



## SMART-MED 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> Euro-Mediterranean Conference and Exhibition

on

“Featuring Territorial Intelligence of Small and Medium-sized Cities and Insular Communities in the Mediterranean Scenery – Building Bridges between Local Endeavors and Global Developments”



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### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

In celebration of the 2018 Year of Cultural Heritage, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Euro-Mediterranean Conference will have at the heart of discussions a special theme (Theme 1) on “Smart Cultural Heritage Management”.

The scope of this Theme is elaborate on various aspects of land and underwater **cultural heritage management** in support of Mediterranean communities towards paving the way to alternative, sustainable and resilient future development paths.

The essence of such discussions is multifold. More specifically it aims to:

- establish an **interdisciplinary dialogue** among a variety of disciplines for realizing potential but also constraints and different perspectives inherent in cultural heritage management;
- reveal the role of **land and underwater cultural heritage** as a **lever** for sustainable and resilient local development in small, medium-sized cities and insular communities of the Mediterranean region, shedding light on issues such as preservation and sustainable management of cultural resources for development purposes;
- explore current **knowledge** as well as “**smart**” **tools and technologies** for smartening up documentation, preservation, monitoring, etc. of land and underwater cultural heritage;
- elaborate on policy aspects and gaps embedded in cultural planning endeavors;
- delineate methodological approaches for **risk assessment and preservation planning** of land and underwater cultural heritage capable of coping with contemporary challenges that are due to climate change and natural risks, escalating urbanization and economic recession beating the Mediterranean region, but also other sectors' developments, such as tourism, fishing, and congested sea traffic;
- bring to the forefront successful **experiences** of land and underwater cultural heritage management for local development, linking thus cultural heritage to **blue growth strategy** of EU; and
- linking Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) with cultural heritage management in coastal and marine areas.

Deadline for abstract submission: 30 April 2018

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