

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** (Crete / 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).



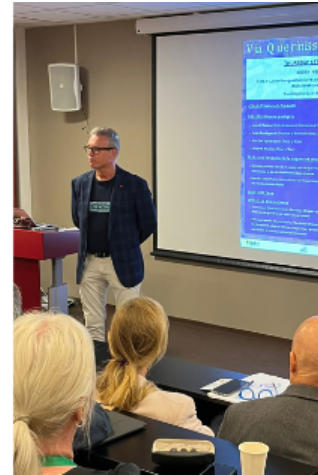
WHAT HAPPENED IN THE MEANTIME

Via Querinissima Days

Day 1

MORNING

Institutional greetings of welcome from **Inga Lill Sundset** (Kulturdirektoratet/ Directorate of Culture of Norway), **Svein Øien Eggsvik** (President of Nordland County Council), **Odd Emil Ingebrigtsen** (Mayor of Bodø), **Elisabeth Mikalsen** (Mayor of Røst).



Conferences with: **Stefano Agnoletto** (Nordland County and Via Querinissima International Association): Introduction to the Via Querinissima Days program, **Marzia Liuzza** (Padova University and Ca' Foscari University): Cultural Routes: Via Querinissima and the Ancient Ways of Europe; **Steinar Aas** (Nord Universitet): More than 200 years as a European peripheral town – Bodø's urban growth in an international context, **Antonio Franzina** (Veneto region) The history of Venice is the story of the human ability to manage and adapt to climate change. How a problem becomes a masterpiece of art and culture in harmony with the environment.



Shows proposed by our partners in collaboration with the Via Querinissima International Association

- **“Venezia-Røst-Vicenza. A map for the Bacalà alla Vicentina”**. A show by Italian actor Pino Costalunga (Proposed by the Confraternita del Bacalà alla Vicentina-Italy)
- **A Spanish dance show dedicated to Pietro Querini "The Querina Expedition"**. (Proposed by Camino de Santiago de la Ría de Muros Noia Association-Spain)



AFTERNOON

International meeting of the 5 nations (Italy, Sweden, Spain, Greece, and Norway) on the future of Via Querinissima. Coordinated by the President of the Nordland County Council, **Svein Øien Eggesvik**, and the participation of representatives of **Veneto Region** (Italy), **Västra Götaland Region** (Sweden), **Cooperative 3 win** (Greece), **Camino de Santiago de la Ría de Muros Noia Association** (Spain).



City walk to discover Bodø, led by Professor Steinar Aas.



Day 2

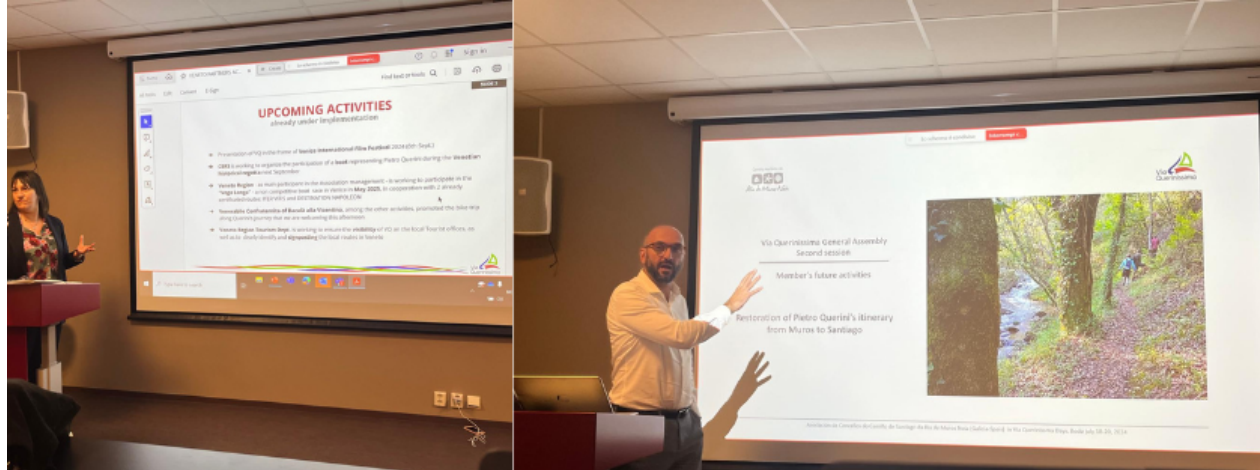
MORNING

General Assembly of the International Association Via Querinissima: a very important moment to plan our future preceded by greetings by **Arne Ivar Mikalsen** (County councillor for society, culture, and the environment, Nordland County Council) and introduced by the President of the Association **Roberto Ciambetti**.

During the Assembly, **President Ciambetti was confirmed for the next two years and the new "Executive Board of the Association was elected** with representatives from all five nations that adhere to the project.



The second part of the morning was dedicated to the presentation of the **future projects of the Association by the partners**. A very rich program for the coming months and years!



The assembly was concluded with a cooking show on stockfish offered by the Italian chef **Antonio Chemello**.

AFTERNOON

At the beautiful Stormen Library in Bodø, we welcomed two enthusiastic cyclists (**Paolo Vidotto e Adriano Pellizzon**) who retrace **Pietro Querini route by bike** with a welcome speech by **Roberto Ciambetti** (President of the International Association Via Querinissima and Veneto Regional Council), **Bjørn Larsen** (Executive for Business Development, Nordland County Council), **Kyrre Kolvik** (Chair of the Welfare Committee - Bodø City Council).

