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## NUMISMATIC TREASURES: ITALY GIVES BACK ANCIENT PURLOINED COINS TO GREECE



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- 82 Hellenic coins of great archaeological value, 93 made of silver and three made of bronze, have been handed back to Greece.
- The return ceremony took place on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at Venaria Palace, where the informal meeting of the 28 EU Culture Ministers was held. The coins, sacked in Northern Greece, were recovered in 2008 by the Carabinieri during an operation in the Veneto region.

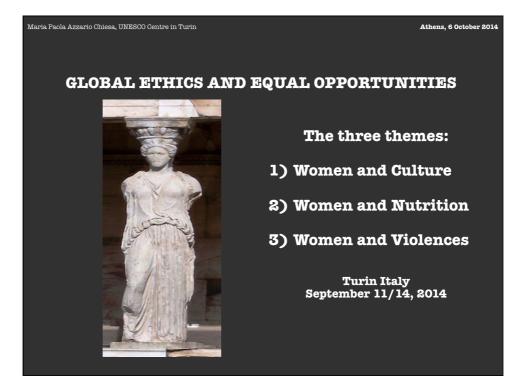
# THE AXUM OBELISK

• In 2005 Italy returned an obelisk that was taken from Ethiopia just before World War II.

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- The 78-foot-tall monument was taken by the occupying Italian army and shipped to Rome in 1937 to celebrate Mussolini's fifteenth year of power. It was erected near the Circus Maximus and stood there until it was dismantled in 2003 following a lightning strike that had damaged the top of the obelisk the year before.
- The city of Axum is a World Heritage Site located in the Tigray region of northern Ethiopia bordering Eritrea. It holds a special place in the hearts of many Ethiopians.





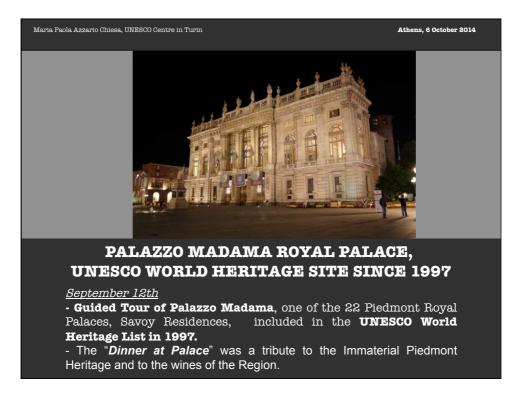






#### PARTICIPANTS

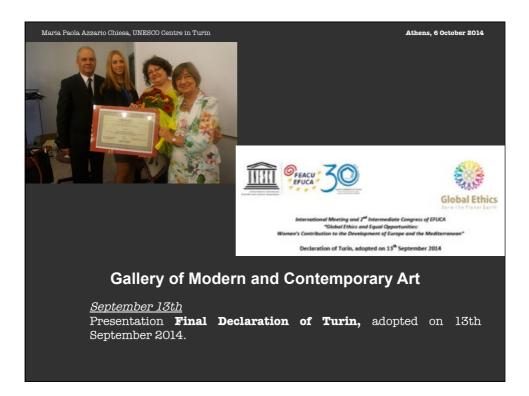
**220 participants**: international, national and local authorities, experts, women and men, **from 16 differents countries**: Belarus, China, Cyprus, Greece, Egypt, France, Israel, Italy, Morocco, Nigeria, Romania, Serbia, Somalia, Spain, Tunisia, USA.





- Presentation final results of the International Contest "Experiences of women of any age and country: Culture, Nutrition, Violences".

- The winner is **Qiong Wu**, a Chinese girl, with the story " **The** opportunity is for the ready person!"



## Some significant passages taken from the Final Declaration of Turin

**"Encouraging and promoting** awareness on the importance of Gender Equality and the role of women in research for sustainable development and in the realization of strategic Millennium Development Goals, in particular <u>Article 3: "Promote gender equality and empower women"</u>.

Declaration of Turin

"The achievements of women have not been forgotten as a result of the lack of value of the same, but because they were accomplished by women." *Att. 1: Workshop "Women and Culture"* 

"The women have to get out of the private area and out of the kitchen, by sharing with the partner the daily responsibilities, in order to be part of the society, the economy and the feeding system."

Att. 2: Workshop "Women and Nutrition"

"Remembering that women's rights are an integral part of human rights, we ask our States to make a commitment to: [...] change laws discriminatory against women, [...] promote education for peace, integrating the respect for human dignity and life."

Att. 3: Workshop "Women and Violences"

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