

What is FRH

The only European Works to protect religiou network of charities, heritage buildings and governmental, religious interiors across Europe and university departments Open to all people **Not-for**and religions profit organisatio



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- Since 2011 a European platform of exchange
- Since 2012 based in Brussels at the heart of the EU
- FRH has built up a European network representing 30 countries



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Religious heritage is under threat / European approach necessary

Europeans are not aware of the scale of the problem potential significance of losing Europe's biggest Museum in the world



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In the Netherlands, 70% of churches are running deficits.

Of the 1,593 Catholic churches, two-thirds are projected to close by 2025.

The merger of the three main Protestant Churches has also provoked a wave of closures.

The current 150 monasteries are expected to reduce to five within ten years.





- Introduce extended use
- Promote community use and events
- Embrace tourism
- Build up volunteer support
- Become more adept at rasing money



How can FRH help?

- Build a European network
- Raise awareness within the EU
- Obtain a better understanding of the issues and the opportunities
- « The biggest museum in Europe »
- Religiana

2014 poll: Secular Europe backs religious heritage



4 out of 5 Europeans think that religious buildings are essential for community life, ad want them used more widely.

87% of European citizens are very open to the idea of promoting religious buildings and their architectural or artistic treasures to tourists.







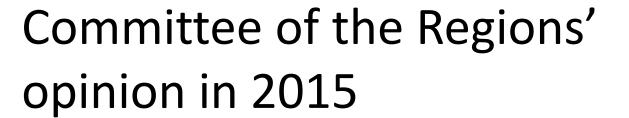








- Religiana is a tool to help managers of churches to promote community use and church tourism by distributing basic information to an international standard.
- Religiana is developed by FRH and managed by a partner in each relevant country / region.
- Religiana encourages contributors to articulate their financial needs and users to make tax efficient on-line donations.





"Religious heritage is one of the pillars of European culture and identity. It is the largest "museum" in Europe and covers every corner of the continent".

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Religious heritage needs you!



FRH is looking for cooperation to **open**Religiana in your region!

FRH is looking for EU projectpartners



