VENUE
The conference will be held at the town of Vila Nova de Foz Côa, in the Portuguese north region of Douro. The region of Douro is well known all over the world as the origin of one of the most world-famous wines: the Port Wine. This region became World Cultural Heritage in the year of 2001. This region has been occupied by human beings since pre-historical ages, making this valley a huge source of data for archaeologists and historians. In the valley of River Côa, an affluent of Douro that gives name to the town, is locate the biggest open air prehistoric rock-art site of the world, dating from the upper Palaeolithic period. This archaeological park became also World Cultural Heritage in the year of 1998. The conference programme will take place at the Culture House of Vila Nova de Foz Côa. In this building you will find an auditorium with capacity for 180/200 attendants, a small auditorium with capacity for 60 attendants, rooms for other sessions and meetings, a modern press and technical support room, a lunch room, a bar, and a sort of facilities and modern equipments to support the conference, such as internet access, multi-language system, data show equipment and several available computers. To receive you all for this conference, will wait for you at Porto, which historical centre is World Heritage City since 1996. Than during the conference we’ll take you on a trip to the Douro vineyard’s landscape, in an amazing and wonderful promenade around Vila Nova de Foz Côa. In the last day, we’ll take you back to Porto in a train and boat mix trip along the River Douro, finishing our meeting in front of the world famous Port Wine cellars.

SCOPE
HERITAGE 2008 aims to gather in an International Conference several worldwide experts on the relationships between Heritage and Human Development, Natural Environment and Building Preservation. One of the main goals of the Conference is to promote significant discussion on these relevant issues. More and more Heritage must be addressed in innovative-sustainable ways, underlining the role of human and natural heritage as one of the contra-hegemonic trends in a more and more global world. In this sense, also non-tangible heritage will be one of the issues of the conference and a subject for an event to be promoted in the next few years by the Greenlines Institute. Presenters are encouraged to address these main issues on their presentations, making evidence of innovative undergoing approaches and research. The Conference also well come papers that evidence cultural differences on Heritage preservation and use.

TOPICS
HERITAGE AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
- World heritage as open-air museums
- Communities participation
- Maintenance costs management
- World heritage as a social and economic development key
- World heritage preservation in times of war
- Non-tangible heritage
- Case studies

HERITAGE AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
- National and regional planning
- Dealing with economic pressures
- Environmental impacts control and survey
- Gathering nature and human activities
- Case studies

HERITAGE AND BUILDING PRESERVATION
- Recovery and maintenance
- Preservation and survey of ancient construction techniques
- Building heritage and adaptation to new requirements
- Urban planning and urban heritage
- Development of tools to support heritage buildings recovery
- Case studies

PROGRAMME
6 MAY 2008
- Trip to Vila Nova de Foz Côa
- Reception at the City Hall
7 MAY 2008
- Conference’s official opening
- Keynote speaker, parallel and technical sessions
8 MAY 2008
- Keynote speaker, parallel and technical sessions
9 MAY 2008
- Keynote speaker and parallel sessions
- Conference’s official closing
- Visit to archaeological site of Côa Valley
10 MAY 2008
- Train trip along River Douro to Régua
- Gala lunch
- Trip to Porto
- Visit to Porto Wine cellars at Vila Nova de Gaia

FEES AND REGISTRATION *

PRESENTERS
General: 500 Euros
Developing countries**: 300 Euros
Conference only: 350 Euros
Accompanying persons: 300 Euros

ATTENDANTS
General: 500 Euros
Developing countries**: 300 Euros
Conference only: 350 Euros
Attendant Students: 250 Euros
Accompanying persons: 400 Euros

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