Hello 2017 and a healthy and prosperous New Year to all of you!

Following a quick review we take a look today at the priorities of the current EU funding proposal for 2017-2020 and present the new ERIH website category XTRA. Furthermore we are happy that ERIH keeps attracting new members and close as usual with a mention of future events.

**This newsletter’s topics in detail:**

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**EU funding periods: recent and future projects**

Year II of Creative Europe funding is over, with meetings, workshops, information sessions, and the ERIH annual conference at Porto as significant milestones. Other important achievements were the successful implementation of the new ERIH website and the brochure „European Industrial Heritage: The International Story“.

As a new instrument to gain valid data about the economic impact of industrial heritage in Europe, ERIH is developing an online survey, the **Industrial Heritage Barometer**. We will keep you informed about progress and how you can participate.

We are now in the final year of the current three year funding period which started on 01.10.2016 and ends on 30.09.2017. It falls within preparations for the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018.

During the funding period 2017-2020 Creative Europe will continue its programme to support European networks. Again, ERIH applied for funding, focusing on further strengthening the status of ERIH members. A final decision will not be released before July 2017. The highlights of ERIH’s application are as follows:

- **Site Twinning**: bilateral co-operation between thematically related ERIH sites, e.g. by the exchange of staff
- **Design and implementation of an exhibition on European industrial heritage** in the ‘portal of industrial heritage’ at the ERIH anchor point and World Heritage Site Zollverein Coal Mine, Essen
- **Extension of databases** on the ERIH website
- **Continuous exchange** by means of workshops and meetings on a regional and national level and at ERIH annual conferences.

**Online: XTRA and new entries to the industrial history of European countries**

The ERIH website has an exciting new section: **XTRA: Company Museums and Factory Tours**. Just klick ‘I want to go there’ and check the menu opening under ‘More to discover’. XTRA lists all ERIH sites that belong to a company that is still operating or which combine a visit with a factory tour. The list ranges from the World Heritage Fagus Factory in rural Lower Saxony to the Clark’s...
company shoe museum in the small Somerset market town of Street. Thus, ERIH connects disused industrial facilities with modern industries and shows that industrial heritage not only refers to the past but also includes the industrial world of today and tomorrow.

A second XTRA feature lists all UNESCO World Heritage Sites within the ERIH network. The list includes sites across Europe, from Spain to Finland. The corresponding map makes the geographical allocation easy to view and shows particular concentrations in the Benelux region and in the UK.

Another important innovation of the ERIH website is its extension to include seven additional country profiles that describe the industrial history of Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Italy, Poland, Sweden, and Turkey, which has almost doubled the size of this section of the website. It provides clear information for website visitors and ERIH members who are looking for a quick overview of the industrial development of a certain country. At the same time ERIH fulfils its mandate to compose a broad picture out of each site’s historic legacy as part of a common European identity.

**Growth: our new ERIH members**

We welcome a number of new ERIH members.

**The anchor points:**
- Gijon (Spain): Asturian Railway Museum
- Minas de Riotinto (Spain): Riotinto Mining Park WHS
The new ERIH sites:
- Ostrava (Czech Republic): Lower area of Vitkovice
- Southampton (UK): Bursledon Brickworks
- Amfissa (Greece): Fokis Mining Park “Vagoneutto”
- Dudley (UK): Black Country Living Museum
- Sabadell (Spain): Fenosa Foundation Gas Museum
- Vik i Sogn (Norway): Refsdal Power Plant 1913

New Corporate Members:
- Hamburg (Germany): Hamburg Metropolitan Region

Suggested Anchor Points in Portugal
Last but not least, we share good news from Porto: Following the ERIH annual conference in October 2016 we received the first membership applications from Portugal. The ERIH board is currently evaluating Anchor Point applications from three Portuguese sites.

Save the date: Berlin in March, Copenhagen in September

ERIH Annual Conference 2017
The date and theme of this year’s ERIH annual conference and general assembly have been fixed. As already announced, it will take place on 20.-22.09.2017 in Copenhagen and focus on industrial tourism under the heading „Building on the past – presenting the future“.

Further information and a call for papers will be announced in February.

ERIH Meetings in the UK
Four meetings will be held in the UK in 2017.

