

# 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), **Academy of Fermana Stockfish** (Italy).



## DO YOU KNOW THAT:

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## Story of Querina/La Storia della Querina Exhibition

There are different ways to tell a story.

**Franco Fortunato** has succeeded in recounting Pietro Querini's adventures in the North Sea through his paintings.

These are the words of the painter Fortunato: *As on other occasions, I try to translate the emotions contained in the story into images, breaking down the material and recomposing it into a new unity, to take a new journey of the imagination. I did not want to look at images of places, which exist and have their own forms, their own orography, planimetry, botany, extension and climate, all surrounded by water and frost and wind, but I drew what I imagined following the thread of the story. If of the landscape one can have a real vision, of everything else this is not possible unless one imagines it or has some knowledge of seafaring or from painting. Ships and boats only have evocative forms, deliberately without technical documentation. Only elaborations of the personal imagination.*

In addition, a **short film** was also made from his works: *"Using mixed media boards specially produced for the video format, and through a play of real camera movements that create depths and blurs, cuts and overlaps, the images conceived by the master are reworked and fused together to create a single film work".*

The short film was acquired by Rai Storia, an Italian television channel, and broadcast during a programme by historian Alessandro Barbero.

More info: [francofortunato.com](http://francofortunato.com)



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## ITINERARIES: explore Spain's route

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✦ Explore the enchanting **town of Muros**, which offers a gateway to the **Way of St James** via the picturesque Ría de Muros Noia. On 26 October, Pietro Querini and his companions made a stopover in Muros Noia to replenish their supplies and pay their respects to the church of Saint Jacopo in Santiago de Compostela. Located just 71 kilometres from the famous city of Santiago de Compostela, Muros has a UNESCO-recognised historic centre that invites you to immerse yourself in its captivating history and idyllic landscapes that reflect Querini's own exploration.

✦ Embark on an adventure in the vibrant city of **Cádiz**, where Pietro Querini encountered an unexpected obstacle on his journey. Due to a broken tiller, Querini and his crew were stranded in Cádiz for several days to carry out the necessary repairs.

Discover the fascination of Cádiz as you stroll through the vibrant streets and immerse yourself in the city's rich cultural diversity.



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## WHAT HAPPENED IN THE MEANTIME

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**Four new members join us**

We are very glad to welcome four new members: the Querini Stampalia Foundation, the Municipality of Bodø, the Nordland County Library and the Academy of Fermana Stockfish!



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## Via Querinissima on tour!

Between March 11th and March 19th, Stefano Agnoletto (project leader of Nordland County and member of the International Association Via Querinissima) made his **conference tour** on the history of Pietro Querini and Via Querinissima in major cities across Norway (**Bergen, Kristiansand, Stavanger and Trondheim**)

These conferences were organized by the **Norwegian Committees of the Dante Alighieri Society** (the prominent international cultural organization dedicated to promoting Italian culture worldwide).

In his conferences Stefano Agnoletto told the incredible and dramatic adventure of the Venetian merchant Pietro Querini, presented the Via Querinissima project, and Bodø 2024, the European Capital of Culture.

Four very popular and lively evenings dedicated to the Via Querinissima!

In September the conferences will be in Oslo and Halden.



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## Staff at INTERREG EUROPE call

Mara Tognon, leading international relations and European projects, and Gian Andrea Garancini, tourism strategy expert from Via Querinissima team, participated in the launch event of the 3rd INTERREG EUROPE call held in Antwerp.



## Via Querinissima: on the route of friendship and stockfish

On March 9th, the Brotherhood of Bacalà alla Vicentina, the Academy of Anconitana Stockfish and the Academy of Fermana Stockfish, organised the event **'Via Querinissima: on the path of friendship and stockfish/Via Querinissima: sulla rotta dell'amicizia e del baccalà**, during the Tipicità Festival (Fermo, Italy).



