



ARCH MUTUAL LEARNING FRAMEWORK

What is the ARCH Mutual Learning Framework?

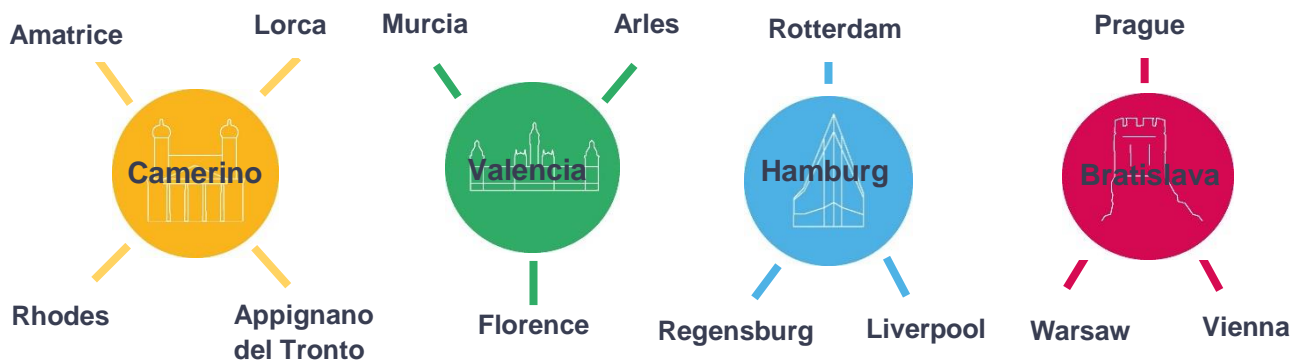
The ARCH Mutual Learning Framework has been conceived to share the ARCH tools and outcomes with a broader public, making them suitable for- and accessible to- a wider pool of city experts from Europe and beyond. It aims at promoting a direct exchange of knowledge and expertise between the cities that are part of the ARCH consortium, -aka Foundation Cities- (Bratislava (Slovakia), Camerino (Italy), Hamburg (Germany) and Valencia (Spain)) and other European and international cities -aka Keystone cities- interested in increasing the resilience of their cultural heritage assets against climate-related and other disasters. This knowledge exchange process is based on mutual learning approaches, where both city groups (Foundation and Keystone) act at the same time as *mentors* and *mentees*.

Why mutual learning?

We believe that a learning experience across cities needs to be horizontal and bi-directional in order to be fruitful. We consider that all cities taking part in the exchange have expertise and good practices to share in the fields of cultural heritage management and urban resilience and are capacitated to act both as teachers and students, interchangeably. With this system, all cities are able to advance simultaneously around a common programme - building from each other's experiences, summing up strengths to cope with shared challenges.

Each of the Foundation Cities will be clustered with 3-4 Keystone Cities, based on:

- Similarities in area and/or population
- Similar geographical and climatic characteristics (particularly looking at aspects such as biogeographical region, or proximity to the coastline and interaction with water).
- Similar type of cultural heritage assets and/or hazards faced.
- Presence of initiatives that could serve as inspiration for each other, or similar needs interests.



How will the dialogue be structured and what activities are envisaged?

The cooperation between Foundation and Keystone cities is based on three core type of activities: the **Mutual Learning Workshops (MLW)**, the **Co-creation Workshops (CCW)** and a **Stakeholder Dialogue (SD)**.

Mutual Learning Workshops (MLW)

Four thematic **online Mutual Learning Workshops (MLW)** will be organised making use of a mix of plenary discussions and breakout sessions (in city clusters). Each workshop will conclude with one assignment that will serve as a starting point for the following workshop. The exact topics and structure of the online workshops will be defined and organised in discussion with the participating cities, in due time.

Co-creation Workshops (CCW)

The webinars will be complemented with four face-to-face **Co-creation Workshops (CCW)**, one per city cluster. These two-day co-creation workshops will include half-day study visits to ARCH working sites. These events will be used to collect first-hand information and experiences around the planning and implementation of local initiatives, the application of ARCH tools, the stakeholders and citizens involved, the challenges encountered, the integration of disaster risk reduction into heritage conservation, and other relevant aspects –all aimed to provide a clear understanding on the pilot site and the applicability of the ARCH tools in a real life context. Each CCW will be combined with a standardisation workshop.

Stakeholder dialogue (SD)

A final face-to-face event will be held to share results and for dissemination purposes, aka **the ARCH Stakeholder Dialogue (SD)**, where Foundation and Keystone Cities will present the outcomes of their work on the resilience of cultural heritage and the learnings from the Mutual Learning process to a broader public of external cities and stakeholders. ARCH standards will also be presented to a broader public.

Keystone cities will also have the chance to participate in other relevant events linked to ARCH, as well as to use the project website for dissemination purposes.

What is there for you?

- You will be able to contribute to the shaping and fine-tuning of ARCH tools and outcomes, in order to render them applicable to your own local context.
- You will receive expert advice on how to apply ARCH tools and outcomes for the benefit of your city, and get training on how to use them.
- You will be able to use ARCH communication channels to leverage and disseminate your own local initiatives, including the ARCH website
- You will be linked to a wide pool of experts and other European cities, increasing the chances for future collaborations and networking.
- You will receive funding for travel and accommodation to attend the Co-creation Workshops and the Stakeholder Dialogue
- You will have the chance to take part in other ARCH events and activities

Timeline of activities

The following figure shows the timeline of activities, along with tentative dates.