Moreover, our two shows from Spain and Italy were shown from the large outdoor stage of the coastal festival (Kystevnet) to the public of Bodø which was held in Bodø at the same time as the VQ Days.



Day 3

Dedicated to visit Bodø and Nordland!



Via Querinissima at the Venice Film Festival

We are very pleased to announce that Via Querinissima will participate in the **81st Venice International Film Festival**.

The presentation event will take place in the Veneto Region space at the Hotel Excelsior.

A video produced by Via Querinissima will explain today's cultural transition from the story of Venetian merchant Pietro Querini.

Via Querinissima as pilot action in MED4REGEN Project

Via Querinissima has been involved **as case study and pilot action in the MED4REGEN project**.

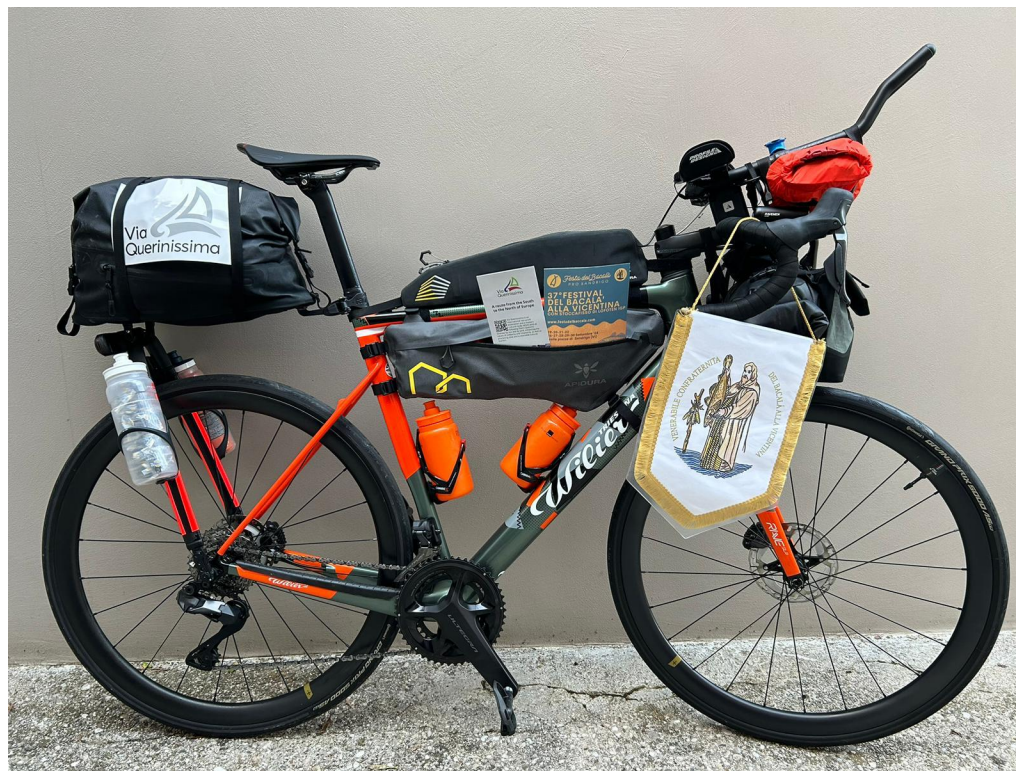
This initiative, leads by Veneto Region has been submitted in the frame of the last EURO MED programme call for proposals and it is still under evaluation. MED4REGEN aims at developing methodologies for increase the aware tourism by activating and training the local stakeholders and citizens in the heritage promotion.

Fingers crossed!

Via Querinissima for everyone: sportsmen and tourists

Via Querinissima continues to attract tourists, but also many sportsmen.

After our passionate cyclists Paolo and Adriano, it is now the turn of **Roberto Brotto and Elena Grobberio, who are riding a section of the Via Querinissima!**



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Nordland Music Festival Week

Nordland Musikkfestuke is an annual music festival that organizes concerts around Bodø and has its trademark in using nature as an arena. The program mainly consists of classical music, but also other genres such as pop, rock, jazz, theatre, dance. Nordland Musikkfestuke is a music festival for everyone.

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35th International Geography Congress in Dublin

Marzia Liuzza and Chiara Rabbiosi, members of the scientific committee, will participate in the 35th International Geography Congress in Dublin, which will be held from August 24 to 30.

In particular, Marzia Liuzza will present Via Querinissima as a case study for promoting intercultural dialogue between peoples, including with certain ethnic minorities.

Eurovision Young Musicians

Eurovision Young Musicians is classical music's version of the Eurovision Song Contest.

Young classical instrumentalists between the ages of 12 and 21 fight for honours, and a future international soloist career. The competition is considered one of the world's most important, and has been organized by the European Broadcasting Union, EBU, since 1982.

This year, NRK is the producer for the final, and has chosen to place it in the cultural capital Bodø. The final is broadcast on NRK1 and on TV in a number of European countries. Several of today's Norwegian star musicians have participated and done well in the competition. Among these are Leif Ove Andsnes, Vilde Frang, Tine Thing Helseth and Elbjørg Hemsing. In 2012, violist Eivind Holtmark Ringstad went all the way to the top.

The winner of NRK's Virtuos competition in April 2024 will be Norway's representative in the EBU final. These countries participate in the final in Bodø: Armenia, Belgium, France, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Sweden, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Germany and Austria.

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