



The Phoenicians' Route
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The Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue Among Islands

The “Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue Among Islands” event was held on March 9th in Portoferraio, on Elba Island, as part of the 2024 European Year of Islands. Organized by the Municipality of Portoferraio in collaboration with the Phoenicians’ Route and ANCIM, the meeting aimed to promote dialogue and collect proposals from Euro-Mediterranean islands, with a particular focus on smaller island communities.

The event brought together institutional representatives and key stakeholders, including Luigi Ferrara, representing the Italian Government, Salvatore Deidda, Chair of the Transport Committee of the Chamber of Deputies, and representatives of local authorities and European island organisations.

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International General Assembly – Kick-off Meeting, Malta

On March 15th–16th, Malta hosted the “Dialogue on the Phoenicians’ Route” as part of the 2024 European Year of Islands. Organized with the support of Maltese partners such as the Local Councils’ Association and Inizjamed, and in partnership with the American University of Malta, with the support of the Ministry for Finance and Employment of the Government of Malta, the opening ceremony took place at Castelletti Palace in Rabat. The initiative continued with the Kick-off Meeting and International General Assembly of the Cultural Route at the American University of Malta in Bormla.

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III Meeting of the Managers of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Spain

On May 8th – 9th, the III Meeting of the Managers of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe took place in Spain at the Altamira Museum in Cantabria, bringing together representatives of European Cultural Routes to exchange experiences and discuss European projects, citizenship, and international cooperation. Juan Miguel Pajuelo Sáez, Head of the Phoenicians’ Route Office in Spain, participated in the event, which also included a visit to the Altamira Museum, partner of the European Rock Art Trails – Council of Europe Cultural Route.

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“SMARTIES for SMEs” activities launched in June

The activities of the “SMARTIES for SMEs – Pills of Sustainable, Smart, Regenerative Tourism to Empower SMEs in the EU Mediterranean Area” project, co-funded by the European Union’s COSME Programme, began in June with the first three Capacity Building sessions led by experts of the Phoenicians’ Route, together with the Focus Groups conducted by experts of the Libertas University of Zagreb.

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Calendar of the next events:

July

- 12–14 July – Taormina Naxos Archaeological Film Festival
- 14–16 July – Carloforte Island: Intangible Heritage Audit
- 30 July – 2 August – Aquileia Film Festival

August

- 28–31 August – Mediterranean Literature Festival in Malta

September

- 9 September – SMARTIES for SMEs Project, Capacity Building Workshop – Carloforte Island (Sardinia)
- 14–15 September – Marsala, Sicily: Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Phoenicians’ Route Association (2004–2024) – *TBC*
- 19 September – SMARTIES for SMEs Project, Capacity Building Workshop – Maribor (Slovenia)
- 24–27 September – Visegrád (Hungary): Advisory Forum of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

October

- 9–10 October – QUEST Project, Transnational Project Meeting – Larnaca and Nicosia (Cyprus)
- 19 October – SMARTIES for SMEs Project, Capacity Building Workshop – Cittanova (Croatia)
- 22–25 October – Solin (Croatia): International Congress of Historical Cities

- 4–7 November – Poggiardo (Lecce): *Open Your Mind 2024 – Innovation Festival* – *TBC*
- 8–10 November – Palermo, Sicily: BTE – *Borsa del Turismo Extralberghiero* (Non-Hotel Tourism Fair), in collaboration with AssoTurismo Confesercenti Italy
- 13 November – SMARTIES for SMEs Project, Capacity Building Workshop – Andalusia (Spain)
- 14–16 November – Cádiz–Chiclana–El Puerto de Santa María (Spain): General Assembly and Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue on the Phoenicians' Route 2024
- 19 November – SMARTIES for SMEs Project, Transnational Project Meeting – Zagreb (Croatia)
- 29 November – NEXT ROUTES Project, Transnational Project Meeting – Selinunte (Italy)
- 30 November – 4 December – NEXT ROUTES Project: Transnational Training of Cultural Routes

December

- 5–8 December – Aquileia: Anniversary Celebration of UNESCO Certification



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