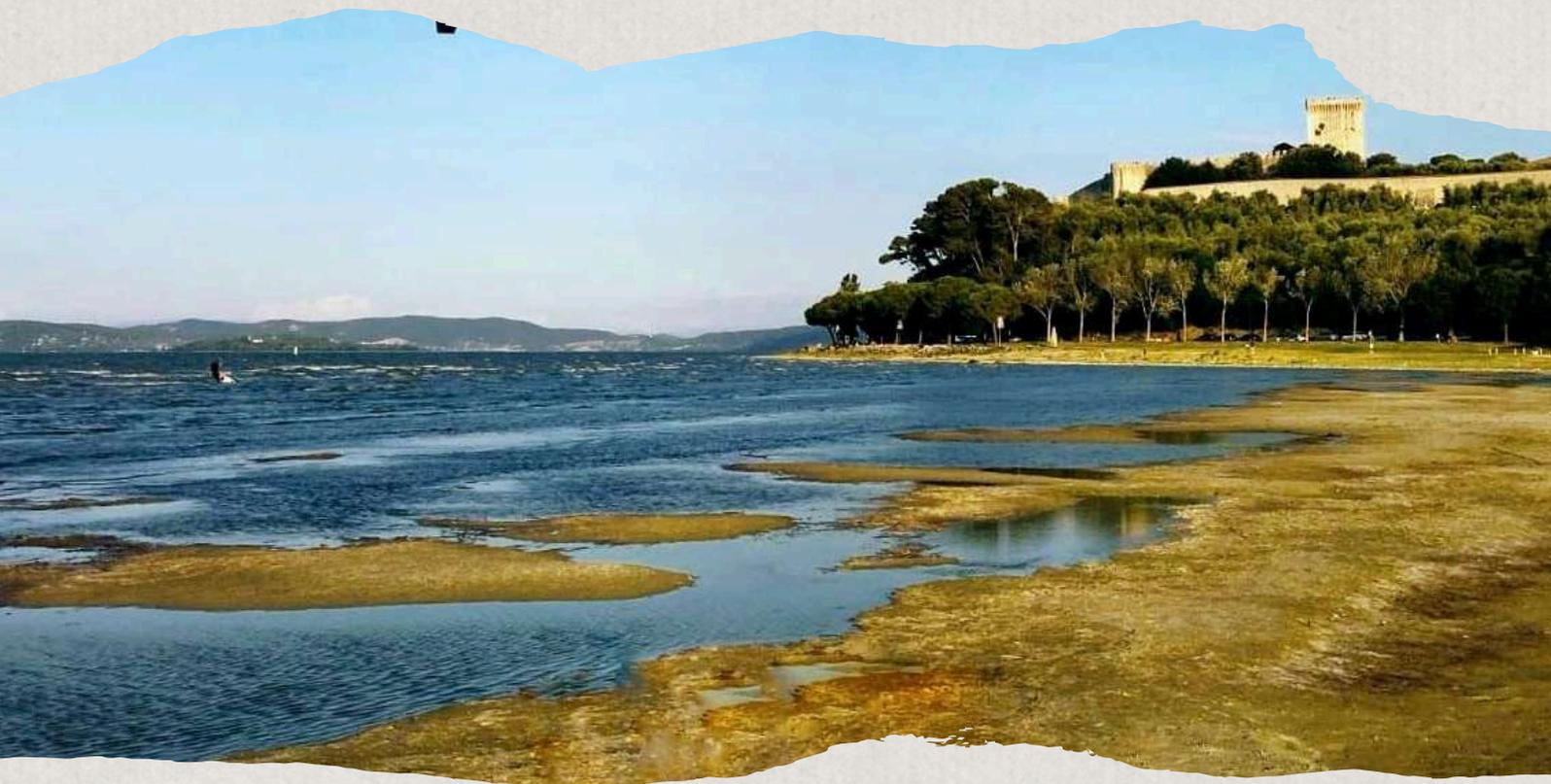


# *Red list of heritage sites in danger*

## *Castiglione del Lago - Italy*



This document contains a list of heritage sites in danger. It is a consequence of the survey results developed within the Erasmus+ project "The Power of Heritage for Civic Engagement and Lifelong Education".



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# TRASIMENO LAKE

## Heritage sites in danger in Castiglione del Lago

The Organization Italia Nostra Castiglione Lago, within the project “ The Power of Heritage for Civic Engagement and Lifelong Education” create a list of heritage sites in danger. This list come directly from a citizens survey.

The Inhabitant of Castiglione del Lago are really worried about the condition of the Trasimeno Lake. In the last 2 years the level of the Lake decrease rapdly and drammatically. Fishes are dying, a bad smell in lakeside is day by day more intense. The beauty of such place is in danger. Citizens are asking immediate action to the public administrations, local and regional. In August 2024 our organization in collaboration with several local NGOs created a of flash mob to rise awarness around this natural disaster.



