

## What is the link between cultural heritage and resilience?

**The 9th edition of the European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns** will take place from 30th September to 2nd October, to carry on a debate on **how to shape a more sustainable Europe**.

It is organised by [ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability](#) and the [City of Mannheim](#) with a much valued support of partners.



The conference will be organised as a **virtual event** and will bring together local and regional leaders, European and international institutions and some of the brightest minds working on cutting edge research, businesses and the civil society.

As part of Mannheim2020, the Solution Session '**Re-Inventing Heritage for Sustainable Urban Regeneration**' is co-organised with [ARCH Project](#).]

In this session the cities of Hamburg, Rijeka, Sunderland, and Turin will showcase their best practices and reflect on lessons learned.

**A key discussion will be how cultural heritage can contribute to strengthening the resilience of communities.**

Specifically will be presented **the experience of Hamburg**, one of four ARCH pilot cities, focusing on the UNESCO World Heritage sites Speicherstadt and Kontorhausviertel: their views on how heritage, culture and creativity are relevant for the sustainable development of the City and its residents.

Some guiding questions will help to conduct the debate:

- How do heritage, culture and creativity contribute to local sustainable development?
- What is the role of cultural heritage in promoting social inclusion and cohesion?
- What is the link between cultural heritage and resilience - and how can cities benefit from synergies between the two?

The session will take place on 2 October from 9:30 till 11:00 CET.

Visit the [conference website](#) to know more about the event and register.