

# 55.000 storages in the world; 55.000 good storages?

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Between others programs, he launched the international press competition MEDIA SAVE ART, "The City Beneath the City" developed in 30 European countries and he contributes actively to the 15-year PREMA programme in Sub-Saharan Africa and then to the creation of the Ecole du Patrimoine Africain in Porto-Novo, Benin for which he created the EPA-fund. In 2012-2014 he was the scientific director of the program for Preventive conservation of the prehistoric cave of Altamira, Spain. Since 2010 he concentrated on reorganizing storages worldwide in the context of the Re-org programme developed by ICCROM. Presently, he works as a consultant and teaches in both Italy and abroad and he is advisor to the Director-General of ICCROM.



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