



## Special Programme for Ecomuseums and Community Museums

### Invitation

Italy is the only country in the world where ecomuseums have multiplied in the last twenty years and are now recognised by law in twelve regions or provinces. A national network is now being created to facilitate cooperation and solidarity between the existing ecomuseums and to welcome new ones.

The Italian ecomuseums are also working on a common text, called Manifesto, or Agenda 2016, which will summarize the experience accumulated within the network. It will become a permanent, evolutionary document aimed at reflecting both theoretical and practical collective construction of the ecomuseum movement in Italy.

Italian ecomuseums wish to use the opportunity of the Milan Conference and of the presence in Italy of so many museum professionals, to invite to a Special Programme of debates and visits, all their colleagues who are engaged in community-based projects for heritage management for the local development: ecomuseums, community museums, local museums developing territory strategies and community mobilization. We want to share our experience, our questions, our hopes, our difficulties, and we want also to envisage the possibility of further exchanges.

The Ecomuseum Network of Lombardy, the region of which Milan is the capital, is in charge of the organization of this Special Programme, in coordination with the Organizing Committee of the Conference which has already offered its help and the material facilities to make possible the activities in Milan during the conference itself.

The programme is divided into two parts:

- on 6th July, a Forum of ecomuseums and community museums will be held at the Conference venue, where plenary and specialized meetings can be planned, together with multimedia presentations, exhibition of posters, publications and other documents brought by the participants and presenting Italian ecomuseums. On 8th July, a visit will be organized for small groups to ecomuseums in the Milan Metropolitan area and in the subalpine lakes area.
- one week before and one week after the conference, many Italian ecomuseums will offer their foreign colleagues to visit them and to exchange *in situ*, in the hope to establish future exchange and cooperation plans and projects.

In order to prepare for this Special Programme, you will find attached:

- a programme of the proposed activities, with the necessary practical details
- a preliminary form indicating your intention to participate, your professional data, your expectations and your proposals

Later, we shall email to those who will have returned this form the list of "visitable" ecomuseums and the final programme. Then you would have to confirm your participation and your choices.

**One last but very important note:** you will find on the Conference website <http://network.icom.museum/icom-milan-2016/registration/how-to-register/> all information about the Conference and the registration forms for your inscription. This inscription will be needed to take part in our Special Programme.

For more information about the Special Programme, please visit our dedicated website:  
<http://www.ecomusei.eu>



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### **Programme of activities**

#### **1. Forum of ecomuseums and community museums during the Conference**

- **Wednesday 6th July** - Forum open to all ICOM 2016 participants interested by New Museology and community museology
  - Presentation of Italian ecomuseums and of the National Ecomuseum Network
  - Exhibition of posters and documents proposed by the foreign participants
  - Mini-bookshop of publications brought by Italian and foreign participants
  - Possibility of workshops for preparing bilateral or multilateral cooperative projects and exchanges
  
- **Friday 8th July** - Visit in groups to ecomuseums in the Milan Metropolitan area, and in subalpine lakes area.

#### **2. Optional visits before or after the Conference**

Foreign professionals from ecomuseums and community museums are invited by their Italian colleagues to visit them (one to three days) during the following periods:

- **June 27 - July 2**
- **July 11 - July 15**

A detailed list of ecomuseums willing to receive one or several colleagues will be available in a few weeks, to facilitate the organization of the visits and the travel arrangements.

To stay informed of any change and of new proposals, please visit the dedicated website:

<http://www.ecomusei.eu>



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### Preliminary registration form

to be sent by e-mail to [agenda21@comune.parabiago.mi.it](mailto:agenda21@comune.parabiago.mi.it)

#### Name and address

#### Institution

#### Brief description of the institution

I intend to participate in the Forum of Ecomuseums and Community Museums    Yes     No

I want to visit ecomuseums in the Milan Metropolitan and pre-alpine lakes area    Yes     No

I want to visit Italian Ecomuseums    before the Conference      
after the Conference   

I'll contribute to the Forum with:     presentation,     poster,     publications,     others  
(details on "others" \_\_\_\_\_)

I am particularly interested if the following domains (to help in the organization of the Forum and visits)



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**Preliminary registration of Italian ecomuseums  
willing to receive the visit of foreign colleagues**

Name of Ecomuseum

Addresses (mail, email, phone, web-site)

Name of coordinator or of another contact (and cellular number)

Short description of the ecomuseum (to help the choice of foreign visitors)

Maximum number of visitors

Maximum length of stay

Languages spoken by the Ecomuseum staff

Accessibility (by train, bus or car)

Material conditions for the stay: hotel or other accommodation available, hospitality offered by the host ecomuseum, name and address of the local Tourist Office, accommodation costs