

URBAN COMUNICATION FOR A QUALIFIED CULTURAL TOURISM IN HISTORICAL CITIES: EXPERIENCES OF URBAN SIGNAGE

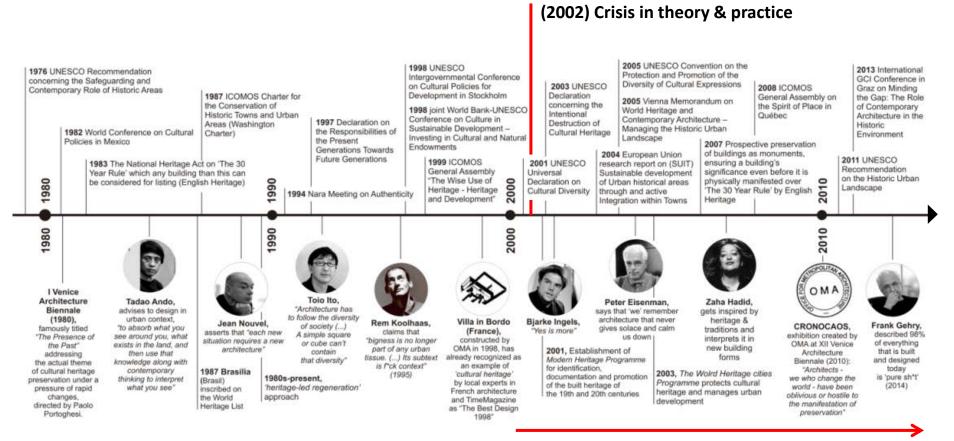


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## Paradigm shift



End of 1990s - 2000s, Paradigm shift > changes in the international & national level



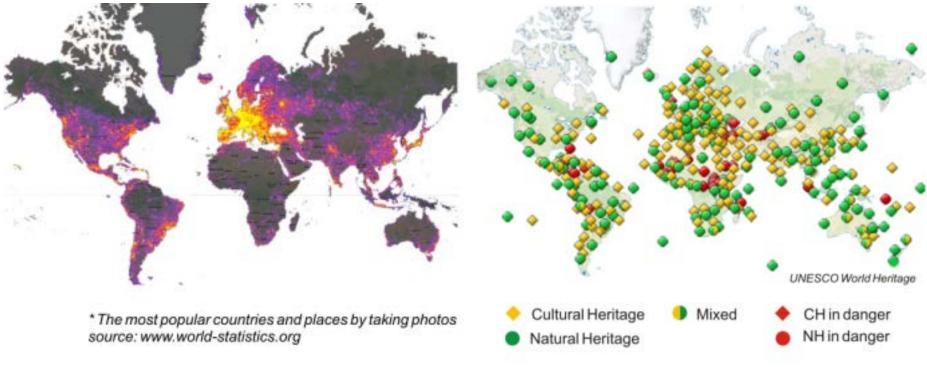
2005 Vienna Memorandum of World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture – Managing the Historic Urban Landscape,

2011 UNESCO Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape,

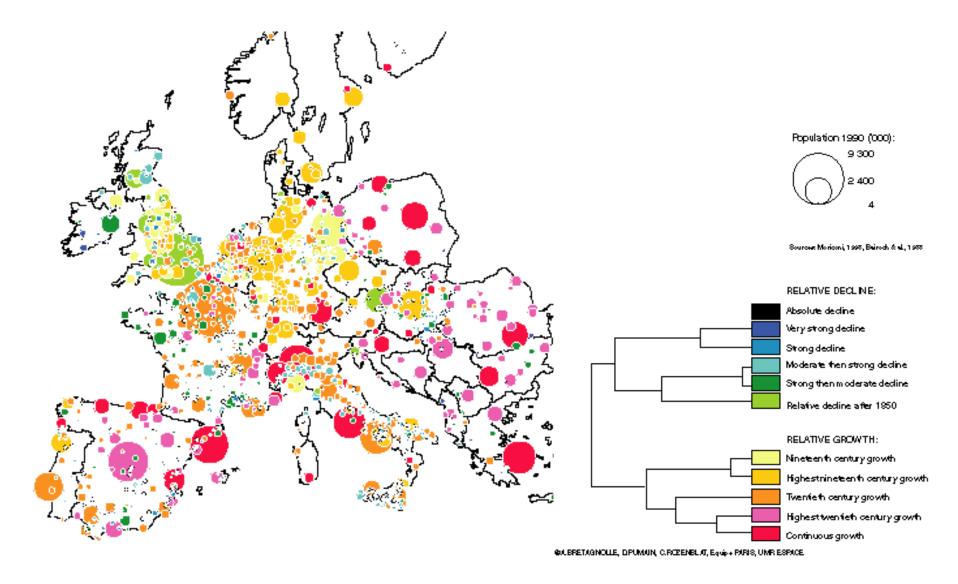
2011 Valletta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas.

