



MINUTES

24TH SOUTHERN EUROPE AND MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

CORDOBA (SPAIN). 25 SEPTEMBER 2024

The 24th Regional Conference of Southern Europe and the Mediterranean of the Organisation of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) was held in the Palacio de Congresos of Cordoba (Spain) on 25 September 2024, within the 17th World Congress of the OWHC, with the attendance of the following representatives:

ATTENDANTS:

- ANGRA DO HEROÍSMO (PORTUGAL):
  - Paulo **Lima**, Councillor for Heritage
  - Helena da **Costa** Rocha, Director of Institutional Relations
- ARANJUEZ (SPAIN):
  - Magdalena **Merlos**, Head of Service. Area of Historical Heritage of Aranjuez.
- BAEZA (SPAIN):
  - Inmaculada **Serrano**, Head of the Tourism Unit.
  - Rosel **Garrido**, Head of the Heritage Unit.
- CIDADE VELHA (CAPE VERDE):
  - Nelson Vaz **Moreira**, President of the Municipal Chamber.
  - Elizabetd **Cardoso**, Tourism Technician.
- CÓRDOBA (SPAIN):
  - Agustín **Requena Pérez**, Director General for the Historic Centre of Córdoba.
  - Ángel **Campos** Rufián, General Coordinator for the Historic Centre of Cordoba.
  - Carmen **Chacón** Guerrero, Director of the Historic Centre Office.
  - Rosa **Lara** Ruiz, Architect of the Municipal Urban Planning Management.
  - Pedro **Caro** González, Architect of the Municipal Urban Planning Management.
  - Juan F. **Murillo Redondo**, Archaeologist of the Municipal Management of Urbanism.
  - Rafael **García** Castejón, Architect of the Municipal Urban Planning Management.
  - Javier **Valverde** Abril, Architect of the Gerencia Municipal de Urganismo.
- CUENCA (SPAIN):
  - Juan José **Arteaga**, Architect.
- ELVAS (PORTUGAL):
  - Vitoria **Branco**, Councillor for Tourism and Heritage.
  - Marta **Rocha**, Tourism and Heritage Technician.
- ÉVORA (PORTUGAL):
  - Carlos **Pinto** de Sa, President of the Municipal Chamber of Commerce and Industry
  - Paula Helena **Santos**, Institutional Relations Technician.
  - Miguel **Pedro**, Head of Culture and Heritage Division.

- GRANADA (SPAIN):
  - Francisco **Maldonado**, Director of the Albaicín Agency.
- GUIMARÃES (PORTUGAL):
  - Ricardo **Rodrigues**, Head of the World Heritage and Classified Property Division.
- MARRAKECH (MOROCCO):
  - **Mohamed Benchakroun**, Councillor, architect and university professor.
  - Abdelaziz **El Anri**. Head of the Social Action and Sub-housing and Heritage Division.
- PORTO (PORTUGAL):
  - Miguel **Areosa** Rodrigues, Director Cultural Heritage Management Department
  - Alda **Bessa**, Technician. Cultural Heritage Management Department
  - Ana **Leite**. Project Leader of the Santa Clara IU. Management of Porto's Historic Centre
- RODAS (GREECE):
  - Alexander Basile **Coliadis**, Mayor
  - Savvas **Stagkas**, Advisor to the Mayor on Heritage
- SEGOVIA (SPAIN):
  - May **Escobar**, Councillor for Tourism
- SINTRA (PORTUGAL).
  - Teresa **Caetano**, Coordinator of the World Heritage Cabinet
- TARRAGONA (SPAIN):
  - Joan **Menchón**, Archaeologist
  - Pilar **Bravo**, Archaeologist
- REGIONAL SECRETARIAT SOUTHERN EUROPE AND MEDITERRANEAN (CORDOBA):
  - Rafael **Pérez de la Concha** Camacho, Regional Coordinator.

The following **AGREEMENTS** were adopted:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 23rd Regional Conference held in Elvas (Portugal) in 2023.
2. Approval of the Management Report 2024.
3. Approval of the Economic Report 2024.
4. Young Ambassadors Meetings. Proposal of the Regional Coordinator to transform this project into a Collaborative Network coordinated by Aranjuez, which should be requested to the General Secretariat and constituted according to its instructions. Pending confirmation from Aranjuez City Council.
5. Arts and Crafts Project. Proposal of the Project Coordinator, Paula Santos, Technician from Évora, to leave the project on standby.
6. OWHC 2025 Day. The theme will be about the CORDOBA ROAD SHEET.
7. Continuation of the Collaborative Network on Crafts, but now coordinated exclusively by the city of ÉVORA, not by the Regional Secretariat.

8. Start of the Collaborative Network on Visual Pollution. Promoted by the city of SINTRA, which will have to request it to the General Secretariat and constitute it according to its instructions.
9. Hold a Project Meeting in 2025. Venue and dates to be determined, preferably in April-May 2025.
10. To hold the 25th Regional Conference in Cordoba in November 2025.
11. Approval of the General and Regional Activity Plan and its budget of 44.624,56€ for 2025 to be submitted to the Secretary General.
12. The need to renew the membership of the Regional Secretariat was recalled, since more than 4 years have elapsed since the last renewal of membership.
13. It was approved to renew the confidence in the city of Cordoba to maintain the headquarters of the Regional Secretariat for Southern Europe and the Mediterranean.

And with no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 18:15 on 25 September 2024, thus closing this 24th Regional Conference of Southern Europe and the Mediterranean.

*Rafael Pérez de la Concha Camacho*

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