

# WORKING INDUSTRIAL & MOBILE HERITAGE PLATFORM (WIMH)

- The working industrial and mobile heritage is part of our European identity and global culture. This heritage is composed of industrial buildings and installations, infrastructural works, means of transport and related intangible heritage that characterise the development of Europe and the world in terms of industrialisation and mobility. These constitute a living testimony that ensures that this essential heritage is not lost to future generations.
- The organisations that are partners in the WIMH Platform, **call on EU decision-makers in the new legislature to protect our Working Industrial and Mobile Heritage.**



## DID YOU KNOW?

- That all over Europe countless volunteers and professionals keep industrial heritage sites, museum railways, historic means of transport and industrial equipment in action and operation. This allows millions of citizens to experience and learn how our ancestors contributed to our current European way of life.

## KEY NEEDS 2024-2029

- 1 The **European Union contribution to the preservation of working industrial and mobile heritage is essential.**
- 2 **The European Union must commit to creating the conditions to preserve and present our Industrial and Mobile Heritage in working condition**, including the use of raw materials required for this purpose. This implies the continued availability and use of a very small but vital supply of fossil fuels necessary for heritage preservation.
- 3 It is in the **interest of European society** to guarantee the transfer to **future generations of the knowledge** and expertise linked to this heritage. A European public-private partnership should support educational programmes and promotional activities related to our working and industrial heritage.

## AVAILABILITY OF HERITAGE FOSSIL FUELS

- Working industrial and mobile heritage depends on the continued and limited availability of a very small but vital supply of fossil fuels, like coal and oil derivatives. Fossil fuels remain necessary for the dynamics of heritage machines and vehicles.
- This is compatible with the Green Deal and emissions reduction targets. Due to its very limited scale, heritage-related use of fossil fuels has a negligible impact on the environment. In parallel, WIMH supports the research and development of sustainable alternative fuels.

