

Theme 1: Lessons learned and new challenges in the practical implementation of the Valletta Principles.

10. SUSTAINABILITY MEANS CONTINUITY

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Why allow ourselves to be overcome by change? Why think about tolerance or limits? Should we take for granted that the urban profile must change?

The ICOMOS report on the PUH made it very clear that “conservation does not mean ‘managing change”, but preserving, – preserving, not altering and destroying”. There are cities whose main value is the urban profile and others, less interesting, which need landmarks to organize them visually. Before accepting the change, it is necessary to identify the value of the urban profile, and from that moment, it is possible to speak of the limits of the transformation.

The aim of this paper is to discuss a procedure derived from re-visiting the theory of urban form and its articulation with heritage values, including what is established by the historical urban landscape approach. Recommendations for urban planning and, in particular, urban regulations are derived from it.

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