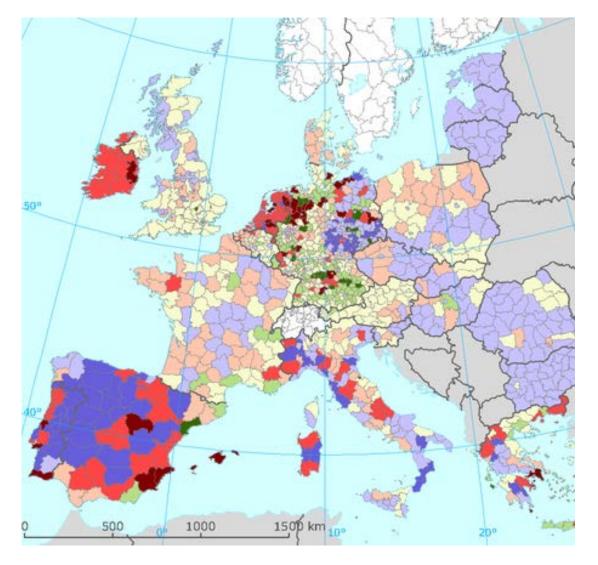
#### People choice: Most popular places by taking photos

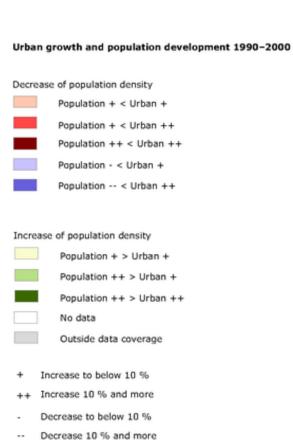
Professional choice: Protected Heritage by UNESCO



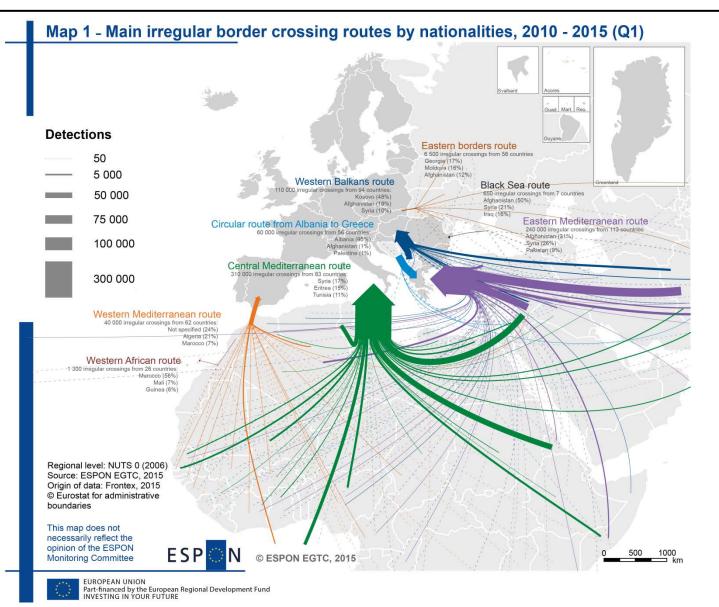
\* 2015: 1031 properties, 802 cultural heritage







### Urban growth and population development (nowadays)



General implications as a result of population growth (immigrants and natural increase):

Numbers of citizens will **double by 2050**, and **triple by 2100** (Angel, 2012).

Urban population is growing by nearly **60 million every year** (WHO, 2014).

Will the immigrants with different cultures and values understand the European cultural heritage?

## Practical aspects influencing on Historic Urban Landscapes

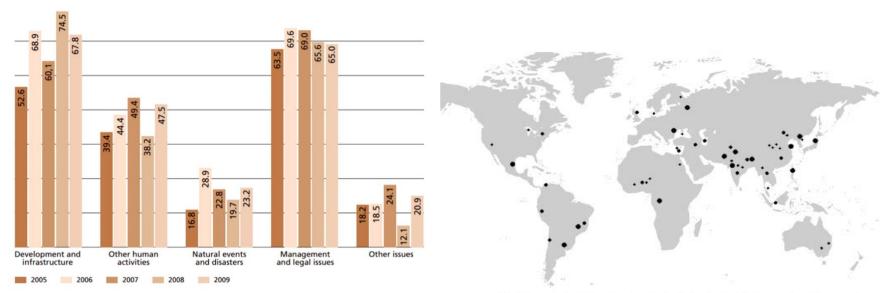


Diagram: Percentage of World Heritage properties affected each group of threats (2005-2009)

