

CULTURAL ROUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

HUMAN RIGHTS,
DEMOCRACY
AND THE RULE OF LAW

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DROITS DE L'HOMME,
DÉMOCRATIE
ET ÉTAT DE DROIT

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CONNECTING EUROPEAN HERITAGE THROUGH SPACE AND TIME

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THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE



Founded
in
1949

46
Member
States

Headquarters:
Strasbourg
(France)

Core
values

Human Rights
Democracy
Rule of Law

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when

since 1987



what

COOPERATION NETWORKS _ heritage - culture - tourism



how
where

47 CERTIFIED CULTURAL ROUTES
crossing EUROPE & reaching even BEYOND



why

- promote & understand EUROPEAN HERITAGE & CULTURAL IDENTITY
- enhance DEMOCRATIC CULTURAL EXCHANGES & CULTURAL TOURISM
- support SUSTAINABLE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
- foster ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

THE SPIRIT OF THE PROGRAMME

Cultural routes are **journeys through time and space.**

The Cultural Routes **highlight European common heritage**, historical buildings, landscapes, the knowledge and traditions of its inhabitants, their way of living a territory and their own culture.

They are bridges **that connect us to others** and make us appreciate what we have in common, in their different forms.

Cultural Routes promote **cultural tourism, sustainability and European citizenship.**

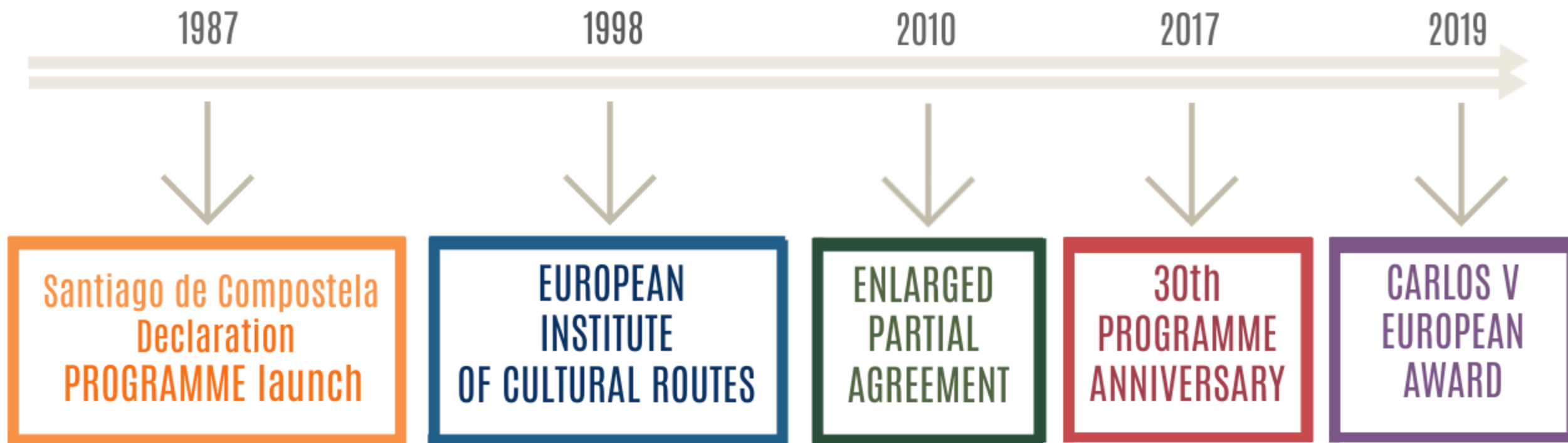


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CULTURAL ROUTES: HISTORY AND INSTITUTIONS

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TECHNICAL AGENCY OF THE CULTURAL ROUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE PROGRAMME

 Luxembourg



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since 1998
TECHNICAL AGENCY

MONITORING & EVALUATION

ADVISING

**TRAINING of
CR MANAGERS**

VISIBILITY EVENTS

**COORDINATION of university &
research centers NETWORK**

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EPA MEMBER STATES

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| Albania (2022) | Greece (2011) | Portugal (2011) |
| Andorra (2012) | Holy See (2018) | Republic of Moldova (2023) |
| Armenia (2015) | Hungary (2013) | Romania (2013) |
| Austria (2011) | Italy (2011) | San Marino (2017) |
| Azerbaijan (2011) | Latvia (2019) | Serbia (2012) |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina (2016) | Lebanon (2022) | Slovak Republic (2014) |
| Bulgaria (2011) | Lithuania (2012) | Slovenia (2011) |
| Croatia (2016) | Luxembourg (2011) | Spain (2011) |
| Cyprus (2011) | * Malta (2023) | Sweden (2020) |
| Czech Republic (2023) | Monaco (2013) | Switzerland (2013) |
| Estonia (2024) | Montenegro (2011) | Türkiye (2018) |
| Finland (2018) | North Macedonia (2022) | Ukraine (2021) |
| France (2011) | Norway (2011) | |
| Georgia (2016) | Poland (2017) | |
| Germany (2013) | | |

EPA OBSERVERS

- Netherlands (2024)



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Observers with the EPA: International Organisations



European Union



World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)



United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)



Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Participative status with the EPA: International NGOs



European Ramblers' Association (ERA)



European Federation of Tourist Guide Associations (FEG)



International Federation of Equestrian Tourism (FITE)

Participative Status with the EPA: International Organisations



Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)

