

## PRESS RELEASE

**« HERITAGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT »**  
**INTERNATIONAL TRAINING WEEK – SITES & CITES REMARQUABLES DE FRANCE**  
**SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**BORDEAUX**

Sites & Cités remarquables de France, in partnership with the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Culture, but also the City of Bordeaux and the Embassies of partner countries, is organising the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of its International Training Week in Bordeaux from September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2019.

In the context of the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Sites & Cités remarquables' work on the topic of « Old districts, Sustainable districts », the 2019 theme will be **« Heritage and Sustainable development »**.

Through workshops and field visits, this Week will give a practical training to 20 stakeholders on the following topics:

- Old districts, as drivers of sustainable development
- Heritage and habitat
- Living in a historic centre
- Historic centres, examples of diversity

**The International Training Week is the annual meeting of stakeholders who contribute to heritage protection and valorisation.** It brings a practical training to international stakeholders, contributes to the development of an international platform about heritage, participates in the international outreach of participating territories and encourages the development of decentralised cooperation.

The 4 previous editions of the International Training Week have brought together 50 stakeholders from 24 different countries, 80 French participants, and 19 member cities of Sites & Cités remarquables.

## Practical information

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**Place:** The International Training Week will take place in the City of Bordeaux. A one-day visit out of town is scheduled during the week.

**Budget:** The participation in the training includes air travel from the country of origin to the City of Bordeaux, as well as the visa (if needed). These fees can be covered by the partner local authority or an external body (Embassy, French Institute...).

The organiser covers the fees for 5 hotel nights (from Sunday to Friday), meals, travel expenses in the City of Bordeaux and during the field visit.

**Conditions:** To attend the International Training Week, people who want to participate need to send to Sites & Cités their CV and a letter explaining why they want to participate in the training **before August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.**

A simultaneous translation French – English will be provided.  
The participants must be French-speaking or English-speaking.  
The training is limited to 20 participants maximum.

Member cities of the Sites & Cités remarquables network can join the training if they wish to attend some of the conferences, subject to availability.

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# Sites & Cités remarquables de France

## The Association of Towns and Regions of Art and History and Protected Areas

**Sites & Cités remarquables de France brings together more than 260 towns and regions in France which bear the label “Town and Region of art and history” or have a protected area (Remarkable Heritage Site). These communities have come together to share their experiences, their practices and their questions on protection policy and the promotion of heritage.**

Boosted by the expertise and know-how of its network, with the support of technicians and elected representatives as well as partners and experts, Sites & Cités remarquables uses its expertise to promote a broad, unfettered vision of questions relating to heritage.

The National Association leads working groups, organises study days, expert inspections and field visits, publishes studies and works and continually enriches its website, a veritable toolbox for local authorities.

### Sites & Cités’ main work areas

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- **Put in network** skills of all the actors of heritage
- **Exchanges:** workshops, working groups, trainings: Sites & Cités provides open spaces for debate on current events related to heritage
- **Studies:** on towns and regions of art and history, remarkable heritages sites and their evolution.
- **Expertise:** Sites & Cités supports cities and territories in their implementation of heritage policies, with recognised experts or network partners
- **Sharing experiences:** a website that is full of information and continually updated, a veritable toolbox
- **Monitoring and prospective analysis:** on current events and the future of heritage

### Sites & Cités international work

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Sites & Cités remarquables mobilises its partners on problems related to heritage as a tool for territories development.

On an international scale, the Association supports its members in projects that focus on social, economic and cultural revitalisation of town and territories, proposes to set up pilot operations in partner countries, supports the establishment of regional and national networks of municipalities around heritage, and develops discussions based on an international platform on heritage.



These ambitions are declined in 6 work areas:

- Heritage, urban governance and integrated urban development
- Old town, sustainable town
- Heritage mediation, raising awareness and involving citizens in the future of their living environment
- Economic development from heritage
- Heritage and cultural tourism
- Creating networks of municipalities around heritage

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