

EUROPEAN THERMAL HERITAGE DAY

20.OCTOBER2026 | LOUTRAKI

Development of spa towns in Greece during the first half of the 20th century

PROGRAMME

DRAFT 2026-08-24*

15:00 Welcome & Introduction

15:10 **Afroditi Kamara** (*Historian-Cultural Heritage Consultant*): Shedding new light to Greek Thermalism from Antiquity to the Modern Era. The book on the history of Greek thermal infrastructure, practices and spas. [20-25 mins]

15:35 **Melina Kostidi** (*Historian*): Spa resorts in the social and economic life of the early modern Greek State (1830-1930). [15 mins] ONLINE

15:50 **Maria Tsitimaki** (*Architect*): Cosmopolitanism and Spa architecture in Greece at the beginning of the 20th century [15 mins]

16:05 **Eva Psatha** (*Tourism specialist*): Cosmopolitanism in Loutraki through advertisement and hotel architecture [15 mins]

16:20 Q&A

16:30 **INTERNATIONAL 1 Isabelle Brown** (*Conservatrice du patrimoine, chercheuse*): Building and Inhabiting Spa towns: Styles and Typologies of Housing Architecture in the Thermal Cities of Auvergne (1918 – 1950)

16:45 **INTERNATIONAL 2 Hans Hornyik** (*President EHTTA SC, Spa heritage specialist*): European Spa Architecture between the World Wars. (Developments illustrated by examples from Austria, Italy, Germany, the USA, and Taiwan.)

17:00 **Despoina Lampada** (*Art Historian*): the artist Stefanos Xenopoulos and the mosaics in the Loutraki Municipal Thermal Spring Building [15 mins]

17:15 Walk to the Rotunda

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