

Technical meeting

## Open Storages

**22-23 February 2018**

Museum of King Jan III's Palace at Wilanów, Poland

In the last 20 years, we witness a significant shift in perception of the museum storage functions. These are no longer understood simply as closed rooms for storing less significant objects but rather as active parts of the museum narration. Constant exchange and communication between core exhibition and storages are now a clear demand.

However, opening the storages to the visitors brings new challenges to preservation practices, as objects are more exposed to the changing climate conditions. Not to be overlooked is also a threat of theft and vandalism.

Finding a balance between educational needs and artefacts safety is now of a crucial importance. In this context, we would like to invite you to discuss organisational issues concerning the modern open storages. We would also like to share our experience in creating opened storages in the Wilanow Palace Museum (opened 12 Sept.2017).

This meeting aims to question the concept of "open storage" in historic royal residences. How and why should we open the storages to the public? How do European residences open and present their "hidden" collections?

**Purpose of the meeting:** Promote exchange of practices between professionals on the issues relating to open storages: mode of presentation, security, preventive conservation, communication

**Expected participants:** architects, conservators - restorers, curators, engineers and managers of the historic residences

**Working languages:** English

**Dates:** Thursday, February 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. and Friday, February 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Reverse schedule:**

In order to make the meeting effective, please respect the schedule shown below.



Before 12 February	Please make your reservation with the hotel
Before 12 February	Please return the completed questionnaire to <a href="mailto:residencesroyales@chateauversailles.fr">residencesroyales@chateauversailles.fr</a> and <a href="mailto:egrygiel@muzeum-wilanow.pl">egrygiel@muzeum-wilanow.pl</a>
15 February	Final agenda to be sent out
22-23 February	Meeting

### Practical information

**Budget :** Lunch and dinner on 22 February and lunch on 23 February 2018 will be covered by the Museum of King Jan III's Palace at Wilanów and the Network of European Royal Residences. The cost of travel and accommodation will be borne by the participants.

**Hotel:** Please find below the information about the hotel with preferential rates. If you do not plan to stay in this hotel, please let us know.

Rooms have been reserved at the Hotel Wilanów Warszawa by DeSilva

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You can benefit from the rates indicated by mentioning "Wilanow Palace Museum" when booking directly via e-mail with the hotel **until February 12, 2018**.

Rates:

Single room: 190 zł (approx. 45 €) including breakfast / night

Double room: 240 zł (approx. 57 €) including breakfast / night

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