



# Emerging challenges for mega-events in Heritage-rich Cities during the COVID-19 era

Mega-events have been changing their relationship with the city, now more commonly using existing infrastructures and facilities. In Europe, this may put historic city centres and their heritage at risk. By the same token, the presence of mega-events can become an opportunity for valorising heritage and for city development. As part of the HOMEE research project, the event "Emerging challenges for mega-events in heritage-rich cities during the COVID-19 era" brings together several experts and policy makers to review the development of the "Megaevents in Heritage-rich Cities Charter" and discuss its relevance as cities continue to deal with the emerging challenges presented by the COVID-19 global pandemic. The setting of Pafos will allow participants to see the heritage threats and opportunities related to the 2017 ECoC, in particular as an example of 'right-sizing' an event and developing a widespread program on a reduced budget, concepts that will be critical for cities hosting future cultural mega-events during the COVID-19 era.

**November 13, 2020**

Room 106, Neapolis University Pafos

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11.00 – Welcoming remarks

11.35 – Discussion of the Charter

13.15 – Closing Remarks

**With welcoming remarks by:**

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