
Men and Women of Mining

TRAVELING EXHIBITION

A photographic journey through our shared cultural identity

We are pleased to welcome you to the traveling exhibition of historical photographs organised by the **European Mining Route of Santa Barbara Federation, MINES-B**.

This exhibition is of profound significance as it aims to tell the story of the men, women and children who worked in the mines. Its primary objective is to **preserve and commemorate** the historical memory of these individuals, who contributed significantly to the history and development of **European mining communities**.

It is fascinating to see how, despite their different origins, the partner nations share a **common cultural identity**, a revelation that the selected photographs aim to highlight and commemorate.

Through these images, one can observe men and women who shared the same struggles, the same labours and the same **devotion to Saint Barbara**, the universal Patron Saint of miners.

It is also thanks to the determination and perseverance of these people that today many of the **human rights at work** are a tangible reality, improving the living conditions not only of mine workers but of all workers. This exhibition also wants to remember the **women and children of the mines**; they played a fundamental role, contributing significantly to their functioning.

The European Mining Route of Santa Barbara Federation is determined not only to enhance the rich mining heritage through sustainable forms of tourism, but also to preserve and perpetuate the memory of what we have been and how this mining past has helped to define the identity and culture of our communities.



Photo by Federico Patellani, 1950
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Miner Maria among young miners in facility “Bašerija” (plant for preparing ore).
Provided by Valter Majnik.

SPA

La minera Maria entre los jóvenes mineros en la “Bašerija” (planta de preparación de mineral).
Cedida por Valter Majnik.

FRE

La mineuse Maria parmi les jeunes mineurs de la “Bašerija” (usine de préparation du minerai).
Fournie par Valter Majnik.

ITA

La minatrice Maria tra i giovani minatori nella “Bašerija” (zona per la preparazione del minerale).
Concessa da Valter Majnik.

SL

Rudarka Marija med mladimi rudarji na objektu “Bašerija”.
Fotografijo podaril Valter Majnik.

SK

Baníčka Marija medzi mladými baníkmi v závode na úpravu rudy „Bašerija“.
Photo provided by Mr Valter Majnik.