



International Conference

European Steel and Coal Heritage

10.04.2025-11.04.2025
Katowice [PL]

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The conference will continue the discussions initiated in 2023 on the protection and preservation of industrial and mobile heritage in Europe. Participants at the conference titled "Industrial Heritage in the Heart of Green Europe" discussed directions for protecting industrial heritage, particularly related to the use of fossil fuels. At the end of the conference, important recommendations for the preservation of industrial heritage in Europe were announced. This year's conference aims to be a platform to specify topics crucial for the practical protection of fossil-fuel heritage, including coal.

Key topics for discussion include the preservation and continued use of mining heritage as a vital means of documenting and presenting coal's central and historic role during the "Industrial Revolution." Planned presentations and discussions will focus on priorities for the protection of working industrial heritage, particularly in the context of the need for continued but limited fossil-fuel extraction to meet the needs of museums and organisations that protect, present and operate industrial sites with historic vehicles, machinery, and equipment using fossil fuels.

Another important topic of the conference will be the adaptive re-use of former industrial sites, including examples across the world where industrial heritage and mobile heritage has been at the centre of sustainable regeneration, and where the carbon already embodied within existing buildings and structures has been saved and given a new life.

A separate session for experts will present the status of efforts to inscribe Polish sites related to industrial heritage on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

The outcome of the conference will be the identification of goals and methods of protection, as well as pathways for implementation, thereby ensuring that the rich achievements of European technology and industry can be properly and meaningfully preserved and made accessible to future generations.

In order to further develop the effective care of technical heritage in Europe, the conference will present the state of play of the work on the establishment of a new European organisation, TICCIH Europa.

Organizers:

- Polish TICCIH Committee
- National Heritage Institute
- Ministry of Culture and National Heritage
- Working Industrial and Mobile Heritage Platform [WIMH]
- Foundation for the Protection of Industrial Heritage in Silesia

Patronage

- Europa Nostra
- Ministry of Industry
- Marshal of Silesia
- Mayor of Katowice

Conference program

10th April 2025 (Thursday) / Silesian Parliament*

- 09:30-10:00 Welcome Speeches (General Conservator of Monuments, Secretary General of Europa Nostra, Minister of Industry, Marshal of Silesia)
- 10:00-10:20 Miles Oglethorpe: "Protecting our Industrial Heritage and making it work for a sustainable future."
- 10:20-10:40 Hildebrand de Boer, "Heritage of Coal and Steel."
- 10:40-11:00 Massimo Priete: "Urban Revitalization in Europe Through the Reuse of Industrial Heritage: The Development of the Concept"
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-11:50 Jaap Nieweg: "European Green Light for Mobile Cultural Heritage."
- 11:50-12:15 Ministry of Industry: "Transformation Program in Coal Mining in Upper Silesia with Consideration for the Protection of Mining Heritage."
- 12:15-13:15 Panel Discussion I (vol.1): The possibility of maintaining coal extraction for the preservation and operation of industrial heritage (representatives from: technical museums, organisations of historic vehicle collectors, the Ministry of Industry, the European Commission).
- 13:15-14:15 Lunch
- 14:15-15:15 Panel Discussion I (vol.2)
- 15:15-15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45-17:00 Panel Discussion: Goals and Tasks of the European Committee for the Protection of Industrial Heritage TICCIH Europe – Establishing a new European organisation for the protection of industrial heritage based in Poland (presentation of the draft statute of TICCIH Europe, discussion among TICCIH members).
- 19:30-22:30 Banquet w Zinc Rolling Mill in Katowice

*Located in The Silesian Voivodeship Office building

Conference program

11th April 2025 (Friday)

09:00-15:00	Study visits
10:00-12:30	Coal Mine "Marcel" in Radlin
13:00-14:00	Historic coal mine "Ignacy" w Rybniku; exhibition visit with demonstration of working steam engine from 1920.
14:00-15:00	Lunch in historic coal mine "Ignacy" [both groups]

Localizations

The assembly hall of the Silesian Parliament

Located in The Silesian Voivodeship Office building
(pol. *Śląski Urząd Wojewódzki*);
ul. Jagiellońska 25, 40-032 Katowice
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/2ssxB2f7wo4gKnak8>

Zinc Rolling Mill "Walcownia"

(pol. *Muzeum Hutnictwa Cynku WALCOWNIA*)
ul. 11 Listopada 50, 40-387 Katowice
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/CqkftUxz7Gd9aRSKA>

Coal Mine "Marcel"

(pol. *Kopalnia Węgla Kamiennego "Marcel"*);
ul. Wojciecha Korfantego 52, 44-310 Radlin
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/n5cXSPNCihOrt5Yv7>

Historic Coal Mine "Ignacy"

(pol. *Zabytkowa Kopalnia "Ignacy"*);
Ignacego Mościckiego 3, 44-273 Rybnik
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/F8sfV7fPWXYUUaci6>