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## Training School Open Call

*Type of event: Training School*

*Attendance type: Face-to-face*

*Location: Bamberg, Germany (UNESCO World Heritage City)*

*Dates: 20–26 April 2026*

Go2CHANGE COST Action (CA24113) invites researchers, practitioners and innovators to participate in its annual Training School dedicated to climate action for cultural heritage. The 2026 edition will take place 20–26 April 2026 in the UNESCO World Heritage Town of Bamberg, Germany, bringing together emerging and established professionals to co-develop skills, methods and solutions for climate-resilient heritage futures.

Go2CHANGE COST Action (CA24113) Training School will build the practical skills and governance capacities needed to design and operationalise climate action for heritage places, advancing the [Action MoU's](#) Research Coordination (RC) and Capacity-Building (CB) objectives:

- RC1: Develop methodologies to evaluate potential loss of heritage attributes and values under current and projected climate hazards.
- RC2: Create place-based mechanisms to integrate heritage climate risk management into existing heritage management frameworks and local climate risk systems.
- RC3: Integrate technological and operational interventions (e.g., energy efficiency, lifecycle assessment, low-carbon operation) to reduce GHG emissions without compromising heritage values.
- RC4: Transform local/indigenous knowledge and traditional practices into effective adaptation actions and resilience strategies.
- CB1: Involve local communities, site managers, municipalities and international organisations in collaborative climate action.
- CB2: Create a European heritage city network to exchange best practices on climate impacts and responses.

- CB3: Prioritise Young Researchers and Innovators (YRI) and participants from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) in training and mobility opportunities.

The Training School is a 7-day, in-person intensive programme combining short thematic lectures, co-creation workshops, and fieldwork across selected heritage locations in Bamberg. Participants will engage in lectures on climate action for World Heritage; review Bamberg ULL interim results and proposed solutions—including risk and vulnerability assessments, monitoring approaches, and emergency response considerations; and take part in co-creation labs assessing feasibility, heritage compatibility, and local acceptance of adaptation and mitigation options.

The Training School will enable participants to understand how Bamberg, as the first-year Urban Living Lab, operationalises and integrates climate action into the Management Plan of the World Heritage Property “Town of Bamberg,” while strengthening communication of climate action to both professional stakeholders and the wider public. Participants will gain insight into assessing climate risks to World Heritage attributes; embedding climate adaptation and risk management within existing heritage management processes; identifying heritage-compatible mitigation measures that reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions without compromising heritage values; enhancing community involvement and capacity to support climate resilience; and generating transferable lessons and best practices that contribute to the wider Go2CHANGE network and inform policy guidance.

The Training School is open to young researchers and PhD candidates, early-career professionals working in heritage, planning or climate-related fields, heritage practitioners and site managers, municipal staff involved in heritage, urban planning, climate adaptation or risk management, as well as local community and civil-society representatives, and members of Go2CHANGE Working Groups 1–5. Up to 20 trainee places are available, and selected participants will be invited via e-COST and may receive travel reimbursement and daily allowance in accordance with COST Training School rules, with Local Organiser Support (LOS) managed by the eligible hosting institution; all funding decisions are made by the Management Committee (MC) or its delegated Core Group following COST procedures. Applicants must be affiliated with a legal entity, and selection follows COST’s principles of openness, transparency and inclusiveness, including mandatory e-COST invitations, attendance lists, and reimbursement based on post-event claims with complete documentation; double funding is prohibited, and daily allowances and travel reimbursements adhere to MC-defined country rates under Annex A1-3.1/3.2 of the [Annotated Rules](#).

## [Registration Link](#)

### Selection Criteria:

Applications are assessed against the following criteria:

- **Thematic fit & contribution to Bamberg ULL (40%):** Clear alignment with Go2CHANGE's four themes (risk assessment, adaptation, mitigation, community & capacity) and Bamberg ULL's local focus.
- **Excellence & Inclusiveness (E&I) (20%):** Priority given to ITC-affiliated and YRI candidates while ensuring gender balance and geographical diversity across the cohort. The MC will document best-efforts toward COST's E&I targets in progress reports.
- **Interdisciplinary collaboration & stakeholder engagement (20%):** Demonstrated capacity to work across disciplines (heritage, planning, climate science/engineering, social science, governance).
- **Motivation & expected benefit (20%):** A concise motivation statement explaining learning goals and anticipated knowledge transfer to home institutions, networks and the wider Go2CHANGE community (e.g., contributions to best-practice repositories/policy insights).

### Selection Process

- **Open call & submission:** Applications are collected via the registration link (CV + motivation letter; optional evidence of relevant work).
- **Review & timelines:** The Core Group evaluates applications against the criteria above; decisions are recorded and communicated.
- **Final approval & invitations:** Final lists (including a reserve list) are approved by the SO; invitations are issued via e-COST to eligible candidates only.

### Important Dates:

- Call opening: 4th March, 2026.
- Call closing: 19th March, 2026.
- e-COST invitations sent and participant list released: 26th March, 2026.

- Deadline for submitting the Training School reimbursement claims: 11th May, 2026.

### **COST Participation Rules for Training Schools:**

- **Eligibility Requirements**

**Affiliation:** Applications are generally open to members affiliated with legal entities in COST member countries, Near Neighbour Countries (NNC), or approved European RTD organizations.

**e-COST Profile:** All trainees receiving financial support must have a registered profile on the e-COST service.

**Selection Process:** Participants are selected by the Management Committee (MC) based on specific criteria.

- **Financial Support**

**Amount:** Selected trainees may receive financial support, which includes a daily allowance of up to EUR 150 and reimbursement of eligible long-distance travel. The daily allowance is paid as one lump sum and includes accommodation, meals, short-distance travel, and other incidental costs. The daily allowance will be automatically calculated in e-COST based on the approved travel dates; no supporting documents are required. Long-distance travel is reimbursed based on submitted supporting documents.

**Payment Procedure:** The financial support will be paid by reimbursement after the completion of the Training School, provided that all attendance and reporting requirements are met.

**No Double Funding:** Participants cannot receive a grant if their expenses are already covered by another source (e.g., EU projects or national funding).

- **Participation and Attendance Rules**

**Mandatory Attendance:** Participants are required to attend the entire duration of the Training School. Failure to attend all days may result in the cancellation of the grant.

**Signing Lists:** Participants must sign the attendance list for each day of the training.

**Travel Booking:** Do not book travel until receiving a formal invitation via e-COST. Participants have a maximum of two weeks to accept or decline the invitation.

- **COST Reimbursement Rules**

**Eligibility:** Only invited, eligible participants can claim expenses.

**Submission & Documentation:** Participants must submit their Online Travel Reimbursement Request (OTRR) within 15 days of the event's end date. All claims must be submitted through the e-COST system, with all supporting documents uploaded (screenshots are not accepted). Documents must detail the service provider, the price paid, and, for travel, the passenger name, ticket, and itinerary (departure and arrival cities and times).

Please always check the specific [COST Annotated Rules](#) for the most up-to-date information.