



# **THE GREEN CONSERVATION DEFINITION**



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# GREEN CONSERVATION

## **Normative definition**

Green conservation is a sustainable approach that involves holistic, balanced decision-making to reduce health, climate and environmental hazards while adhering to professional ethics.

## **Aspirational definition**

Green conservation aspires to protect cultural heritage while minimizing harmful impacts on climate, human health, environment and resources.

## **A SHARED FRAMEWORK FOR A GREENER FUTURE**





## PURPOSE

The definition is a framework for sustainable cultural heritage conservation that protects cultural heritage, reduces environmental impacts and supports human well-being.

## HOW IT WORKS

Developed through research and collaboration, it uses **14 parameters as guidance tools**. These help professionals evaluate impacts, apply solutions in any context, and adapt to new information.

## USING THE PARAMETERS

- The parameters are guidance tools
- Balance is key: 100% green does not exist
- Apply in any order, depending on context
- Use for individual choices or broader discussions
- Designed to evolve with future considerations
- Learn more: [www.gogreenconservation.eu](http://www.gogreenconservation.eu)



## 14 GREEN PARAMETERS REFLECTING IMPACTS

### HAZARDS TO HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENT

**G1** Toxicity and hazard metrics for the natural environment

**G2** Toxicity and hazard metrics for humans

### CLIMATE CHANGE

**G3** Energy – Indoor climate control impacts

**G4** Energy – Consumption in approach / application

**G5** Energy – Conservation approach / treatment-associated materials / products to be used

### RESOURCES

**G6** Availability – Water & resource use

**G7** Availability – Biodiversity impacts

**G8** Waste

### CULTURAL HERITAGE (PROFESSIONAL PARAMETERS)

**G9** Material / product selection and application method

**G10** Efficiency – Number of applications / consumption / quantities of materials / products used

**G11** Longevity of result

**G12** Accessibility – Availability of approach / used materials / products

**G13** Accessibility – Ease of use and time

**G14** Quality / value impacts of result in meeting preservation goals



# HOW CAN THE GREEN CONSERVATION DEFINITION HELP YOU?



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