

Call for Papers

Final Conference of the INACO Project

Risk Management for Cultural and Natural Heritage in Times of Climate Change

The Interreg Central Europe project **INACO** warmly invites researchers, practitioners, public authorities, heritage professionals, emergency managers, climate experts, and policy-makers to submit contributions for the project's Final Conference:

Risk Management for Cultural and Natural Heritage in Times of Climate Change

The conference will take place on **11 November 2026** in Eisenstadt and will present the main outcomes, tools, methodologies, and practical experiences developed throughout the INACO project.

About the Conference

Climate change and increasing extreme weather events are posing growing challenges to the safeguarding of cultural and natural heritage across Central Europe. Floods, droughts, heatwaves, storms, erosion, and other climate-related hazards increasingly threaten historic sites, cultural landscapes, archaeological areas, natural reserves, and heritage-based communities.

The INACO project has addressed these challenges by developing:

- systematic approaches for heritage-sensitive risk management,
- operational protocols and disaster scripts,
- transnational risk management plans,
- digital assessment and mapping tools,
- and training concepts for the emerging role of the **Risk Manager for Cultural and Natural Heritage**.

The conference aims to bring together interdisciplinary perspectives and practical experiences related to climate resilience, heritage protection, governance, and risk management. It seeks to foster interdisciplinary exchange, strengthen professional networks, and encourage discussion on innovative approaches to heritage risk management, while contributing to the long-term resilience of cultural and natural heritage in Central Europe.

Particular emphasis is placed on practical applicability, the integration of governance structures, and the promotion of transnational cooperation.

Topics of Interest

We welcome contributions related, but not limited, to the following themes:

Risk Management & Governance

- Risk governance for cultural and natural heritage
- Climate adaptation strategies
- Disaster risk reduction and preparedness
- Integration into public administration and planning
- Cross-sector and multi-level governance

Cultural & Natural Heritage under Climate Change

- Vulnerability and exposure assessment
- Heritage resilience and adaptation
- Climate impacts on archaeological sites, historic buildings, cultural landscapes, and natural reserves
- Preventive conservation approaches

Digital Tools & Innovation

- Risk mapping and geospatial analysis
- Digital monitoring tools
- Data-driven heritage management
- Early warning systems
- Web-based applications and participatory platforms

Protocols, Procedures & Disaster Scripts

- Emergency planning for heritage
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Hazard-specific response strategies
- Recovery and reconstruction approaches

Training, Capacity Building & Competence Networks

- Education and training for Risk Managers
- Interdisciplinary cooperation
- Knowledge transfer between science, policy, and practice
- Community engagement and participatory approaches

Use Cases & Practical Experiences

- Pilot site experiences
- Local and regional case studies
- Lessons learned from exercises and simulations
- Best practices and transferable methodologies

Submission Formats

We welcome:

- Academic papers
- Practice-oriented presentations
- Case studies
- Tool demonstrations
- Poster presentations

Submission Guidelines

Please submit:

- Title of contribution
- Author(s) and affiliation(s)
- Abstract (max. 300 words)
- Preferred format (presentation/poster/demo)



Submission deadline: **15 July 2026**



Submissions should be sent to: **zkgs@donau-uni.ac.at**



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Organisational Information

INACO Final Conference: 11 November 2026, Eisenstadt (Austria)

Further details on the programme, registration, venue, and conference logistics will be published in the coming months.

www.donau-uni.ac.at/inaco

We look forward to welcoming you to Eisenstadt and to discussing together how cultural and natural heritage can be safeguarded in times of accelerating climate change.

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