

2026_EICR_Candidates Seminar_P

Luxembourg, 23 April 2026

TRAINING SEMINAR

CANDIDATES TO CULTURAL ROUTE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CERTIFICATION
[2026-2027 Certification Cycle]

28-29 April 2026

European Institute of Cultural Routes, Luxembourg



PROGRAMME

Tuesday 28 April UNDERSTANDING AND STRUCTURING A CULTURAL ROUTE	
09:00	Opening of the seminar <i>Rui Gomes, Executive Secretary, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe</i> Presentation of the participants and their routes projects Introduction to the Council of Europe and the programme of Cultural Routes
10:00	Defining a Cultural Route of the Council of Europe <i>Rui Gomes, Executive Secretary, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe</i>
10:30	Key steps for structuring a cultural route <i>Carolina Clark, European Institute of Cultural Routes</i>
11:00	Coffee Break
11:30	Cultural Routes in practice: the five priority fields of action <i>Crina Zugrav, European Institute of Cultural Routes</i>
12:00	Sharing feedback on participants projects
13:00	Lunch Restaurant Cyrano <i>(22 Rue du Laboratoire, 1911 Bonnevoie-Nord-Verlorenkost Luxembourg)</i>
14:30	Criteria for networks <i>Introduction by Rui Gomes</i>
15:15	Guidelines for governance, sustainability and development of cultural route networks <i>Prof. Mike Robinson, Chair of Cultural Heritage, Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom</i>
16:00	Coffee Break
16:30	Experiences from certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe – <i>European Route of Historic Thermal Towns: Simone Zagrodnik, Executive Director</i> – <i>Phoenician's Route: Antonio Barone, Director</i> – <i>European Route of Jewish Heritage: Victor Sorensen, Director</i>
17:30	Outstanding questions and concerns
18:00	Closing of the day

Wednesday 29 April

THE PATHWAY TO CANDIDACY AND CERTIFICATION

09:00 Opening of the day

09:15 Communication and branding

10:00 Expectations and commitments of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

Rui Gomes

10:45

Coffee Break

11:15 Bilateral sessions with members of the secretariat

11:15 -12:00:

- *Via Claudia Augusta*
- *Forte Cultura*
- *European Goethe Ways*

12:00 -12:45:

- *Islas del Mar – Sacred Islands of Europe Cultural Route*
- *Shrines of Europe*
- *Longobard ways across Europe*

12:45

Lunch

Restaurant Origine

(35 Rue du Laboratoire, 1911 Bonnevoie-Nord-Verlorenkost Luxembourg)

14:15 Practical aspects in the preparation of the application and evaluation process

Carolina Clark and Crina Zugrav

15:00 Bilateral sessions with members of the secretariat

15:00 -15:45:

- *Saint George and the Dragon*
- *European Mining Route*
- *Mary's Route*

15:45 -16:30:

- *Places of Peace Route*
- *Baltic Manors Route*
- *Castle Route between Orient and Occident*

16:30 -17:15:

- *European Route of Lighthouses*
- *St Hubert cultural route - Mosaic of Nature*
- *European Dry Stone Route*

17:15 Evaluation and closing of the seminar

Rui Gomes, Executive Secretary, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe