

Intangibility Matters

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Tangible heritage is the support of some of the most relevant and perennial values of Mankind.

It connects us with History, projects us to past environments and to lost cultural contexts, includes landmarks of our identity and constitutes a relevant economic asset.

Therefore tangible heritage has intangible aspects inextricably associated to it and when tangible heritage is addressed, *intangibility matters*. Conservation of tangible heritage is a cultural act with the value approach as a leading concept. The protection statutes, the arguments used to sustain the protection policies, the management options and definition of priorities, the allocation of resources and the uses of heritage assets are intimately connected and dependent on values, bringing to focus the intangible side of their nature.

Themes

- Assignment of values to tangible heritage;
- Protection policies at local, regional, national and transnational levels;
- Intervention methodologies and operational practices bound by intangible aspects;
- Urban planning, rehabilitation practices and heritage values;
- Conservation of architectonic heritage and conservation theories;
- Education for heritage protection;
- Sustainable exploitation of heritage;
- Spiritual enrichment from tangible cultural heritage;
- Tangible heritage as a source of inspiration for design and the arts;
- Heritage as a political instrument;
- Evolution of intangible aspects over time;
- The emergence of values - endowment of recent constructions;
- Study and recuperation of ancient techniques;
- Survival of immaterial aspects of lost tangible heritage;
- Other related aspects.