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Action: Italy, Greece and Turkey on Foot: Via Eurasia - A European Culture Route

Activity: Scientific Committee Meeting (A1.4)

Date/Place: 20 December 2019, Boğaziçi University – Tourism Administration Dept. Meeting Room



Via Eurasia – Route of Roads

The Via Eurasia is a cross border cultural route, which links Italy to Turkey through the Balkans and is composed of individual networks of ancient roads, ranging from the Phrygian Road network, through roads of the Roman Empire, to those of the Ottoman Empire.

As part of the Civil Society Dialogue 5 EU Program, the management and scientific committees of this c.5000 km cultural route is preparing to submit an application dossier to the Council of Europe for certification. The scientific report of the dossier will have associated papers and annotated bibliography, descriptions of route sections, historic points of interest, conservation reports by relevant conservation councils of each province along the route with a map showing the route in relation to conservation areas, schematic map of original road systems and cities, existing and potential tourism assets, etc.

The scientific committee will gather on December 20th via a meeting kindly hosted by the Boğaziçi University's Tourism Administration Department. During the meeting old road networks from different eras and sustainable tourism aspects of the Via Eurasia will be discussed with open sessions and short presentations. Related academics will be asked to write or review articles on these subjects, which then will be published during the next phase of the same project/action.

Please confirm your availability to participate in the meeting. We will then share various relevant materials with you in the coming days.

All the best;

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Final program of the Scientific Meeting

09:00 – 09:30 Registration/Coffee

09:30 – 10:00 Background, Partners, Associates and Activities of the Via Eurasia Project, *Hüseyin Eryurt*

10:00 – 10:10 Via Eurasia – The Route of Roads: Theme and Components (1/2), *Kate Clow*

10:10 – 10:30 Tourism as a Tool for Sustainable Development in Destination Regions, *Duygu S. Öztürk*

10:30 – 10:50 Stadiasmus Patavensis and Road Networks Between Lycian Cities, *Hüseyin Uzunoğlu*

10:50 – 11:10 The Via Sebaste and Other Routes of St. Paul in Turkey, *Mark Wilson*

11:10 – 11:20 *Coffee Break*

11:20 – 11:40 "Construction builders' mobility and social connections between Bursa and the Balkans in Ottoman times" *Eirini Yalçın*

11:40 – 12:00 The Ottoman Heartland and Its Roads, *Caroline Finkel*

12:00 – 12:20 Sultans Trail: the Ottoman Road to War, *Max Smits*

12:20 – 12:40 The Continuation of Via Egnatia in Bithnya, *Ayşe Çalık*

12:40 – 13:00 Infrastructure of Trade in Byzantium, *Koray Durak*

13:00 – 14:15 *Lunch Break*

14:15 – 14:30 The use of heritage and its Limit in the Context of Trekking Tourism, *Eisuke Tanaka*

14:30 – 14:50 Via Eurasia – The Route of Roads: Theme and Components (2/2), *Kate Clow*

14:50 – 15:10 Submission of the Application dossier to the Council of Europe for Accreditation, *Elena Dubinina*

15:10 – 16:15 Discussion: Review existing material for the scientific report; further steps necessary for report; continuing activities of the committee; final conference; future programs, etc.





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Meeting venue:

This is the google maps link to the Hisar Campus of Bođaziđi University:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Bogazi%C3%A7i+%C3%9Cniversitesi+Hisar+Kamp%C3%BCs%C3%BC/@41.0890177,29.0486904,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x14caca017ceba45b:0xb9f6c3fb302392ac!8m2!3d41.0890177!4d29.0508791>

By metro: Go to Bođaziđi University metro stop; At the street turn R to a roundabout with the main entrance to the university. DO NOT go in here. Walk L for 5 minutes. Just past a bus stop turn R into the second campus entrance. The Tourism dept is on the L, down steps. There will be a sign on the door.

Useful links:

Culture Routes Society (Project owner) www.cultureroutesinturkey.com

European Association of Vie Francigene (Co-applicant): <https://www.viefrancigene.org/en/>

Trace Your Eco (Co-applicant): <https://www.traceyoureco.gr/>

Civil Society Dialogue 5: <http://civilsocietydialogue.org/>

Council of Europe and the European Institute of Cultural Routes: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/cultural-routes> - <https://www.coe.int/en/web/cultural-routes/about-the-eicr>

Via Egnatia Foundation (Associate): <https://www.viaegnatiafoundation.eu/>

Sultans Trail Foundation (Associate): <https://www.sultanstrail.net/over-ons/?lang=en>

