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International Conference

# European Steel and Coal Heritage

10.04.2025-11.04.2025  
Katowice [PL]

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The conference will continue the discussions initiated in 2023 on the protection and preservation of industrial and mobile heritage in Europe. Participants at the conference titled “Industrial Heritage in the Heart of Green Europe” discussed directions for protecting industrial heritage, particularly related to the use of fossil fuels. At the end of the conference, important recommendations for the preservation of industrial heritage in Europe were announced. This year's conference aims to be a platform to specify topics crucial for the practical protection of fossil-fuel heritage, including coal.

Key topics for discussion include the preservation and continued use of mining heritage as a vital means of documenting and presenting coal's central and historic role during the “Industrial Revolution.” Planned presentations and discussions will focus on priorities for the protection of working industrial heritage, particularly in the context of the need for continued but limited fossil-fuel extraction to meet the needs of museums and organisations that protect, present and operate industrial sites with historic vehicles, machinery, and equipment using fossil fuels.

Another important topic of the conference will be the adaptive re-use of former industrial sites, including examples across the world where industrial heritage and mobile heritage has been at the centre of sustainable regeneration, and where the carbon already embodied within existing buildings and structures has been saved and given a new life.

The outcome of the conference will be the identification of goals and methods of protection, as well as pathways for implementation, thereby ensuring that the rich achievements of European technology and industry can be properly and meaningfully preserved and made accessible to future generations.

In order to further develop the effective care of technical heritage in Europe, the conference will present the state of play of the work on the establishment of a new European organisation, TICCIH Europa.

#### Organizers:

- Ministry of Culture and National Heritage
- National Heritage Institute
- Polish TICCIH Committee
- Working Industrial and Mobile Heritage Platform [WIMH]
- Foundation for the Protection of Industrial Heritage on Silesia

#### Honorary Patronage:

- Patronage of the Polish presidency of the Council of the UE
- Ministry of Industry
- Marshal of Silesia
- Europa Nostra

## Conference program

10.04.2025 r. (Thursday)

- 09:30-09:50 Welcome speeches
- Bożena Żelazowska  
Secretary of State in Ministry of Culture and National Heritage
  - Ministry of Industry
  - prof. Jacek Purchla  
Vice President Europa Nostra
  - dr Pierre Laconte  
Chairman of the Industrial and Engineering Heritage Committee of Europa
- 09:50-10:00 European Heritage Award  
Presentation of the European Heritage Award (Europa Nostra Award) in the Heritage Champions 2024 category by Professor Jacek Purchla chairman of the European Heritage Award to Piotr Gerber
- 10:00-10:20 Protecting our industrial heritage and making it work for a sustainable future  
dr Miles Oglethorpe, TICCIH President
- 10:20-10:40 Coal and Steel Heritage  
Hildebrand de Boer, Europa Nostra Member of the Board
- 10:40-11:00 Urban revitalization in Europe through the reuse of industrial heritage: the development of the concept  
prof. Massimo Preite, University of Florence
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-11:50 European green light for mobile cultural heritage  
Jaap Nieweg, Mandatory FEDECRAIL WIMH officer
- 11:50-12:10 Transformation program in coal mining in Upper Silesia with consideration for the protection of mining heritage  
Ministry of Industry
- 12:10-13:15 Discussion Panel  
The possibility of maintaining coal extraction for the preservation and operation of industrial heritage.
- Moderator:  
dr Julian Kołodziej, TICCIH Poland - Member of the Board
- Participants  
Łukasz Kohut, Member of the European Parliament  
Hildebrand de Boer, Europa Nostra Member of the Board  
Tiddo Bresters, FIVA  
Jaap Nieweg, Mandatory FEDECRAIL WIMH officer  
Bartosz Balicki, Polish Automobile Federation  
Zuzanna Czyż, journalist TVP3 Katowice

## Conference program

10.04.2025 r. (Thursday)

- 13:15-14:15 Lunch
- 14:15-15:15 Discussion panel  
Possibilities of preserving an active coal mine for educational purposes and providing coal for mobile technical monuments.
- Moderator:  
dr hab. Piotr Gerber, TICCIH Poland - President of the Board
- Participants:  
dr hab. Katarzyna Zalasińska, expert in monument protection law  
dr Sylwia Jarosławska-Sobór, Central Mining Institute  
Anna Malinowska, journalist Gazeta Wyborcza  
Ministry of Industry
- 15:15-15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45-17:00 Discussion panel  
Goals and tasks of the European Committee for the Protection of Industrial Heritage TICCIH Europe – establishing a new European organisation for the protection of industrial heritage based in Poland.
- Moderator:  
prof. Massimo Preite, University of Florence,
- Participants  
dr Miles Oglethorpe, TICCIH President  
Monika Dziobek-Motyka, Cracow Saltworks Museum in Wieliczka  
dr hab. Piotr Gerber, Foundation for the Protection of Industrial Heritage on Silesia  
prof. Bartosz Walczak, Łódź University of Technology
- 19:30-22:00 Banquet in Zinc Rolling Mill Museum in Katowice

### Locations

Conference

Śląski Urząd Wojewódzki (Sala Sejmu Śląskiego)  
Jagiellońska 25, Katowice

Banquet

Muzeum Hutnictwa Cynku WALCOWNIA  
11 Listopada 50, Katowice

## Conference program

11.04.2025 r. (Friday)

09:00-16:00 Study tour: KWK ROW Ruch "Marcel" coal mine / Historic Mine Ignacy

1. 09:00-13:30 "Marcel" coal mine

- Group I – Underground mine tour,
- Group II – Surface facilities tour,

2. 14:00 - 16:00 Historic mine Ignacy

- Lunch
- Tour of the permanent exhibition and steam engine demonstration,

Locations

KWK ROW Ruch "Marcel"  
Wojciecha Korfańtego 52, 44-310 Radlin

Zabytkowa Kopalnia IGNACY  
Ignacego Mościckiego 3, 44-273 Rybnik

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