

## **The Role of Local and Regional Museums in the Building of a People's Europe**

### **Musei e comunità in Europa: passato, presente e futuro**

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ICOM-Europe is a Regional Organization of the International Council of Museums. It provides a forum for the exchange of information and co-operation between National Committees in Europe. It also represents a framework for co-operation between museums and museum professionals.

Europe on the verge of the 21st century is characterized by strong, but ambiguous attempts to determine its destiny and future role in the world. Together with other European cultural institutions and active members of the civil society its museums can contribute to this process in a very profound way. As places of individual, social and cultural memory museums in Europe can participate in reflecting the past for the benefit of the present and the future.

The ICOM Europe 2016-2019 activity is planned with seminars, conferences and debates, organized in different European countries on fundamental issues of the contemporary museum studies. The 2016 Conference took place in Lisbon and treated the rôle of the National Museums in Europe, as the 2018 one will efford the new paradigma of the museum management.

The 2017 Conference will face a not only Italian fundamental issue for the museum studies: the rôle of the local and community museums in Europe. It is well known that these museums rrepresent a signifying majority of the five thousand museums spread in italian country. Historical reasons, linked to the country development, let frame such a totally Italian distinctive feature, that represents a great cultural and democratic resource, but creates some managment and sustainability problems.

To debate in Italy about the local and community museums in the building of People's Europe in 2017, as the National museum System is going to be built and when and where the renewal of European Treaties took place, acquires an outstanding meaning.

The structure of the Conference will be so:

- The concept of Local and National, in Italy and in Europe, in the history and in the contemporary debate
- Different exemples of local museums in Italy and in Europe
- From the local to the community museums
- Europe and local and community museums. The politics of European Community.

The lectures will be given by the major Italian and European experts on the matter.