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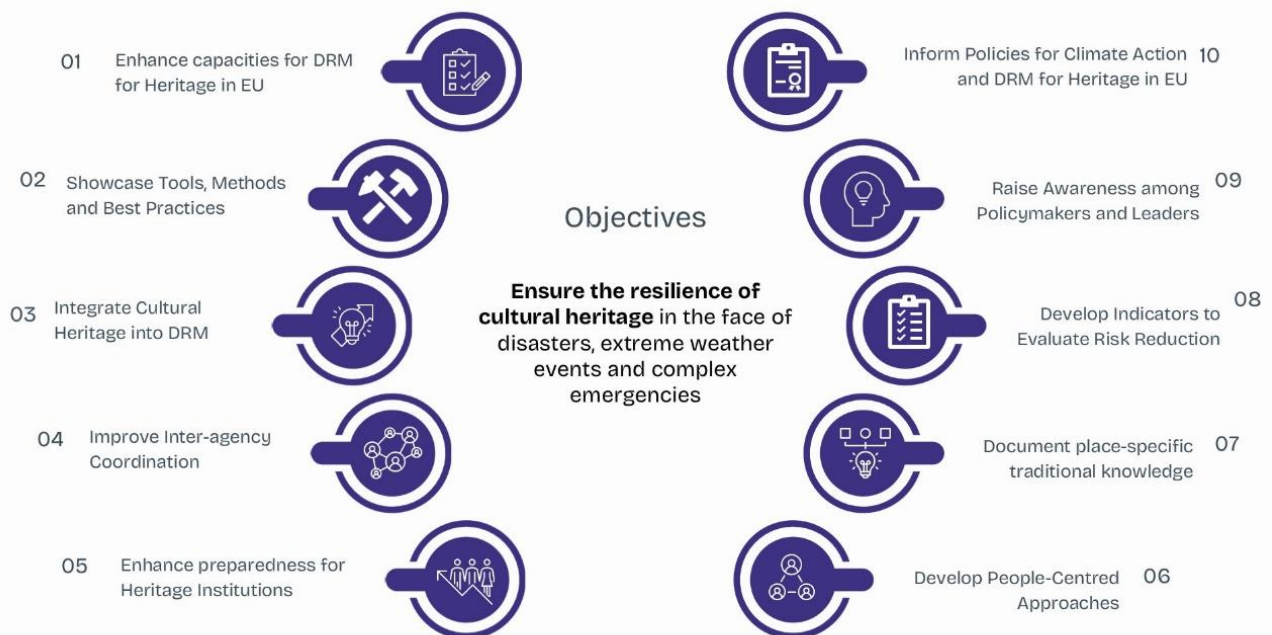
Safeguarding Cultural Heritage from Disasters,
Extreme Weather Events, and Complex Emergencies

October 2024 - October 2027

Introduction: A Call to Action

Europe's cultural heritage – historic sites, artefacts, and traditions— is increasingly threatened by natural hazards, extreme weather events, and conflicts. Devastating floods, wildfires, severe storms and prolonged heatwaves, exacerbated by climate change, are expected to grow in both frequency and magnitude, posing unprecedented challenges to communities and their cultural heritage.

In response to these growing challenges, ICCROM's flagship programme, First Aid and Resilience for Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis ([FAR](#)), in partnership with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture ([DG EAC](#)) with the financial support of the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union, has launched a 38-month pan-European initiative: *READY – Safeguarding Cultural Heritage from Disasters, Extreme Weather Events, and Complex Emergencies*. This capacity-building project aims to enhance the skills and strategies needed to protect cultural heritage while empowering communities to respond effectively to climate risks, disasters, and complex emergencies.



Why READY?

READY aims to integrate heritage protection into disaster risk management to protect heritage places and their associated communities. By the end of its 38-month implementation, READY will have:

- Trained 60-75 professionals through two in-depth capacity development programs on movable, immovable, and intangible heritage.
- Created a sustainable network of 20-25 trainers, enabling long-term knowledge transfer and capacity building across Europe.
- Implemented 15-20 field projects, focusing on disaster preparedness, emergency response, and community-based risk reduction in participating countries.
- Share good practices, success stories and lessons learned through an online conference and an open-access digital publication to inform policy and practice at a regional and national level.

How READY Works

READY is structured around three interconnected components:

Comprehensive Training Programs

- Two capacity-building initiatives focusing on movable, immovable and intangible heritage.
- Online mentoring paired with immersive, hands-on training.
- Simulation exercises to ensure participants can apply their skills in real-world scenarios.

Field Projects and Knowledge Sharing

- Participants will implement field projects in their home countries, applying the skills learned during training to address local challenges.
- These projects will document traditional knowledge, develop disaster risk management strategies, and enhance community resilience.

Policy Advocacy and Networking

- READY will connect cultural heritage professionals, disaster risk specialists, emergency responders, and policymakers, fostering collaboration across sectors.
- The project will actively promote integrating cultural heritage protection into broader resilience frameworks at the national and EU levels.

Partner with READY

Become an Organizing Partner: Host one of READY's regional training programs and provide a venue for hands-on learning.

Become a Technical Partner: Share knowledge, tools, and best practices to enrich READY's training curriculum and resources.

Become a Participating Country: Enhance national policies and frameworks to include cultural heritage protection in disaster risk management and climate adaptation plans.

For more information or to join READY, contact us at far_programme@iccrom.org or visit www.iccrom.org.

YEAR 01

(October
2024-
October
2025)

- A hybrid partner and stakeholder meeting with needs assessments for heritage protection in the EU
- Online distance mentoring (foundational training and data gathering) for 20-25 multi-disciplinary professionals from the EU.
- In-person training for 20-25 professionals for movable and intangible heritage.
- Hybrid follow-up meeting to review participants' final field projects.
- Field Project implementation supported by distance mentoring.
- Online inter-agency coordination meeting for disseminating outcomes of field Projects on improving disaster risk management for heritage in participants' countries and awareness-raising.

YEAR 02

(October
2025-
October
2026)

- Online distance mentoring (foundational training and data gathering) for 20-25 multi-disciplinary professionals from the EU.
- In-person training for 20-25 professionals for immovable and intangible heritage.
- Hybrid follow-up meeting to review participants' final field project outcomes.
- Field Project implementation supported by distance mentoring.
- Online inter-agency coordination meeting for disseminating outcomes of field Projects on improving disaster risk management for heritage in participants' countries awareness-raising.

YEAR 03

(October
2026-
October
2027)

- Advanced training of trainers for 20-25 professionals drawn from the existing alumni network built through the two years of the EU training.
- Preparation of an online course on ICCROM's Learning Management System by the trainers in close collaboration with ICCROM-FAR.
- Online conference disseminating results of the Project for at least 300-400 change-makers and key regional/national agencies, as well as universities and relevant NGOs.
- Digital publication on success stories and lessons learned from the Project.