



ERIH e.V. – European Route of Industrial Heritage Membership Information



What is ERIH?

What has a copper mine in Sweden to do with an iron works in the Saar?
How did Sheffield and Solingen become rivals? What were the main
features of the textile industry in the Euregio Maas/Rhine region?

The European Route of Industrial Heritage (ERIH) makes connections.

And it packages our industrial heritage into a fascinating network of European culture. Pounding steam engines, deafening factories, the fate of working people and everyday working life bring the Industrial Revolution back to life – being staged in industrial monuments and museums all over Europe.

Each of these sites is part of a bigger picture. The result is an up-to-date range of leisure and tourist attractions in past industrial sites, all with a common seal of quality!





The ERIH system

ERIH stands for the best in European industrial heritage – and for the most comprehensive collection of information about this topic. The ERIH system consists of three main modules:

The main route is built of **the Anchor Points**, sites of outstanding historic importance and tourist attractions, which are selected according to defined quality criteria by a committee of experts.

In numerous regions (currently nineteen) different sites are grouped around one or more Anchor Points building a **Regional Route**. These routes tell the story of the regional industrial history and are the basis for the development of packages for tourists.

In order to show the European connections of industrial history, thirteen **European Theme Routes** were developed. They package information on monuments in a range of industries.

ERIH at a glance:

- more than 100 Anchor Points
- 19 Regional Routes in 7 countries
- 15 European Theme Routes
- more than 1,500 sites in 47 European countries
- more than 130 Biographies
- a brief description of European industrial history and the industrial history of 8 countries
- 13 historical reviews of industrial sectors presented on the European Theme Routes
- Approx. 200 links to industrial heritage networks, industrial UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and industrial heritage/archaeology organisations
- More than 2,000 links to websites of sites and regions described



and ERIH continuously grows further and you and your organisation can become part of it.





Who can become a member of ERIH?

There are four different full membership categories with voting power:

1. Individual Sites

All industrial heritage sites, which are somehow open to the public, can become a member of ERIH.

Individual sites are presented on the website; get a member certificate and ERIH stickers to use at the sites.

How to apply as an individual site?

Individual sites apply by sending the membership form to the ERIH office. All individual site members are accepted without any further verification, there are no quality criteria for the admission.

Individual sites can but do not have to be part of a Regional Route; but are definitely described on a European Theme Route.

2. Anchor Point

Anchor Points are sites of historical importance and tourist attractions in their own right.

The ideal ERIH Anchor Point

- is a nationally important venue in the industrial history of Europe,
- offers its visitors attractive up-to-date facilities, e.g. guided tours,
- shows demonstrations of factory operations, multimedia installations,
- offers special trails for children,
- recounts its history with imaginative interpretation and exhibitions,
- uses its surroundings for exhibitions, cultural events and other attractions,
- maximises its potential with innovative concepts for usage,
- has access to a modern tourist infrastructure,
- is prepared to actively publicise the ERIH network by cross-marketing,
- commits itself to inform visitors about the industrial heritage its catchment area,
- can, but does not necessarily has to be starting point of a Regional Route.





How to apply as an Anchor Point?

The decision whether a site fulfils the Anchor Point Criteria is taken by the ERIH board based on the membership application.

If you want to apply as an Anchor Point, please deliver a description of the history and the current offer of your site in English, digital photos showing the site, exhibition, interpretation etc.

In kind the board is not able to decide about the application based on the information provided, **a site visit will become necessary**. Travel and accommodation costs have to be covered by the applicant.

Anchor Points receive a full marketing package (see below “The advantages of being an ERIH member”)

3. Corporate Members

Public and private organisations or institutions active in the fields of monument protection and preservation, tourism, research, as well as universities and all other organisations interested in the field of industrial heritage, can become a member of ERIH. They get access to a European expert’s network for Industrial Heritage. ERIH enables them to seek an exchange of experience with regions, sites and organisations all over Europe through email, meetings and conferences.

This membership form is also recommended for organisations steering Regional Routes or networks. For the Corporate Members we offer to present up to five sites on the ERIH website + an introductory text about the route/network.

How to apply as a Corporate Member?

Please fill-in the application form and send it to the ERIH office.

4. Individuals

Each individual interested in European industrial heritage and supporting the aims of the ERIH network can become a member. Individuals get access to exclusive information, and participate in outstanding events, national and international conferences.

How to apply as an Individual member?

Please fill-in the application form and send it to the ERIH office.





We also have a second category for individual membership without voting power

Friends of ERIH

This is a membership category for individuals who support the aims of the ERIH network and who would like to be kept informed of project developments and events. This category can be upgraded to full Individual Membership on payment of the appropriate subscription.

