

**Castle Road 2.0**

Invitation

to the international conference as part of the project
Castle Road 2.0

Cultural heritage in an intermediate zone of Europe
Castles, palaces and monasteries in the Danube-Alpine-Adriatic region

17–18 October 2025

Zehnerhaus Congress Centre, Bad Radkersburg

Friday, 17 October

8:30–9:00 Arrival and registration of participants

9:00 Welcome and opening

09:15–12:45 Panel 1: Architectural Heritage

Moderator: Harald Heppner (Graz)

- Márta Velladics (Budapest): From castellum to castle
- Dubravka Botica (Zagreb): From fortress to country castle: Castles and palaces in north-western Croatia

10:45–11:15 Coffee Break

- Igor Sapač (Maribor): Castles and palaces as subjects of architectural history research in Slovenia
- Margit Stadlober (Graz): Contemporary preservation of historic cultural buildings in Styria

13:00 Lunch



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14:30-18:00 Panel 2: Functional Heritage

Moderator: Elisabeth Schöggel-Ernst (Graz)

- Benedikt Plank (St. Lambrecht): The multifunctionality of monasteries using the example of St. Lambrecht Abbey
- Leopold Toifl (Graz): The military function of castles and palaces

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

- Peter Wiesflecker (Graz): Castles as 'residences'
- Michael Hammer (Graz): Güssing Castle as an economic centre: The Güssing manorial system as reflected in the 18th century land registers

Saturday, 18 October

8:30 – 08:45 Arrival and registration of participants

08:45 - 09:00 Welcome and opening

09:00-12:30 Panel 3: Material heritage

Moderator: Dubravka Botica (Zagreb)

- Marko Štuhec (Ljubljana): The castles in Carniola as rural-urban hybrids (17th/18th century)
- Tina Košak (Ljubljana): From *Kunstkammer* to *Ancestral Gallery* and Family Museum. International collecting practices as reflected in noble residences in Styria and beyond

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

- Elisabeth Schöggel-Ernst (Graz): Castles, palaces and monasteries in regional studies text and image sources
- Erich Renhart (Graz): Our historical libraries. Difficult heritage and appealing aspirations

13:00 Lunch



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14:30-17:00 Panel 4: The heritage of ideas

Moderator: Marko Štuhec (Ljubljana)

- Nataša Urošević (Pula): Castles and palaces as a common European heritage
- Mira Miladinović Zalaznik (Ljubljana): Duino, Visoko, Bogenšperk / Wagensberg, Bizeljско / Wisell – intellectual meeting places

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

- Harald Heppner (Graz): Summary and conclusion

17:00: End of conference

The Castle Road 2.0 project brings together five project partners and more than 40 Slovenian and Austrian castles, palaces and fortifications. The project is co-financed by the European Union and the European Regional Development Fund under the Interreg Slovenia-Austria 2021-2027 programme.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

You are cordially invited to attend the **2nd specialist conference of the Castle Road 2.0 project from 17 to 18 October 2025 in Bad Radkersburg**, where contributions to research into the historical and cultural features of the border region between Austria and Slovenia will be presented. The historical and cultural heritage of this region is reflected in an impressive number of historical fortifications and an enormous variety of cultural traditions. Both offer great potential for research and tourism.

Participation in the conference is free of charge. This includes attendance at the lectures and the culinary accompaniment on 17 and 18 October within the specified programme. In addition, any expenses such as accommodation and other meals such as dinner must be organised and paid for independently.

Advance registration is required at office@schloesserstrasse.com or using the corresponding online form at <https://forms.gle/9huNwsDi4SUtJMja6> by **Monday, 13 October 2025** at the latest. Please also indicate on which days you will be attending and whether you will be participating in meals. For additional information, please contact office@schloesserstrasse.com. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the conference.

Link to registration:



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