

*1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Associations of World  
Heritage properties in Europe  
Strasbourg, 15-16 October 2015*

*Associazione Beni Italiani  
Patrimonio Mondiale UNESCO  
ITALY*



# World heritage *in...Italy*

- Year of ratification of the WH Convention : 1997
- Number of properties inscribed :  
51 properties inscribed (1979 Rock Drawings in Valle Camonica and 2015 Arab-Norman Palermo and the Cathedral Churches of Cefalú and Monreale)
- Types of properties:
  - 47 properties cultural, 4 natural
  - urban centers, monuments and ensembles, cultural landscapes, natural landscapes.)





**Roma, Fori Imperiali**



**Le Dolomiti**



**I Sassi di Matera**



**Genova, Palazzo Balbi**

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## ➔ Brief description of the national management of WH

- National level (Ministries in charge - Environment, Culture, Foreign affairs, Agriculture)
- and
- Also Regions have duties about management of UNESCO sites
- Legislative decree n.42 of 2004 “Code of cultural properties and landscape”
- Law n.77 of 2006 “Measures for Safeguarding and Conserveing UNESCO World Heritage Sites”



# The association *Associazione Beni Italiani* *Patrimonio Mondiale UNESCO*

- Legal status : No-profit Association
- Year of creation : 1997
- **Origin /objectives:** the Association was founded after e felicitous intuition by the Councils of Alberobello, Andria, Capriate San Gervasio, Ferrara, Matera, Ravenna and Vicenza, awarded UNESCO World Heritage site status. The Association carries out an intense activity in support of the policies for conservation and valorization of the places and assets awarded the prestigious UNESCO listing. The aim is to overcome individual protection and promotion activities for the individual sites.



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## ■ Members:

- 51
- Status of members: Municipalities, Provinces, Regions, Foundations, Mountain Community, National Park
- Types of members: active member

## ■ Criteria and modalities of appliance:

- Criteria: private or public subjects who are responsible for the protection and management of Italian assets registered in the World Heritage List or in the UNESCO Intangible Heritage List, can be part of the Association.
- Modalities: the standing of Member is achieved following the decision on admission taken by the Meeting, after the payment of the annual membership fee.



# The association *Associazione Beni Italiani* *Patrimonio Mondiale UNESCO*

- **Budget:**
  - Running cost 2014 € 93.952,00 - Revenue € 93.970,00
  - Resources: membership fees, income from activities which the Association promotes or participates in, sponsorships, financing or contributions of any kind.
- **Running of the association:**
  - 3 salaried workers
  - Annual meetings organization and board of directors, web site, etc.
  - Collaboration with the Ministry for Heritage and Cultural Activities and Tourism. The Italian state recognized the right of the Association to benefit from specific funds thanks to Law n.77/2006, the only in the world to govern the conservation and valorization of World Heritage.



# The association *Associazione Beni Italiani* *Patrimonio Mondiale UNESCO*

- Working areas:
  - Management: The activities of the Association are undertaken in compliance with statutory purposes with the criteria of entrepreneurship, effectiveness, efficiency, and subject to the conditions of economic and financial equilibrium.

The Association has the following bodies:

General Meeting;

President;

Board of Directors;

Secretary of the Association;

Scientific Coordinator;

Board of Auditors.





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- Working areas:
  - Projects carried out and financed by the contributions governed by law 77/2006: Guides to Italian UNESCO World Heritage Sites; Series of UNESCO Guides for kids; Tourism development at World Heritage Sites; Photographic exhibition, Signposting the Italian World Heritage sites )
  - Organization of Workshop on sustainable tourism
  - Culture, Tourism/promotion, etc. (Participation in Expos: Ferrara Restoration Fair, Arts&Events, World Tourism Expo, Florence Art & Restoration Fair)



Thank you !

