

# Testimonials



"Thank you so much for this amazing and unforgettable learning visit! Incredible tutors, great program, perfect organization, and a paradise-like place."

**Olha Tikhonova,**  
Sevilla University, Department of Geography and History



"Thank you very much for this great opportunity, for your open hearted way of providing this program. I feel a lot of inspiration for my future work and hope that brilliant example of your team's work can spread and be implemented in our country".

**Olena Dzeladze,**  
Institute of Archeology of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine



"Local initiatives that change the world – is it possible? Yes, here at Fortress Of Culture, we witness these transformations. Their team's deep understanding of Ukrainian fears, losses, and uncertainties sets a new standard for international cooperation with Ukrainian leaders.

This is not just a study program; it is a space for honoring and understanding each other's experiences with great respect and love. With the core principles of equality of diverse knowledge and understanding of inequality of opportunities, this program should become the basis for further regional cooperation throughout Europe."

**Mariya Frey,**  
Joint Stock Company UA: PBC



"It's not only an interesting but a detailed useful information from people with different professional backgrounds: teams of architects, managers, teachers, volunteers. I am thankful for a deep dive into the local context of Šibenik and impressed by the level of preparation & awareness of all professionals, who are passionate about the restoration of their cultural heritage."

**Alina Spitsyna,**  
National Academy of Culture and Arts Management, Kyiv

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"The best opportunity for professional development is to learn from practitioners who flawlessly convert experience into theory. The ability to inspire others with ideas is an art and a perfect teamwork."

**Svitlana Muravska,**  
Lviv Polytechnic National University



"First of all, I am grateful for the friendliness, professionalism and creativity of the Fortress of Culture Šibenik team, as well as Juraj Dalmatinac and the ERSTE Foundation, and I admire the centuries-old patriotism of Croats and residents of Šibenik.

Second - I believe that culture, including masterpieces of architectural heritage, through which the history of nations can be *read*, can foster the best human qualities in society!

Let's work together, through education, science, and business, to recreate, revitalize and revalorize and preserve the cultural heritage."

**Oresta Remeshylo-Rybachynska,**  
Lviv Polytechnic National University



"I am infinitely grateful for the beautifully designed training Programme! Just the perfect organisation, the best lecturers and a great place to come back to!"

**Snizhana Pavlova,**  
National Conservation Area "St Sophia of Kyiv"



"Overall, this program is a wonderful opportunity to exchange experiences, gain knowledge and discuss shared problems. It's so great coming back home with fresh ideas for projects on making meaningful contributions to my community."

**Tetiana Vietrova,**  
The State Historical and Cultural Reserve "Mezhybizh"

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Learning and Exchange Program  
*Transforming a community through  
sustainable management of cultural heritage*  
July 2024, Šibenik/Croatia



"This enriching experience provided profound insights and practical skills through a blend of educational sessions and cultural activities, showcasing the transformative power of heritage in revitalizing communities. The program also fostered valuable connections and exchanges among Ukrainian professionals, inspiring new approaches to preserving and utilizing cultural heritage for community benefit."

**Tetiana Levchenko,**  
Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra National Preserve



"Existential challenges Ukraine is facing are closely connected with the intentions of Russia to destroy the cultural heritage and Ukrainian identity. For this reason transferring of successful experience on cultural heritage revitalization from other countries is of immense importance to us."

**Yana Hryniv,**  
Art Contact Ukraine



"I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to be in such a truly magical place and with such wonderful people. This program is a great combination of learning and relaxation."

**Karyna Romanchenko,**  
National Reserve "Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra"



"The educational program proved to be very useful and comprehensive, with the course materials well-structured and easy to understand. The team of lecturers worked cohesively and professionally, ensuring a high-quality learning process."

**Oksana Kovalska,**  
National Conservation Area "St. Sophia of Kyiv"