

DEFINITIONS

Although they are indicative and open to discussion, in order to avoid misinterpretations the following definitions will be used :

- ***conservation***: its aim is to safeguard the quality and values of a building or of a built environment, to protect its material substance and to ensure its integrity for future generations;
- ***consolidation***: its aim is to physically add or use adhesive or supportive materials to the actual fabric in order to ensure its continued durability, or structural integrity;

- ***maintenance***: its aim is to keep a building or a built environment in its existing state of repair: it is, therefore, one of the aims of *protection* (see);
- ***protection***: its aims are to prevent the deterioration of a building or of a built environment, to keep it in its existing state of repair and to ensure its continued durability and structural integrity;
- ***regeneration***: its aim is to adapt a building or a built environment to a contemporary use which will be capable of sustaining it (also called *reconditioning*, *renovation*, *remodelling*, *revitalisation*, *adaptation*);

- ***rehabilitation***: its aim is to physically improve an empty or inappropriately structure in order to provide an appropriate use;
- ***renewal***: its aim is to reconstruct a building or a built environment, either or both to improve urban living conditions or to use the site for new buildings which bring a higher return on capital (also called *restructuring*, *redevelopment*, *replacement*);
- ***restoration***: its aim is to revive the original concept of a building or of a built environment in relation to its fabric and/or use.