

24–28 February 2025 – Trieste/Gorizia

## **T4EU Common European Heritage WEEK**

University of Trieste

The T4EU Common European Heritage Week, organized by University of Trieste in collaboration with some GLAM stakeholders offers an immersive exploration of Common European Heritage, with a particular emphasis on border dynamics and shared cultural legacies.

Key highlights of the week include a Transformative Heritage Workshop (24<sup>th</sup> February), the second WP7 Heritage Conference *“Transborder Heritage: A Multidisciplinary Approach”* (25 to 27) and a field visit in Gorizia/Nova Gorica (28<sup>th</sup> February), providing theoretical and practical insights into the challenges of heritage in transborder area.

MA and PhD students are particularly encouraged to participate, but BA students attending their last year are also welcome. The event will be organised in the form of BIP and will include panels, workshops, seminars, field visits, and public lectures (Talks4EU).

### **Heritage WEEK Programme**

- Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.** – Travel Day.
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.** – Inauguration of the “T4EU Common European Heritage Week” and Transformative Heritage Workshop.
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.** – Opening of the Second Heritage Conference “Transborder Heritage: A Multidisciplinary Approach”. First session: “History and Memories in Border Areas”: panel, workshop, Talks4EU.
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.** – Second session: “Anthropology and Identities between Borders”: panel, workshop, Talks4EU.
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb.** – Third session: “Architecture and Transborder Spaces”: panel, workshop, Talks4EU.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.** – Gorizia–Nova Gorica field visit and closing seminar.
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>** – Travel Day.

# Second Heritage Conference

## Transborder Heritage: A Multidisciplinary Approach

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#### Abstract

The *Transborder Heritage: A Multidisciplinary Approach*, scheduled for February 25–27, 2025, will bring together researchers, students and stakeholders to explore the complex relationships between borders and cultural heritage. This conference will unite disciplines such as anthropology, history, and architecture, to address key questions of identities, memories, legacies, ownership and preservation that are particularly relevant in border regions. In these areas, heritage acts as both a unifying factor and a source of conflict, and is shaped by diverse socio-cultural exchanges and political divides. The conference emphasizes the need for a multidisciplinary approach to better understand and manage borderlands heritages.

Over three days, the conference will focus on three interconnected issues central to transborder heritage:

- 1. History and Memories in Border Areas** Participants will gain historical insights into the process of border heritages, examining how historical changes and memories shape contemporary heritage claims.
- 2. Anthropology and Identities between Borders:** This session will investigate how border communities sustain, transform or contest cultural practices amidst political changes, analysing how identities are negotiated between borders.
- 3. Architecture and Transborder Spaces:** This session will explore the architectural and urban heritage of border regions, fostering a dialogue between past and future. It will examine how architecture can address contemporary challenges, such as environmental sustainability and social cohesion, while transforming heritage into a resource for innovation.

A series of panels, workshops and lectures will provide participants with direct insights into the complexities of managing heritage in border areas, particularly in the Upper Adriatic region.

The University of Trieste invites experts, scholars, and PhD students from the T4EU Alliance to submit their contributions by January 20th 2025. This collaboration with T4EU will bring together diverse perspectives from various regions and disciplines, enriching discussions and promoting innovative strategies for inclusive heritage management in borderlands.

Additionally, the *Transborder Heritage Conference* will include a Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) designed to engage students from T4EU institutions in an immersive five-day learning experience. The BIP will involve participation in sessions, field visits, and workshops that focus on the unique challenges of heritage in border areas. Visits are designed to enhance academic understanding and facilitate dialogue with local communities and stakeholders. Through this programme, students will acquire practical skills, encourage cross-cultural exchanges, and deepen their understanding of the intertwined issues characterizing transborder heritage.

Ultimately, the *Transborder Heritage Conference* aims to foster collaborative frameworks with Stakeholders and citizens for sustainable and inclusive heritage management in border areas. By promoting the exchange of ideas and practices across disciplines, the event seeks to provide actionable recommendations that honour and preserve the diverse, interconnected identities of border communities. This multidisciplinary approach is essential for tackling the unique complexities of heritage in these dynamic spaces, where cultural and political histories intersect and continue to evolve.