural assets, focusing on ICH, for promoting innovative strategies and policies that are both working for their protection, valorisation and for their impact on other sectors.



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Querini Opera tv series

This January, NRK, the Norwegian national television, is broadcasting in prime time a television series dedicated to the unforgettable adventure of the Opera Querini, which was presented in Venice in October 2023.



A webinar on “Hospitality” linked to Via Querinissima project

On Monday, 16th December, a webinar took place on the topic of HOSPITALITY, linked to the story of Pietro Querini and the Via Querinissima project. The webinar was organised by the Nordland County Libraries (Nordland Fylkesbibliotek), a member of our International Association.

The meeting was coordinated by **Marit Laland** (Nordland County Libraries) and featured the following speakers:

Steinar Aas: Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University Nord, and Member of the VQ Scientific Committee.

Maria Hernes: Sami Coordinator at Bodø2024, European Capital of Culture.

Anita Munch Kulset: Director of the Nordland County Libraries.

Among the many topics discussed, the need to "contemporize" the message of hospitality and welcome left by Pietro Querini's story was particularly noteworthy, as it prompts us to reflect on its relevance in today's context.

This webinar is part of the journey towards the **International Symposium on Hospitality**, which will be held in Nordland in May 2026, organised by the Nordland County Libraries in collaboration with the Via Querinissima International Association. It is one of many events the Nordland County Libraries are hosting, inspired by Pietro Querini's story and the Via Querinissima project—for instance, Hildegunn Pettersen's recent tour across various libraries in Nordland.

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Via Querinissima Reaches Switzerland!

We are pleased to announce that the **Associazione Svizzera per i Rapporti Culturali ed Economici con l'Italia (ASRI) / Swiss Association for Cultural and Economic Relations with Italy** has joined the Association as a "Friend of Via Querinissima." This is a significant connection, given the strong historical ties between Pietro Querini's journey and Switzerland. Indeed, on his way back to Venice, Querini made a stop in Basel.

On February 12th, we will celebrate this connection with the first official event in Basel, where we will present the **Via Querinissima Cultural Route** to the Swiss public!

ASRI was founded on September 26, 1940, and officially began its activities on January 29, 1941. Its mission is to promote Italian culture in the Basel region and to strengthen cultural and economic ties between Switzerland and Italy.

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SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Call for papers "Rome in the Nordic Countries. Images of ancient and modern architecture, 17th-18th century"

PROGETTI DI RICERCA DI RILEVANTE INTERESSE NAZIONALE (PRIN) 2022/ RESEARCH PROJECTS OF MAJOR NATIONAL INTEREST (PRIN) 2022

Rome in the Nordic Countries. Images of ancient and modern architecture, 17th-18th century

An international seminar is scheduled on November 2025 to present the results of a research program (PRIN) coordinated by the Universities of Rome Sapienza, Roma Tre, Politecnica delle Marche, on the production, international diffusion and influence of graphic materials (prints, illustrated books, maps, drawings) related to Classical and contemporary Roman and Italian architecture in the Nordic countries (17th and 18th century). The aim is to reach a deeper understanding of the itineraries and patterns of diffusion architectural languages based on classical codes consolidated across Western Europe between 1650-1750. The research group will investigate architects and patrons' collections of prints, drawings and illustrated books acquired during their training years in Rome, focusing on the bracing links between Italy and countries renovating their building traditions adopting Classicism for the first time.

A call for papers is open to send proposals for the participation.

All proposals (max 1200 words) can be written in English, French or Italian, and addressed to nordicromeconference@gmail.com by 31st January 2025

More details here

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Bodø Jazz Open

 **January 29th - 1st February**

Join the Bodø Jazz festivals: see the incredible program of concerts!

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