THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND LOCAL ACTION TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE GOALS

The Public Institution Museum and Gallery Tivat is a relevant actor in the safeguarding, interpretation, and communication of the cultural heritage of the Bay of Kotor, with a particular emphasis on aligning local initiatives with international frameworks in the museum and heritage sector. Through the application of contemporary museological practices and strategic networking, the institution contributes to the advancement of sustainable and participatory models of heritage management, in line with international professional standards.





A significant component of this approach was the organization of an international conference held in Tivat in September 2025, which convened museum professionals, heritage experts, and cultural practitioners. The conference facilitated professonal exchange and critical dialogue, addressing key challenges and perspectives within the Mediterranean and Adriatic-Ionian context. Particular emphasis was placed on the role of museums and inclusive spaces that foster community engagement, intercultural dialogue, and the co-creation of heritage narratives, in accordance with contemporary ICOM principles.

Within this framework, the Museum and Gallery Tivat develops projects that integrate heritage safeguarding with societal relevance. A key initiative is the reconstruction of the boat "Barbara", an important element of the maritime heritage of Tivat and the wider Bay of Kotor region. This project contributes to the preservation of tangible heritage while also enabling its reinterpretation through educational and participatory practices, reinforcing the connection between heritage, identity and community.

Through these initiatives, alongside continuous international cooperation, the Museum and Gallery Tivat reaffirms its commitment to sustainability, accessibility and participatory governance in the heritage sector. By linking local action with broader global agendas, including sustainable development goals, the institution strengthens its role as a dynamic platform for cultural exchange and community engagement, while responding to contemporary challenges in the preservation and interpretation of cultural heritage.



Additionally, the institution is implementing the reconstruction of historic Austro-Hungarian water supply facility located in the Great City Park in Tivat, with the aim of adapting it into a museum exhibition space. This project reflects an approach grounded in adaptive reuse and sustainable heritage management, transforming an infrastructural heritage site into an interpretive environment. Through innovative and audience-centered museological approaches, the future exhibition will address themes of urban development, everyday life, and the historical layers of Tivat's identity.



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