

CONNECTING REFORMATION HERITAGE IN CENTRAL EUROPE

Policy Conference

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European Cultural Route of Reformation

Erfurt, Germany

Venue: Collegium Maius, Michaelisstraße 39, 99084 Erfurt, Germany

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The Policy Conference celebrates and highlights the transnational and diverse character of the Reformation across Europe and the value of its cultural heritage. The foundations of the European Cultural Route of Reformation will be presented, culminating in the formal adoption of the Transnational Action Plan, the roadmap for the consolidation of the Route.

The international event brings and welds together Reformation-related regions, within and beyond the Interreg-Project, motivating stakeholders and actors to join the Route.

Key facts about the Interreg-Project “European Cultural Route of Reformation”



July 2016



June 2019



≈ 2,3 Mio.€



12 Project Partners & 13 Associated Partners



8 Pilot regions in 7 countries



Application for the Certification by the Council of Europe as official
“European Cultural Route”



09:30 - 10:00 Registration and reception

10:00 - 10:45 Opening and welcome addresses

Christfried Boelter, *Church and Tourism Association*

To be announced, *Evangelical Church of Central Germany (to be confirmed)*

Dr. Babette Winter, *State Secretary for Culture and Europe, Thuringian State Chancellery*

Dr. Tobias Knoblich, *Cultural Director of the City of Erfurt*

Heike Neugebauer, *Association for Rural Development Thuringia, Lead Partner of the ECRR-Project*

10:45 - 12:15 The European dimension of Reformation

From Movement to Church - The Waldensians and Reformations throughout Europe and Italy in the centuries

Davide Rosso

Director of the Waldensian Cultural Centre Foundation, Torino

Jan Hus and the early phase of Reformation in Bohemia

Jakub Smrcka

Director of the Hussite Museum, Tabor

The Reformation in Slovenia and its effects on the national identity and language

Leon Novak

Pastor, Primož Trubar Institute, Murska Sobota

Huldrych Zwingli: The Reformation in Zurich - A fundamental contribution for the European Reformation movement

Michael Schaar

Pastor and Director of the Pilgrim Center, Zurich

View on the European dimension of Reformation

Bishop Michael Bünker

General Secretary of the Association of Evangelical Churches in Europe (GEKE), Vienna

12:15 - 13:15 Lunch break

13:15 - 14:15 Cultural heritage and European Cultural Routes

What do cultural values mean for tourism?

Dr. Cordelius Ilgmann

Head of Department Economic Promotion, Tourism and Digital Society at the Thuringian Ministry of Economic Promotion, Science and Digital Society, Erfurt

Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe: A unique programme to connect heritage and tourism

Caroline Fischer

Director of the European Cultural and Information Center, Erfurt

The Establishment of a European Cultural Route of Reformation - Perspective of a Regional Association of Tourism and its Experience Regarding the Transnational Network Transromanica e.V.

Lars-Jörn Zimmer

State Assembly of Sachsen-Anhalt and Chairman of Tourism

Organization Sachsen-Anhalt, Magdeburg

14:15 - 15:30 Regional Fair and coffee break

15:30 - 16:45 ECRR Forum

The European Cultural Heritage Year 2018 and the Heritage of the Reformation - Projects, Thoughts, and Suggestions

Dr. Uwe Koch

German Committee for Monument Preservation, Berlin

Route's launching by ECRR family members

Motivation for joining the European Cultural Route of Reformation, Expectations and Contribution – Discussion round with Stakeholders

moderated by Dr. Christian Baumgartner

Protestant Church Austria, Vienna

Formal signing of the Transnational Action Plan



16:45 - 17:00 Summary and outlook

17:00 - 18:00 Press and networking break

18:00 - 19:30 Panel Discussion

Religion - Reformation - Society - Social values:
The Inter-religious Dialogue in Europe Nowadays

Hosted by: Blanca Weber, *Freelance Journalist* and Dr. Thomas Seidel, *Commissary of Reformation for the Thuringian State Government*

Discussants:

Bodo Ramelow, *Thuringian Prime Minister*

Aiman A. Mazyek, *Central Council of Muslims in Germany, Cologne*

Hermann Simon, *former Director of the Centre Judaicum in Berlin*

Hubertus Staudacher, *Commissary of the Bishopric of Erfurt for the relations with the Islamic community*

Bishop Michael Bünker, *General Secretary of the Association of Evangelical Churches in Europe (GEKE), Vienna*

19:30 - 21:00 Networking reception with dinner

Moderation: Dr. Christian Baumgartner & Detlev Geissler

