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The tenth edition of the network’s annual meeting demonstrates the commitment of European World Heritage site managers to collaborate, exchange ideas and practices, and share their experience with a view to building and enhancing heritage management practices. We are well aware of the challenges we share, starting with the need to improve world heritage site management systems, raise awareness and forge collaborations in conserving the outstanding universal value, strengthen capacity building, and seek solutions to one of the greatest challenges facing our planet today – the impact of climate change on heritage and society at large. The meeting will provide a platform for representatives of our associations to discuss the network’s recent achievements, including the participation in the First European Forum of World Heritage Site Managers in Spain, to reflect on our work so far, and develop a dialogue on our common actions looking forward. The recently developed Regional Action Plan for Europe and North America (2024–2031), which will be presented at the meeting, can serve as one of potential strategic points of departure for our future efforts.

Program

8 OCTOBER 2025, LJUBLJANA / MAO		11:00	First European Forum of World Heritage Site Managers (report, declaration, next steps) María del Pozo López, Alianza de Paisajes Culturales y Sitios Afines Patrimonio Mundial
14:30	Participant registration		
15:00	Institutional greetings Maja Vardjan (Director, Museum of Architecture and Design); Maja Zalaznik (President, Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO); Špela Spanžel (Director-General, Cultural Heritage Directorate, Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia); Magdalena Landry (Director, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe)	12:00	Discussion
		13:00	Light lunch
		14:00	Workshop and discussion: Updates and future development of the ENWHA Miles Spohr, UNESCO-Welterbestätten Deutschland e. V.
15:15	From Strategy into Action: Implementing the Regional Action Plan for Europe and North America at National Level Letícia Leitão, independent consultant	16:00	Wrap-up and conclusion
		17:00	Guided tour: Museum of Architecture and Design – MAO
		19:00	Dinner
16:15	Discussion		
17:30	Guided tour: Plečnik’s Ljubljana	10 OCTOBER 2025, IDRİJA	
19:00	Dinner	08:00	Bus departs Ljubljana
9 OCTOBER 2025, LJUBLJANA / MAO		09:45	Guided tour: Anthony’s Main Road (underground mine museum)
09:30	Participant registration	11:45	Guided tour: Gewerkenegg Castle – Idrija lace exhibition
10:00	European WH Sites: Overview of Governance & Management Frameworks Chris Blandford, World Heritage UK	12:45	Lunch
		14:00	Guided tour: Hg Smelting Plant
		15:15	Bus departs Idrija
		16:45	Arrival in Ljubljana