## Executive Board and Scientific Committee Meeting

The meeting of the Scientific Committee to plan the activities for 2024 and the Board meeting took place in March.

The General Assembly was also convened for April 23rd.

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## ***Via Querinissima Scientific Committee***

Four new members join the Scientific Committee:

- **Stefania Gialdroni**: full Professor of Medieval and Modern Legal History at the Department of Private Law and Critique of Law of the University of Padua
- **Fabrizio Panozzo**: associate Professor at Ca' Foscari University of Management of arts and Cultural Organisations
- **Marzia Liuzza**: PhD Student in Historical, Geographical and Anthropological Studies, University of Padua and Ca' Foscari University of Venice with a research project on the tourist enhancement of the Via Querinissima
- **Daniela Di Pinto**: archivist of the Archives Section in the Manuscripts Department of the Vatican Library.

In addition, the Scientific Committee **will publish in early 2025 an anthology** the conference proceedings "Cultural Encounters in 15th Century Europe and Beyond".

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## **THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

***The members introduce themselves and their connection with Via Querinissima***

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**Nordland County Library** (NCL) is part of the county administration. NCL aims to be a strong contributor to library development in the whole county, which consists of 41 public, municipal libraries in addition to libraries in schools and universities.

NCLs main focus in the Via Querinissima initiative is the intercultural perspective, the positive curiosity and the openness that the Querini-story tells us.

[Continue on our website](#)

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## VIA QUERINISSIMA DAYS

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The provisional programme of the Via Querinissima Days is available on our website.

**Join us for three days of meetings and events amidst the spectacular Arctic surroundings in honor of Pietro Querini.**

For further information: [info@viaquerinissima.net](mailto:info@viaquerinissima.net)

**To view the programme click below!**

[More info](#)

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## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES





## JOURNEY TO THE STOCKFISH ISLANDS

April 18th - 6.30 pm

Initiative promoted by the Ancona Stockfish Academy

[More info](#)

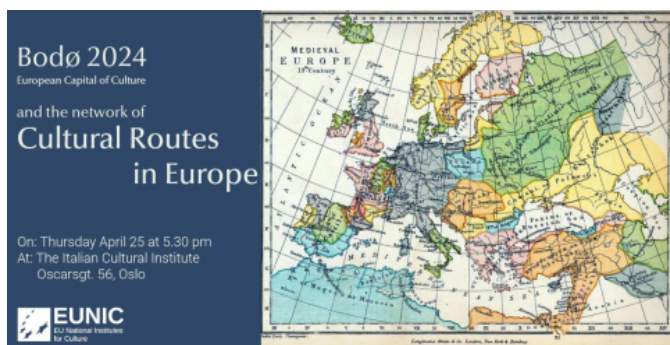


## VINTERLYSFESTIVALEN

**April 20th-23rd** the Winter Light Festival will be held in Bodø.

A cultural festival over four days that appeals to both children and adults.

[More info](#)



## BODØ 2024 EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE AND THE NETWORK OF CULTURAL ROUTES IN EUROPE

**April 25th at 5.30 pm**, Via Querinissima will be protagonist at an important and international event in Oslo.

The European Union National Institutes for Culture – EUNIC Cluster Norway is presenting an international round table with panelists and experts debating on the role and potential of the European Capitals of Culture and the network of the Cultural Routes in Europe.

The discussion will investigate **the relation between cultural heritage promotion and sustainability, sustainable tourism, technology and cultural promotion**, with the aim, among others, to gain and spread knowledge about the possibilities of using media and digital techniques in the area of tourism. During the event, **Via Querinissima and other Cultural Routes will be presented**, along with two of this year's European Capitals of Culture, the Bodø 2024 and the Bad Ischl Salzkammergut 2024 projects..

The event is in collaboration with the Norwegian Directorate of Culture.

The event will be Thursday April 25 at 5.30 pm

Venue: talian Cultural Institute, Oscarsgt. 56, Oslo

Free event, but please [register here](#)

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