

DECLARATION OF INTENT

The Reformation process - with its beginning in the early 12th Century and remarkably spreading especially in the 16th Century - induced changes in clerical and religious order and in European society that impact social, cultural and political spheres until today. Its cultural heritage is manifested in a wide variety of tangible and intangible legacies all across Europe.

The Routes of Reformation provide the outstanding opportunity to show the interrelations and value of the different currents and movements of Reformation and its evolution in time and space.

The Routes of Reformation are developed within the Interreg Project “European Cultural Route of Reformation – ECRR”. To guide the process of establishment and consolidation of the Route, a Transnational Action Plan has been drawn up in the framework of this project.

Its main goals are:

- To highlight and **raise awareness of the bonding character of Reformation and its heritage**, as well as the long-lasting and far-reaching impacts of its legacies in Europe and beyond;
- To valorise, enhance and promote the **Reformation-themed Cultural Heritage in Europe**;
- To reach a **larger audience and create awareness** on the different aspects, peculiarities and unique features of Reformation movements;
- To support **local economies and sustainable tourism**;
- To promote the **values of solidarity, hospitality, interculturalism and cooperation**, by fostering learning, exchanges and common projects among the partners along the Routes.

The signing institutions and actors confirm their willingness and declare their intention to crown the Routes of Reformation with success.

Hereby they commit by their free will:

- To **actively support the Route's implementation and the execution of the Transnational Action Plan** the Routes of Reformation is based on;
- To **actively support the Route's of Reformation application** to be recognised **as a European Cultural Route** by the Council of Europe;
- To be furthermore **active in the design, development and marketing** of the route;
- To **establish an association and become a member** thereof;
- To **encourage other actors** from numerous regional sites of Reformation, churches, tourism associations, public stakeholders, companies and other relevant stakeholders **to join and cooperate with the Routes of Reformation.**

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