

**The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe 11th Annual Advisory Forum
5-7 October 2022, Chania (Greece)- Minoa Palace Hotel
Member States of the Enlarged Partial Agreement Governing Board Meeting
The University Network for Cultural Routes Studies
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Pursuant to the [EPA Governing Board Meeting of the Enlarged Partial Agreement that took place at Luxembourg on May 5-6, 2022](#). We have strengthened our institutional collaboration with the Cultural Routes that cross Lebanon, and have joined the University Network for Cultural Routes Studies.

In line with Lebanon recent accession to the EPA, in collaboration with the Italian embassy in Lebanon and in affiliation with the Lebanese American University and the Ministry of Tourism, we will be participating in an exhibition entitled: **“Lebanon Network of Historical Cities”** at the **“24th Mediterranean Exchange of Archaeological Tourism Paestum 27th-30th October 2022”**

Within the framework of the cooperation agreement between the Lebanese American University - Louis Cardahi Foundation (LAU-LCF) and The Vibes World (sustainable tourism), the implementation of a number of factual activities for the exploration of **“Lebanon Network of Historical Cities”** is proposed. This initiative is embedded within the Lebanese American University-Louis Cardahi Foundation commitment as a member of the University Network for Cultural Routes Studies into The European Institute of Cultural Routes (EICR) and an active member of the scientific committee of the Phoenicians’ Route into the confederation of Euro-Mediterranean cities.

Within the framework of the cooperation agreement between the Lebanese American University - Louis Cardahi Foundation (LAU-LCF) and the World Association for the protection of Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage (WATCH), it is proposed the implementation of a number of factual activities for **the Protection of Cultural and Natural Heritage Sites**. The below initiatives are embedded within the Lebanese American University commitment as a member of the University Network for Cultural Routes Studies into The European Institute of Cultural Routes, council of Europe , and as an active partner the Lebanese Ministries of Tourism and Culture.

- **Risk Preparedness Planning & Disaster Risk Reduction for The Protection of Cultural and Natural Heritage sites Pilot Training and Drills in-situ- Byblos, Lebanon-2022-2023 Edition.** The concept behind these Pilot Training and Drills in-situ is to introduce a new trend in training on RPP and DRR aiming to long-term policies development. This pilot training campaign and Drills are direct to at least 100 selected participants from the most relevant streams of the Lebanese society from public and private sector target groups.
- **Co-organize international exhibition and symposium of the “Phoenicians” in collaboration with the UNESCO, the European Institute of Cultural Routes(EICR) and to take place at the at the (UNESCO) and (EICR) facilities in Paris. Date: (TBA)**
- **Co-organize a symposium within the ED-ARCHMAT programme to promote Byblos architectural and historical integrity/ authenticity.**
- **Co-organize a STAC 9 conference (Science and technology in Archaeology and Conservation) in collaboration with the World Association for the protection of Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage (WATCH), University of Venice, University of Bologna and others.**



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