

Invisible resources

Survey on the museum collection storage and the mobility of archaeological collections in Italy

The aim of the research project is to understand how the Italian archaeological museums manage the collection storage and the mobility of archaeological collections.

The theme of management of storages and the mobility of collections are connected by a common thread, which is the protection of cultural heritage, from its conservation in storage to its transfer. Of course, the repercussions of such analysis include also the theme of valorization, accessibility and visibility of archaeological heritage.

The survey - in collaboration with the Ministry of Heritage, Culture and Tourism (Ministero dei Beni e delle Attività Culturali e del Turismo) and with the National Association of Local and Institutional Museums (Associazione Nazionale Musei Locali e Istituzionali) – was conducted among museums and similar institutions which acquire, preserve, order and exhibit to the public archaeological goods and/or collections.

The state of the art concerning the management of storages and mobility of archaeological collections in Italy, constitutes the basis to propose solutions to critical situations and prospects for improvements.