

# Saving the true character of European cities

Cultural heritage consists of not only outstanding examples of historic architecture, but also lesser buildings scattered around European cities. The project aims to preserve the know-how necessary for their restoration

The automation of the construction industry and generational change in the sector has resulted in the disappearance of skills and competencies necessary for restoring historical buildings. There are very few skilled technicians specialised in stone cutting, blacksmithing or wood carving, who can meet the demands of European restoration market.

The project 'Construction inheritance – Transfer of know-how from older construction workers to young ones' was developed by educational experts from five European vocational schools, and it aims to preserve cultural heritage by sustaining the knowledge necessary for its protection.

By examining six restoration case studies from Europe, experts identified traditional skills and competencies at risk to be lost and put them together in a Skills Map. The document was prepared in accordance with the European Qualifications Framework.

Project coordinator Javier González López said:

‘Thanks to our work, vocational schools gained a point of reference to develop restoration courses for students.’

A handy guide with six restoration case studies and an interactive application were created during the project. The app features a 360° virtual tour through the recently restored Palazzo Calò Carducci in Bari, Italy. This gave the students the opportunity to track the whole renovation process in great details. 'While developing the app, we worked closely with excellent professionals to offer our students the best available know-how,' concluded Javier González López.

The approach is based on the so-called 'integrated conservation' concept, which means that the restoration techniques should be chosen in accordance with the appropriate function of the building.



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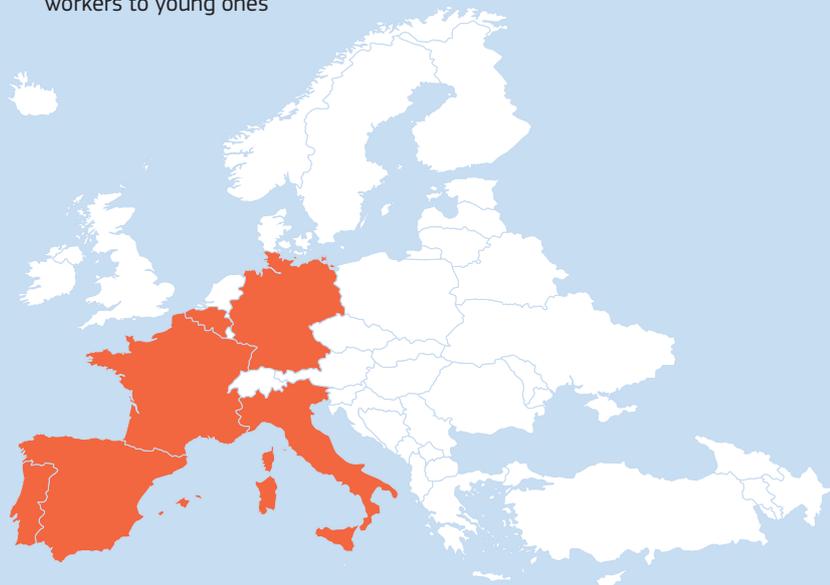
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### Key facts and figures

	<b>Participants:</b> 272		<b>Countries:</b> 6
	<b>EU grant:</b> €246,240		<b>Project duration:</b> 2015-2017

### Project title

Construction inheritance – Transfer of know-how from older construction workers to young ones



### Lead organisation

**Name:** Fundación Laboral de la Construcción

**Location:** Madrid, Spain

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### Partners

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### More information

**Project website:**

<http://microsites.fundacionlaboral.org/construction-inheritance?pag=10&idioma=1>

**The Erasmus+ Project Results Platform:**

<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplus-project-details/>