Suitable Membership forms for Regional Routes or Networks

Existing Regional Routes or Networks can become member of ERIH. There are different forms for membership:

- All the sites on the route become an ERIH member and pay either Anchor Point or Individual Site fees according to their status. Payments are made individually by each site. Alternatively one organisation can collectively pay the member fees for all sites.
- If the route is represented by an organisation, the organisation pays the Corporate Membership fee (up to five individual sites are included in the presentation). Additional sites which should be presented on the ERIH website pay individual fees according to their status.

Please contact us to discuss the appropriate membership form for your network.





The advantages of being an ERIH member

Industrial Heritage is not a brand – but **ERIH** is. In addition, it is a **powerful community**. All over Europe!

An ERIH membership entails the following benefits:

Marketing

ERIH Anchor Points receive a full **marketing package** consisting of free ERIH signage, stickers, and leaflets, plus a full page site description on the ERIH website. Further advantages include a welcome information about new ERIH members on the website as well as the presentation of the site on the ERIH Facebook page twice a year. The same applies to organizations representing sites on a Regional Route, apart from the specific Anchor Point signs.

The limited marketing package for ERIH Individual Sites covers free stickers and a diminished description on the ERIH website.

Awareness

The reference of Anchor Points to the ERIH network enhances the **visibility** of each of its members, thus raising the awareness of millions of visitors interested in industrial heritage.



Networking

ERIH members are invited to take part in the ERIH General Assembly and the **ERIH Annual Conference**. The latter is an excellent opportunity to present ones site to an international audience of experts.

Hosting the Annual Conference, an ERIH Board Meeting or an Annual ERIH Anchor Point meeting at the national level is a privilege of Anchor Points and corporate members heading a Regional Route.

Additionally, they are entitled to receive and share ERIH news via **newsletter**. Not least, ERIH offers assistance to them in networking and cooperating with each other.

Knowledge

ERIH Anchor Points and corporate members enjoy exclusive access to a **database of experts** related to ERIH that is currently under construction.

Advocacy

The ERIH network is presented throughout the year by ERIH Board members at a range of international conferences, seminars, and promotional meetings attended by regional, national, and European **decision makers and journalists**.



Membership Fees

Membership Category	Annual Membership fee
Anchor Point	500 Euros
Individual Sites	100 Euros
Corporate Members	500 Euros
Individuals	100 Euros
Friends of ERIH / no vote	25 Euros

The financial year of ERIH runs from 1st January to 31st December. All members pay the full annual membership fee when becoming a member and will then be invoiced annually.





Overview about Membership categories

PRESENTATION OF NON MEMBER SITES, ERIH MEMBERS AND ANCHOR POINTS AT ERIH WEBSITE

NON MEMBER SITES

ERIH MEMBERS (Individual Sites / [Corporate])

ANCHOR POINTS

DANISH MUSEUM OF TECHNOLOGY

The museum of technology was established by a private trust in Copenhagen and moved to Herlev in 1995, where it has been located in several premises that are now all on one site in buildings once occupied by an iron foundry. It has extensive collections on science and technology from the 18th century to the present. It has several exhibits of particular importance in the history of communications including Christian Sørensen's teleprinting machine of 1850, Making Mønsterv's typewriter of 1867, and V. Poulsen's telegraph's sound modulator of 1896. A pioneer's workshop has been completely restored with its original equipment. The transport section includes Hornslet's motor car in Denmark in 1888, a collection of model cars and an 0-4-2 tender locomotive of 1868 built in Newcastle-upon-Tyne by Robert Stephenson.

FREDERIKS VAERK MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY

Frederiksvaerk boasts a remarkable history along the lines of well known English factory villages such as Coalbrookdale, New Lanark and Saltaire.

Based on waterpower Frederiksvaerk once housed the national armament industry and was a worldwide supplier of military equipment. In the 1720s an aptly named mill was built and later on the mill was converted to a fresh engine to produce cotton from rough spun. The real breakthrough was made in the 1810s by the general of Copen who developed the place into a progressive industrial society. The Gun Foundry on ordnance powder works and a large number of drawings in connection with workshops still exist.

Later Frederiksvaerk continued as a more traditional industrial base with iron works producing cast goods. The first Danish heat steam engine was constructed in the workshops in 1828 for use in a sugar refining mill. In 1906 the Danish Steel Works began recycling scrap and Frederiksvaerk became the leading base of modern heavy industry in Denmark. The powder works closed in 1965, and the iron works base in a museum whose main feature is the intact and working machinery from the 1800s, probably the oldest in the world. In 2007 Frederiksvaerk was designated a National Industrial Site.