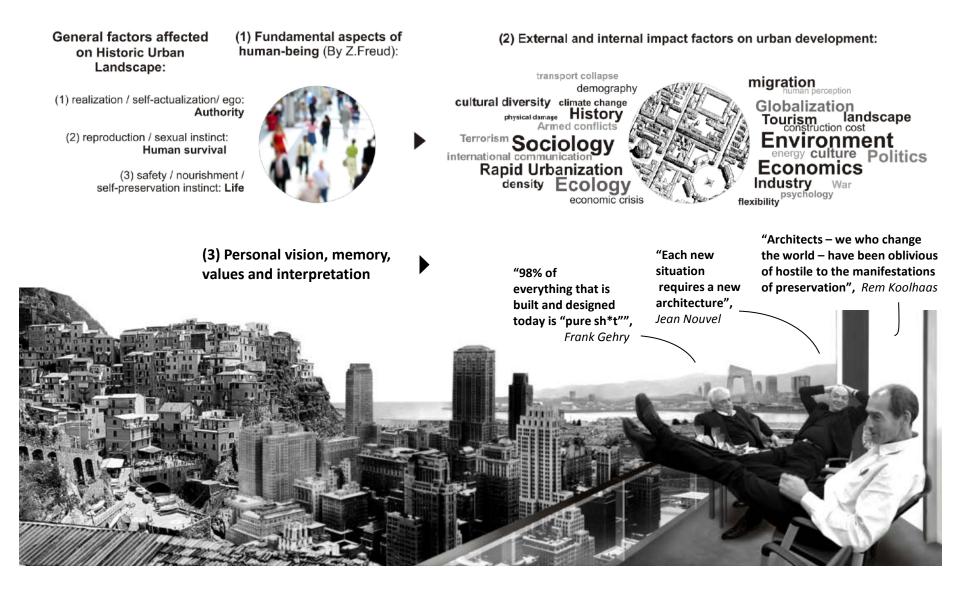
• over 10 million people (Mexico, Shanghai, Istanbul, Tokyo, Seoul, Delhi, Buenos Aires, Moscow, etc.)

• 5 - 10 million people (New York, Beijing, Jakarta, Peru, Cairo, Rio de Janeiro, Hong Kong, Bogota, etc.)

3 - 5 million people (Singapore, Los Angeles, Sydney, Berlin, Pusan, Xian, Yangon, Ankara, Chengdu, etc.)



## Theoretical aspects influencing on Historic Urban Landscapes



## " Is a PROTECTION of urban heritage a contemporary UTOPIA?",

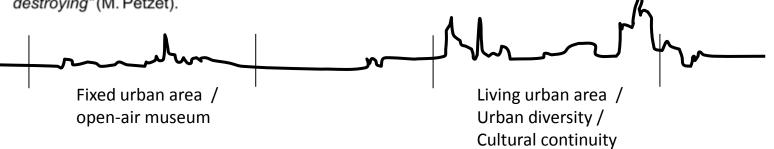
(Bandarin & Van Oers, 2012).

#### **Protectors**

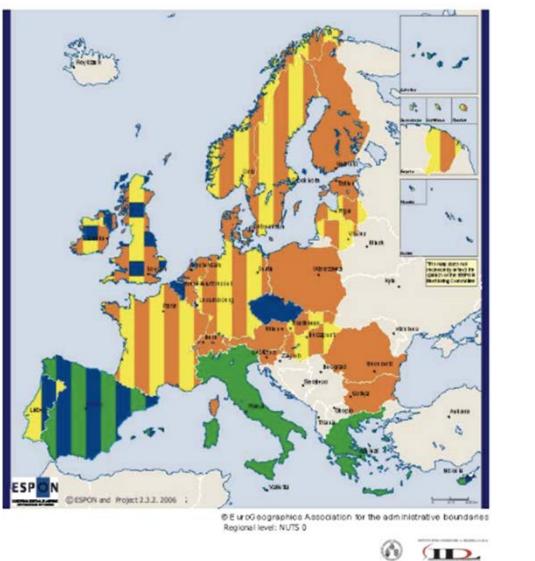
Some experts critically underlined the position that ""conservation is management of change" the core ideology of the World Heritage Convention – namely to protect and preserve monuments and sites as unchanged as possible – is being counteracted. For conservation does not mean "managing change", but preserving – preserving, not altering and destroying" (M. Petzet).

#### Developers

However, the opposite group of experts has admitted a "paradigm shift" and a fact that the large amount of historic cities around the world has already lost considerable proportion of their traditional urban typology and morphology, or they are on the way to modifications due to urban redevelopment of nowadays.



