

Mutual Heritage : From historical integration to contemporary active participation

Countries involved: France, Italy, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Tunisia

Themes: *architecture, conservation & rehabilitation, education & training, cultural tourism*

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Partners:

- Casamémoires -Morocco
<http://www.casamemoire.org>
- ENA - École Nationale d'Architecture - Morocco
<http://www.archi.ac.ma>
- ASM - Association de Sauvegarde de la Médina de Tunis -Tunisia
<http://www.asmtunis.com>
- Riwaq- Center for Architectural Conservation - Palestinian Authority
<http://www.riwaq.org/index3.htm>
- OIKOS Centro Studi dell'Abitare - Italy
<http://www.oikoscentrostudi.com>

Summary:

The project focuses on 19th and 20th centuries' heritage, as the product of inter-cultural exchanges and the sharing of technical know-how during the Ottoman era and European colonization when the urban fabric of major cities were undergoing modernization. Its objective is to promote the protection of this heritage as an essential prerequisite for its enhancement and its integration to development planning at both the global and local levels through capacity building, exchange of know-how, training and awareness-raising .

Main achievements:

- 9 training sessions for professionals and the development of training material that is accessible via the internet and that has been integrated in partner university curricula.
- Training of school children in the value of this modern heritage (7 schools in Algeria, Italy, Lebanon, and Morocco)
- Special training sessions for voluntary groups
- Development of the technical nomination file for Casablanca's nomination on UNESCO's World Heritage List with the endorsement of the Ministries of Culture and Tourism and the Municipality.
- Development of 4 heritage guides (Casablanca fr/ar, Palestine en/ar, Libya it/en, Morocco fr) ; contributions to the Guide du Routard Maroc and Guide Vert Michelin 2012.
- Development of 5 heritage maps (Algiers, Palestine, Fès, Tétouan and Tunis
- Development of a tourism and modern heritage (available in print and online)
- Organisation of 5 exhibitions
- Organisation of various awareness-raising activities targeting decision-makers, authorities, school children, volunteers...
- Agreements with Ministry of Tourism (Casablanca Office) and partner organizations (Beirut University, Tizi-ouzou, Milan et Ecoles à Blois, Rabat and Tunis)
- Publication of scientific articles, centaine d'articles publiés dans des quotidiens, des interviews radio, des passages télévisés