## The Trasimeno Lake

Lake Trasimeno is a lake in the province of Perugia, in the Umbria region of Italy on the border with Tuscany. The lake has a surface area of 128 km<sup>2</sup> (49.4 sq mi), making it the fourth largest in Italy, slightly smaller than Lake Como. Only two minor streams flow directly into the Lake and none flows out. The water level of the lake fluctuates significantly according to rainfall levels and the seasonal demands from the towns, villages and farms near the shore.

Almost drained at the start of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, today the communities around the like are living the same problem. Climate changes, controversial laws and little care for the Lake are causing a natural disaster.

# CHIESA DI SAN DOMENICO

## The Church of San Domenico

*The church of San Domenico is located in the sixteenth-century village of Castiglione del Lago, on Via del Forte. It was built in 1636 by the last Duke of Corgna, Fulvio II Alessandro (1589-1647), to fulfill a vow made to the saint of Guzmán.*

*The church, in Baroque style according to the taste of the time, is composed of two large rooms: the first corresponds to the one where religious rites are celebrated, the second to the sacristy, where the relics are kept (including the bust of Saint Barbara, donated by the Duchess Eleonora) and the meetings of the brothers of the Venerable Company of Saint Dominic are convened.*



## The restoration of the Church

*Started in 2011, the restoration of the Church has been suspended in 2014 for lack of funds. This church, the oldest of Castiglione del Lago survive thanks to the effort of "Confraternita of San Domenico" that every year, in collaboration with many local organization organizes guided visits, concerts and fundraising. Italia Nostra Trasimeno organized inside the church small expositions and concerts to rise awareness on the importance of such place. We know the restoration is a long process, this is why we are all stressing the Municipality and the Church Ministry to take actions.*

# EX-POMODORAIA

## EX-POMODORAIA Industrial Herite Site

*Pomodoraia is an ex company of tomatoes, located in castiglione del Lago and almost totally abandoned. It is part of the social tissue of the town and it is considered also an Archeological Industrial Heritage.*

*During the 60 many inhabitants worked there, it represented the main industrial activity of the town, producing tomato sauce all along the year.*

*To rise awarnerss on the decadent situation of this area, we realized a short-movie, with two ex-workers who told us about the history of the place, their memories.*

*We understood the importance of the Ex-pomodoraia for all the local communities, a place were many women worked overall during the II World War.*

*Today the complex host only ine company working on renovation of traditional lake boat.*



## IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE

*We worked to sensitize local community and admonistration to enovate the building, a landmark of industrial archaeology and part of the collective memory, by evaluating its new functions with the community. The project aims to foster citizen self-ownership through participatory processes to foster active citizenship: a capability as key to increasing people's ability to make the right decisions, leading to greater individual and collective well-being. The project creates spaces open to productive and intercultural socialization, where knowledge is enhanced and the creativity, inclinations, desires, skills, and talents of women and men of diverse cultures, origins, and social backgrounds are fostered. The project offers the opportunity to redesign, with the desired cultural civic spirit, a space to generate social value in which every citizen reclaims the ethical and educational value of the world around them.*

# THE POLVESE ISLAND

## FROM NATURAL OASI FOR THE COMMUNITY...

*Polvese Island is the largest of three islands in Lake Trasimeno, Umbria. Used as a science and educational park, it is owned by the Province of Perugia.*

*The island's name probably derives from the term polvento, meaning "leeward area." The area was certainly occupied by the Romans, as some remains of opus reticulatum are visible.*

*During the 18th century, only a few dozen people still inhabited the island, which gradually fell into the hands of private owners. In 1959, it was purchased by the Milanese Count Giannino Citterio, who built a villa from the careful renovation of most of the existing buildings. In 1973, the island became the property of the provincial administration of Perugia.*

*Until the 90s the cultural life in the Island was very fertile, Environmental and research centres, international conference, activities on biodiversity and climate change.*

*The Island has been known as the GREEN NATURAL OASI of the Trasimeno Lake, where all along the year thousands of students and researchers came to enjoy the untouched beauty.*



## ... TO A PRIVATE PLACE WITH SPA AND RESTAURANTS

*With the near closure of the Province of Perugia, the district administration gradually abandoned the area. Its century olive trees, the uncontaminated gardens, the old churches, and the building used for research activities are gradually degraded. The District of Perugia decided to give the management of main part of the Island to a Public company that use it for luxury turistic aims. The soul of the Island it is destroyed, lost....*

*In occasion of the European Heritage Days of 2023 we organized a meeting at the Island, inviting many organizations, responsible from the Umbria Region and the Municipality that surround the Trasimeno Lake with the aim to sensitize them to give back life to this precious place.*

*In occasion of the European Heritage Days and in collaboration with the Dott. Luciano Giacché we created a document with all the history of Island, containing pictures and official contracts/documents.*

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