## Urban planning

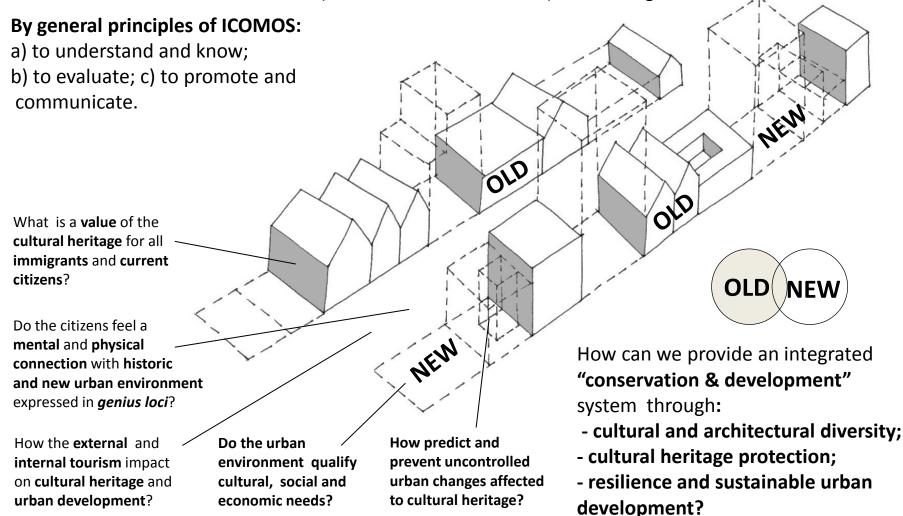


Source: ESPON 2.3.2. National Overviews

Comprehensive Integrated approanch Regional Economic approach Land Use planning Urbanism tradition

## "Conservation & Development" system within HUL approach

By general principles of UNESCO: a) to foster the protection, management, cooperation; b) to evaluate and assess; 3) monitoring.

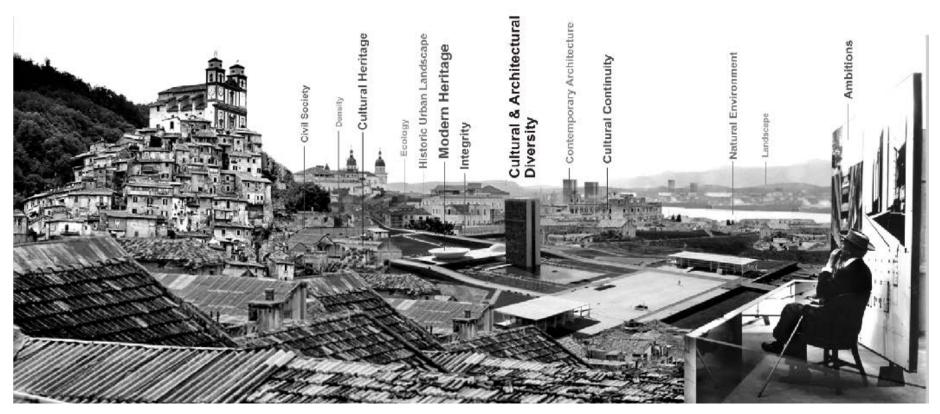




#### The most desired ideal model for "conservation & development" system has to be based on:

- Research on tolerance of change within property's boundaries and its surroundings respecting the principles of integrity (including visual integrity) & authenticity, and management of *"limits for* acceptable changes" by mapping high and less protected zones;
- Awareness of the values and interpretations for historic urban landscape included historic / contemporary planning structure and properties as components of sustainable urban development;
- Study on City Master Plan, land use, monitoring & management.

Integrated "conservation & development" approach in the framework of HUL may go beyond traditional concepts of cultural heritage preservation, but can be considered as a multilevel conflict-solving approach towards the **protection** and **development**, using tools of Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA), management, implementation & monitoring systems, and strategic planning for obtaining sustainable urban development, predominantly trying to prevent a loss of property's visual and structural integrity and rapid uncontrolled changes of morphological and typological characteristics of surrounding historic urban landscapes providing a historic &cultural continuity and urban diversity expressed in the past, present and future values.



Such diversity and uniqueness of the cultural heritage in the historic urban landscapes should be based on balanced evaluation criteria considering such aspects as «historical», «aesthetic» and other available values under a «time» phenomenon, and the urban heritage should be formed by:

# a) **values of the PAST** (cultural heritage as current monuments and sites);



#### b) the PRESENT values

(revealing valuable property that pretend to be a world cultural heritage monument or site in the near future);



#### c) the FURURE values

(architectural structures, which afterwards could be able to claim the title of relevant property or cultural heritage monuments and sites).



Thank you! Grazie!