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EUROPEAN HERITAGE TRIBUNE

INSIGHTS ON THE EUROPEAN HERITAGE SECTOR

Training: Energy Efficiency for Historic Houses - Germany

2–4 September 2025 | Location Amersfoort, The Netherlands

Welcome to the CliP-ComE Training: ***Energy Efficiency for Historic Houses.***
7–9 October 2025 | Valley, Germany.

We're excited to welcome you to this **hands-on, three-day training** dedicated to **sustainable solutions** for historic **estates, castles, and country houses**. Let's take concrete steps toward future-proof heritage management—together.

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About the training

The sustainable development of **historic estates, castles, and manors** requires a tailored approach, specialist knowledge, and a deep understanding of heritage-specific characteristics. These buildings often have **high energy demands and complex construction challenges**. At the same time, not all owners or administrators have access to the necessary networks, expertise, or resources to act effectively and strategically.

From **2 to 4 September 2025**, a hands-on, in-depth training course will take place in Germany for owners, managers, and professionals who want to take concrete steps towards more **energy-efficient heritage management**.

This **free**, three-day training offers a unique opportunity to take concrete, practice-based steps toward sustainable, future-proof heritage management.

This training is part of the European project **CliP-ComE** (*Climate Protection Competences for European Historic Houses*), supported by the **Creative Europe programme**. It is organised by, among others, the **Burghauptmannschaft Österreich** and the **European Historic Houses (EHH)** – a European foundation representing over 50,000 privately owned historic houses across Europe, including castles, estates, and manors.

Although these buildings are often of great historical and cultural value, private owners regularly fall between the cracks. They are usually not part of formal heritage networks that provide support and knowledge exchange. As **Gerald Wagenhofer**, one of the trainers, explains:

“This training helps owners of historic houses make realistic and effective improvements – even in complex buildings where standard solutions fall short.”

The **ClIP-ComE** project aims to bridge this gap by offering tailored, practice-based support — not with abstract policy visions, but with directly applicable knowledge and advice on how to **improve energy efficiency** without compromising heritage values.

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What You Will Learn

Why this training?

The challenge of making heritage buildings **climate-resilient and energy-efficient** is urgent. At the same time, this must be done **without damaging their historic integrity**.

This training provides a solid knowledge base, drawing on insights from European initiatives such as **PRO-Heritage**, and tailors this to the Dutch context.

You will learn:

- **Strategies for complex properties** – Learn how to deal with complex structural properties of historic buildings that exclude standard insulation or installations.
- **Optimization with limited resources** – Develop strategic investment choices despite high energy demands and limited means.
- **Navigating regulations and financing** – Gain insight into working with authorities and funding streams while keeping heritage values at the center.

- **Practical applicability** – Learn how to apply solutions to your specific heritage context in the Netherlands.
- **Certification** – Receive an official certificate to strengthen your professional qualifications.

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Who should attend

This training is designed for:

- **Owners and administrators** of historic estates, castles, and landed properties;
- **Professionals** working in maintenance, restoration, and sustainability;
- **Policy advisors, land agents, heritage coordinators**;
- **Consultants** involved in energy-related issues in heritage environments.

This training is an important step towards **sustainable heritage management** that is both forward-looking and respectful of the past. It is specifically designed for the unique challenges of historic country estates, castles, and landed properties. By participating, you will become part of a **growing network of professionals** who take the role of these exceptional heritage sites seriously in the context of climate action.

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Training in Germany

Training (October 2025)

- **Dates:** 7–9 October 2025
- **Location:** Orgelzentrum Altes Schloss, Valley (South of Munich) Germany
- **Duration:** 3 days (approx. 10:00–17:30)
- **Language:** English
- **Cost:** Free of charge (max. 15 participants)

Trainers:

- **Gerald Wagenhofer** (Wagenhofer Consulting, Austria)

EU project manager, trainer and advisor in cultural heritage and sustainability.

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- **John Edwards** (EdwardsHart, UK)

Chartered Environmentalist, professor at the University of Wales, former head of Cadw.

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To secure your place, please register [here](#), as soon as possible, as spaces are limited. For further details, visit <https://www.clip-come.eu/> or contact us with any questions.

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