14th February, The Pierhead Building, Cardiff, South Wales
5th April, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley, England
3rd July, Belfast, Northern Ireland (venue to be confirmed)
25th October, Verdant Works, Dundee, Scotland

If you are interested in participating, please contact the national representative Jonathan Lloyd: uk@erih.net

First ERIH Meeting in Czech Republic
The first ERIH meeting in the Czech Republic will be held on 9th March 2017 at the ERIH Anchor Point Old Waste Water Station Stara Cistirna in Prague.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the national representative Tomas Raboch: czech.republic@erih.net

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ERIH Meeting in Poland
The annual meeting of ERIH members and interested sites will be held 7/8 September 2017 in Walbrych (Stara Kopalnia).

If you are interested in participating, please contact the national representative Dr. Adam Hajduga: Poland@erih.net

German speaking National Meeting
The second ERIH Chapter meeting for German-speaking countries is approaching. As agreed at the kick-off event last year in Frankfurt it will be held on 23./24.03.2017 at the Berlin based ERIH anchor point German Technical Museum. In addition to presentations and workshops it will offer tours to selected ERIH sites in co-operation with the Berlin Center of Industrial Heritage. The invitation and a detailed programme will follow soon on the ERIH website.
http://www.erih.de/aktuelles/

Dates of Industrial Heritage Events on the ERIH Website
A useful new website feature - , a handy schedule of dates is now available in the ‘What is new?’ section on the ERIH website. It offers an overview of all days (including? nights or weeks) of industrial heritage in 2017. So far, we have only listed events in Germany and Poland but hopefully that is going to change. So whoever wants to be part of the list please forward basic details of the event to webmaster@erih.net.

ERIH activities relating to the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018
On 9th February the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on the decision establishing 2018 the European Year of Cultural Heritage.

The main objectives of this European Year are:
- to promote cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and social cohesion;
- to highlight the economic contribution of cultural heritage to the cultural and creative sectors, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and to local and regional development
- to emphasise the role of cultural heritage in EU external relations, including conflict prevention, post-conflict reconciliation and rebuilding destroyed cultural heritage

The European Year will be funded through the redeployment of budgetary resources from existing EU programmes and will have a dedicated financial envelope of EUR 8 million, plus additional national funds.

Preparations for the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 are in full swing.

The Industrial Hour
ERIH is currently working on a concept for an activity that will take place concurrently across Europe. At a certain date and time all machines at ERIH Anchor Points (and if possible other sites) will be switched on. Currently the concept is being developed. We will keep you informed about progress and how you can participate.

Sharing Heritage
On 9th February the German National Committee for Monument Protection organised a meeting in Berlin of different European networks, based in Germany, to discuss project ideas and develop common project applications. Information about the activities in Germany, can be found here:
http://www.sharingheritage.de/
Within the framework of the European Heritage Alliance 3.0, a meeting was held in Leipzig in November led by Europa Nostra and attended by representatives of 40 European cultural networks and associations. Further meetings are planned.

The European Commission invites 30 representatives to join a European level working group. The group is called “Voices of Culture” and will be responsible for coordinating the European activities. ERIH has applied to participate.

http://www.voiceofculture.eu

ERIH Board Meetings

The ERIH Board met during the ERIH Conference in Porto and in January in Duesseldorf. Besides decisions about acceptance of new members, different papers were discussed and decided, which will help to improve the structure the network.

The following documents are currently being finalised:

- **Agreement for National Representatives** (What are their tasks? What is their function in the ERIH network? How can communication between representatives and the Board be organised?)

- **Contract for Anchor Points** (rights and duties), which new Anchor Points will sign when joining the network. Existing Anchor Points will receive the paper for information but do not have to sign it.

- **Benefits of ERIH membership**
  We frequently receive enquiries about the benefits of ERIH membership and the differences between the membership categories. We are currently putting this information together in a brief paper.

All documents will be sent out by the ERIH secretariat and will be available on the website in the download section after their final approval.

**B-Industrial Tourismus**

**New trade fair for industrial tourism**

From 21 to 23 April 2017 the first trade fair for Industrial Tourism will be held during the tourism fair in Barcelona. The fair will target exhibitors that provide tourism offers in industrial heritage and living industry.

Further information and registration can be found here

http://b-industrial.elgenerador.cat/en

**New address of the ERIH office**

Please note that the ERIH office has moved end of 2016.

Please change the postal address:

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