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ZOLLVEREIN MINE AND COKING PLANT WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Zollverein is the meeting place for past, present and future. The past are the Ruhr Museum with its presentation of the exciting natural and cultural history of the Ruhr Region and the "Museum Field" which brings industrial history back to life. Zollverein was once the biggest coal mine in Europe, the central point in the peak of 1900's coal and steel business. Colossal shaft, winding systems, the upper house and the wagon run bear witness to the natural energy of men and machines. The present lies from the new uses to which the surface buildings have been put: buildings which have given Zollverein the reputation of being the "most beautiful coal mine in the world". Its simple facade facade is equally suitable for housing concerts, dance and theatre shows, not to speak of congresses, conferences and trade fairs. The future has already begun. Zollverein is being developed into an innovative meeting point for energy and the arts. This is already reflected in the exhibition of contemporary art at the neighbouring coking plant and the world's largest concentration of contemporary design in the country's redesigned boiler house. Zollverein is the living embodiment of high power industrialisation and simultaneously a symbol of structural transformation in the Ruhrregion. In 2001 the pit was included into the United Nations list of World Heritage Sites.

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Service facilities | **Opening hours** | **Guided tours** | **Part of the route**

Recommended duration of visit: 3 Hours

Duration of a guided tour: Min: 90 Min. Max: 60 Minutes

Admission: Charge

Access for persons with disabilities: None

Infrastructure for Children: Educational offers | Playground | Baby changing facilities | Guided tours for children

Catering: Restaurant

Visitor centre on site: yes

Gift and book shop on site: yes

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NON MEMBER SITES

Text (short)
1 Photo
Google Maps & Route
Planner
Address
Link to website

ERIH MEMBERS (Individual Sites / [Corporate])

Text (>200 words)
4 Photos
Google Maps & Route Planner

Address
Link to website

Link to tourism organisation
Link to events of site

Opening hours
Service facilities
Part of the route
Related links

ANCHOR POINTS

Large photo on top of the site
Text (av. 370 words)
Photo Gallery (12+ photos)
Google Maps & Route Planner

Address
Link to website
Link to Facebook site of AP
Link to YouTube films of AP
Link to tourism organisation
Link to events of AP
Text about site's history
Opening hours
Service facilities
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OTHER BENEFITS ONLY FOR ERIH MEMBERS

BENEFIT	INDIVIDUAL SITES	ANCHOR POINTS
Welcome information about new ERIH members on the website	✓	✓
Presentation of the site on the ERIH website as Anchor Point of the Day (automatic random generator)	-	✓
Presentation of the site on the ERIH Facebook profile	✓	✓
Use of ERIH Facebook to communicate and promote special events organized by site (English text version preferred)	-	✓
Presentation in professional magazines e.g. Industriekultur	-	✓
Receive newsletters about the work and activities of the ERIH network (2-4 times a year)	✓	✓
Opportunity to promote and publicise special events in the ERIH newsletter (e.g. an interview with the director/representative)	-	✓
Receive leaflets dedicated to ERIH (languages versions: English, German, Polish) – providing ready-to-print pdfs	-	✓
Free metal sign "ERIH Anchor Point" (30x30 cm)	-	✓
Free metal sign "Milestones of European Industrialization" (100x100cm)	-	✓
Free ERIH stickers (10,5x15cm)	5	10
Participation in the ERIH Annual Conference – there is a discount on the conference fee for ERIH members	✓	✓
Voting rights during the ERIH General Assembly	✓	✓





Opportunity to promote the site and its activities to an international audience at the ERIH Annual Conference.	✓	✓
Opportunity of co-financing for promotional activities within the Creative Europe Programme (subject to the continuation of the CE Programme)	-	✓
Opportunity to exchange experience and good practice with similar sites within the ERIH network	✓	✓
Opportunity to network and cooperate with a chosen ERIH Anchor Point(s)/Regional Route with the assistance of the ERIH Secretary General.	-	✓
Possibility of representatives of the ERIH Board being available to take part in events such as a press conferences to present and promote ERIH and the site.	-	✓
Access to experts' database (work in progress)	✓	✓
Participation in the Industrial Heritage Barometer (Annual Online Survey about European Industrial Heritage) (work in progress)	-	✓
Free publicity: The ERIH network and its experiences are presented throughout the year by ERIH Board members at a range of international conferences, seminars and promotional meetings attended by regional, national and European decision makers and journalists.	-	✓
Free PR: possibility to host an ERIH Board Meeting/an annual ERIH national AP meeting at the site and to use the opportunity to promote the site in local/regional media as a part of ERIH network.	-	✓

The benefits of being a corporate member are the same as for Anchor Points. The details of cooperation can be defined separately in the special agreement.





How to become a member

If you are interested in becoming an ERIH member, please fill in the membership form and send it to the ERIH contact point. We will then inform you about the next steps depending on the selected membership form.

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