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**Europa Nostra Awards 2025 for
the School of Arts and Crafts of the Fabric of Saint Peter in the Vatican, HOLY SEE**

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The 2025 winners of Europe's most prestigious awards for heritage were announced today. This year, the European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards, co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union, go to [30 outstanding winners from 24 countries](#) across the continent.

Three of this year's winners come from countries that are not associated with the EU Creative Europe Programme, namely the United Kingdom, The Holy See and Moldova. These winners receive the Europa Nostra Awards, which reflect the organisation's commitment to recognising heritage excellence in all countries of the Council of Europe. Europa Nostra is the most representative heritage civil society network in Europe.

These are three winners of the Europa Nostra Awards 2025:

- [**The Camellia House, Wentworth Woodhouse, UNITED KINGDOM**](#)
Category Conservation & Adaptive Reuse
- [**School of Arts and Crafts of the Fabric of Saint Peter in the Vatican, HOLY SEE**](#)
Category Education, Training & Skills
- [**Varvara Buzilă, MOLDOVA**](#)
Category Heritage Champions

The winners were selected by the [Awards' Jury](#), composed of 11 heritage experts from across Europe, upon evaluation of the applications by the [Selection Committees](#). A total of 251 eligible applications to this year's Awards were submitted by organisations and individuals from 41 European countries.

The winners will be celebrated at the **European Heritage Awards Ceremony 2025** on **13 October** at Flagey, an iconic Art Deco building, in **Brussels**, Belgium. This high-profile event will feature the participation of the Executive President of Europa Nostra, **Hermann Parzinger**, and European Commissioner for Intergenerational Fairness, Youth, Culture and Sport, **Glenn Micallef**.

The ceremony will be a highlight of the [European Cultural Heritage Summit 2025](#), which will take place from 12 to 14 October in Brussels. In a complex geopolitical context, the Summit will also provide a

timely opportunity to give visibility and resonance to the upcoming Cultural Compass of the European Union, and to advocate for the political, societal, environmental and economic value of cultural heritage for the future of Europe. The Summit is organised by Europa Nostra and co-funded by the European Union.

School of Arts and Crafts of the Fabric of Saint Peter in the Vatican, HOLY SEE

The School of Arts and Crafts, established by the Fabric of Saint Peter and the Fratelli tutti Foundation, offers full-time, tuition-free training in heritage crafts to young people. It revives centuries-old traditions while fostering community, spiritual growth and hands-on learning in the heart of the Vatican.

“The School of Arts and Crafts of the Fabric of Saint Peter safeguards European cultural heritage through its holistic programme, combining craft training with academic and spiritual development in an environment open to diverse students at no charge,” the Awards’ Jury stated. *“The creation of lasting bonds among participants and the potential for progression to employment or further education are notable strengths,”* the Awards’ Jury commented.

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Background

European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards

The [European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards](#) were launched by the European Commission in 2002 and have been run by Europa Nostra ever since. For 23 years, the Awards have been a key tool to recognise and promote the multiple values of heritage for Europe’s culture, society, economy, and environment.

The Awards have highlighted and disseminated heritage excellence and best practices in Europe, encouraged the cross-border exchange of knowledge and connected heritage stakeholders in wider networks. The Awards have brought major benefits to the winners, such as greater (inter)national exposure, additional funding and increased visitor numbers. In addition, the Awards have championed a greater care for our shared heritage among Europe’s citizens. For additional facts and figures about the Awards, please visit the [Awards website](#).

The Call for Entries for the 2026 edition of the Awards is open. Visit www.europeanheritageawards.eu for more information and submit your application online by 9 September 2025.

The applications to the European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards and to the Europa Nostra Awards are made through the same procedure and are evaluated together through the same process. However, only the winners of the European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards coming from

countries associated with the Creative Europe Programme are eligible to win one of 5 Grand Prix and/or the Public Choice Award, each with a monetary award of €10,000.

Entries for the European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards may be submitted by all countries that are associated with the Creative Europe Programme, i.e. the 27 EU Member States, the 3 EEA-countries (Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland), and other third countries that have signed an Association Agreement with the EU. Entries coming from countries that are members of the Council of Europe but are not associated with the Creative Europe Programme are eligible for the Europa Nostra Awards.

Europa Nostra

[Europa Nostra](#) is the European voice of civil society committed to safeguarding and promoting cultural and natural heritage. It is a pan-European federation of heritage NGOs, supported by a wide network of public bodies, private companies and individuals, covering over 40 countries. It is the largest and the most representative heritage network in Europe, maintaining close relations with the European Union, the Council of Europe, UNESCO and other international bodies. Founded in 1963, Europa Nostra celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2023.

Europa Nostra campaigns to save Europe's endangered monuments, sites and landscapes, in particular through the [7 Most Endangered Programme](#). It celebrates and disseminates excellence through the [European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards](#). Europa Nostra actively contributes to the definition and implementation of European strategies and policies related to heritage, through a participatory dialogue with European Institutions and the coordination of the [European Heritage Alliance](#).

Europa Nostra has led the European consortium selected by the European Commission to run the [European Heritage Hub](#) pilot project (2023-2025). It is also a partner of the [New European Bauhaus](#) initiative developed by the European Commission, and a leading European member and supporter of the [Climate Heritage Network](#).