

# EUROPA NOSTRA

## PRESENTATION:



Founded in 1963, Europa Nostra is the main European NGO defending and enhancing Europe's cultural and artistic heritage.

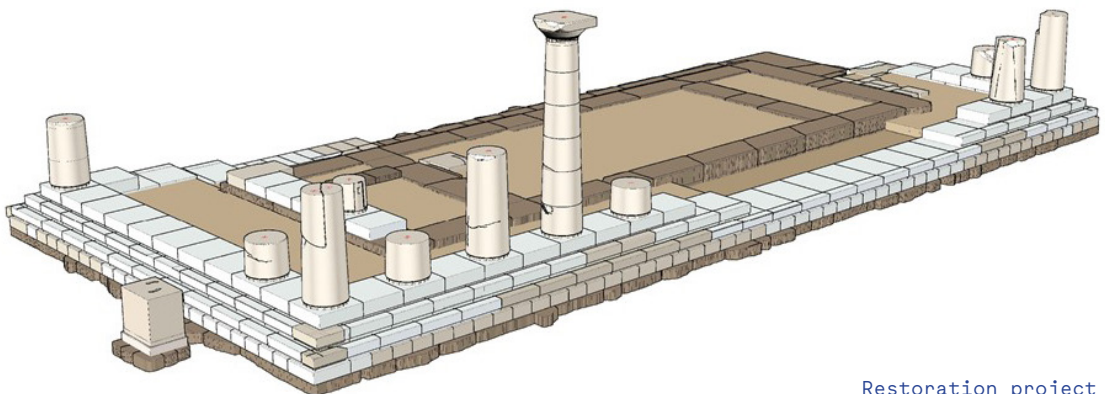
Bringing together 250 national associations, Europa Nostra acts as a lobby group pressuring governments and European Institutions in order to protect Europe's heritage. It promotes different fundraising and initiatives such as the 'Seven most endangered sites of Europe' and the prestigious EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards, given annually in collaboration with the European Commission. Europa Nostra is recognised as an NGO partner of the European Union, the Council of Europe and UNESCO. In this regard, It has actively contributed to the success of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018. Its current president is the Spanish opera singer Plácido Domingo.

## *PROJECT: THE RESTORATION OF THE DELOS TEMPLE OF APOLLO*

Under the ambit of United Artists for Europe, part of the profits from the auction will be allocated to the rehabilitation of the famous Temple of Apollo on the island of Delos in the Cyclades. This temple, one of the main hellenic sanctuaries, dedicated to the god of Arts and Music, is a symbolic birthplace of European culture. At the very heart of an extraordinary UNESCO-world heritage site, it is one of the oldest Greek temples ever preserved. This unprecedented rehabilitation project will be carried out by the Ephorate of Antiquities Cyclades and funded by United Artists for Europe through Europa Nostra and its national delegation in Greece, Elliniki Etairia. It consists of an anastylosis – the re-erection of the antique columns of the temple that have lain on the ground for centuries, allowing the sanctuary of Apollo to be reborn from its ashes.



Current state of the Delos temple of Apollo



Restoration project