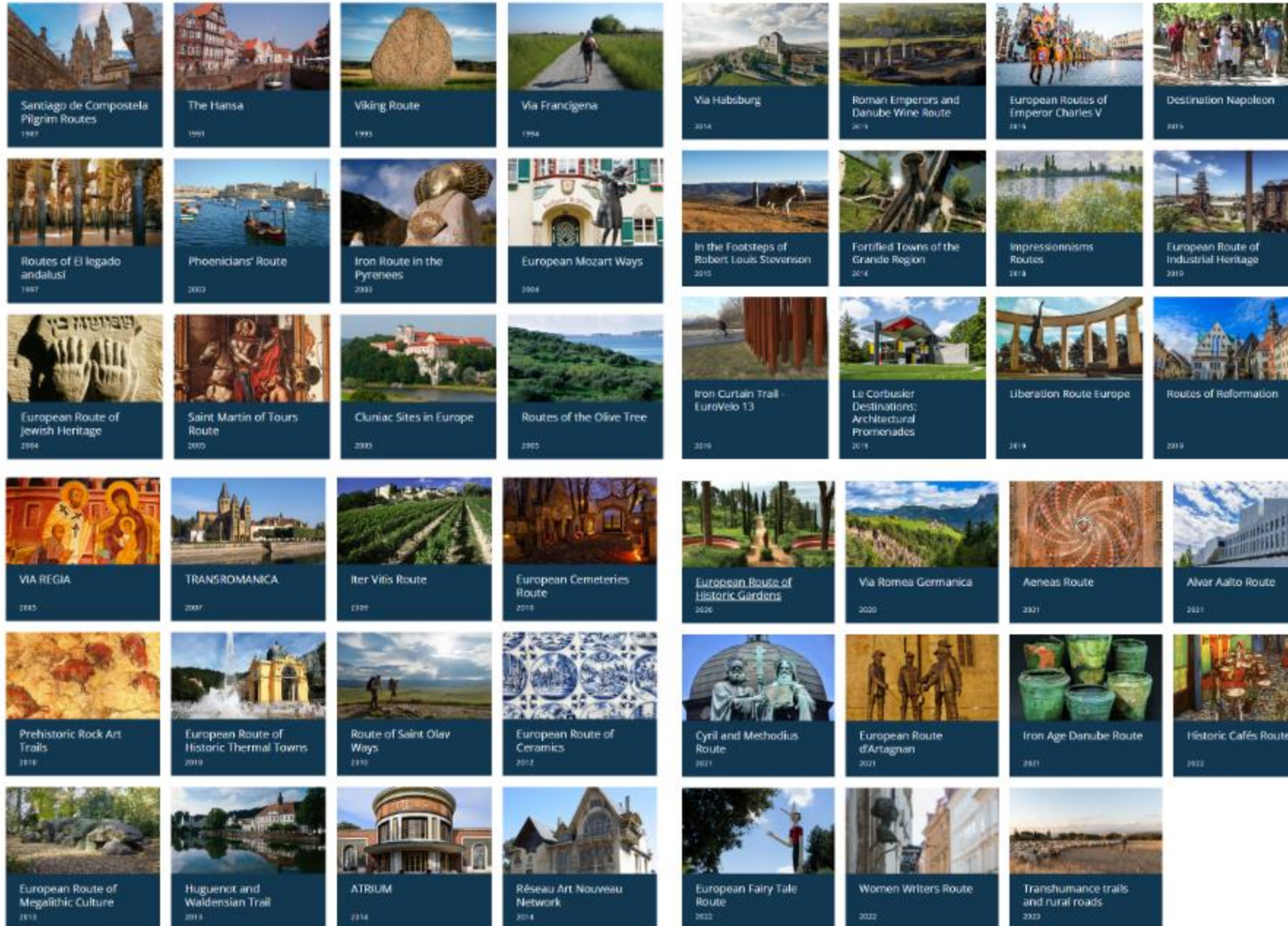


Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture (OEI)

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CULTURAL ROUTES: THEMATIC CLUSTERS

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RELIGIOUS HERITAGE

- The Santiago De Compostela Pigrims Route
- The Via Francigena
- the Route of Saint Olav Ways
- The Cluniac Sites in Europe
- The Saint Martin of Tours Route
- The European Route of Jewish Heritage
- The Huguenot and Waldesin Trail
- Cyril and Methodius Route

EARLY EUROPEANS

- Prehistoric Rock Art Trails
- The European Route of Megalithic Culture
- Iron Age Danube Route

LANDSCAPE & HANDICRAFTS

- The Routes of the Olive Tree
- The Iter Vitis Route
- The Pyrenean Iron Route
- The European Route of Ceramics

HISTORY & CIVILIZATIONS

- The European Route of Emperor Charles V
- The Phoenician Route
- The Hansa
- The Viking Route
- The Habsburg
- The Roman Emperors and Danube Wine Route
- Destination Napoleon
- Via Regia
- The Route of El-Legado of Andalusí
- Aeneas Route
- European Route D'Artagnan

ARTS & ARCHITECTURE

- European Mozart Ways
- The Réseau Art Nouveau Network
- In the Footsteps of Robert Louis Stevenson
- Route of the Fortified Towns of the Greater Region
- European Route of Historical Thermal Towns
- Atrium
- Transromanica
- The European Cemeteries Route
- Alvar Aalto Route

CULTURAL ROUTES: TYPOLOGIES

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA PILGRIM ROUTES

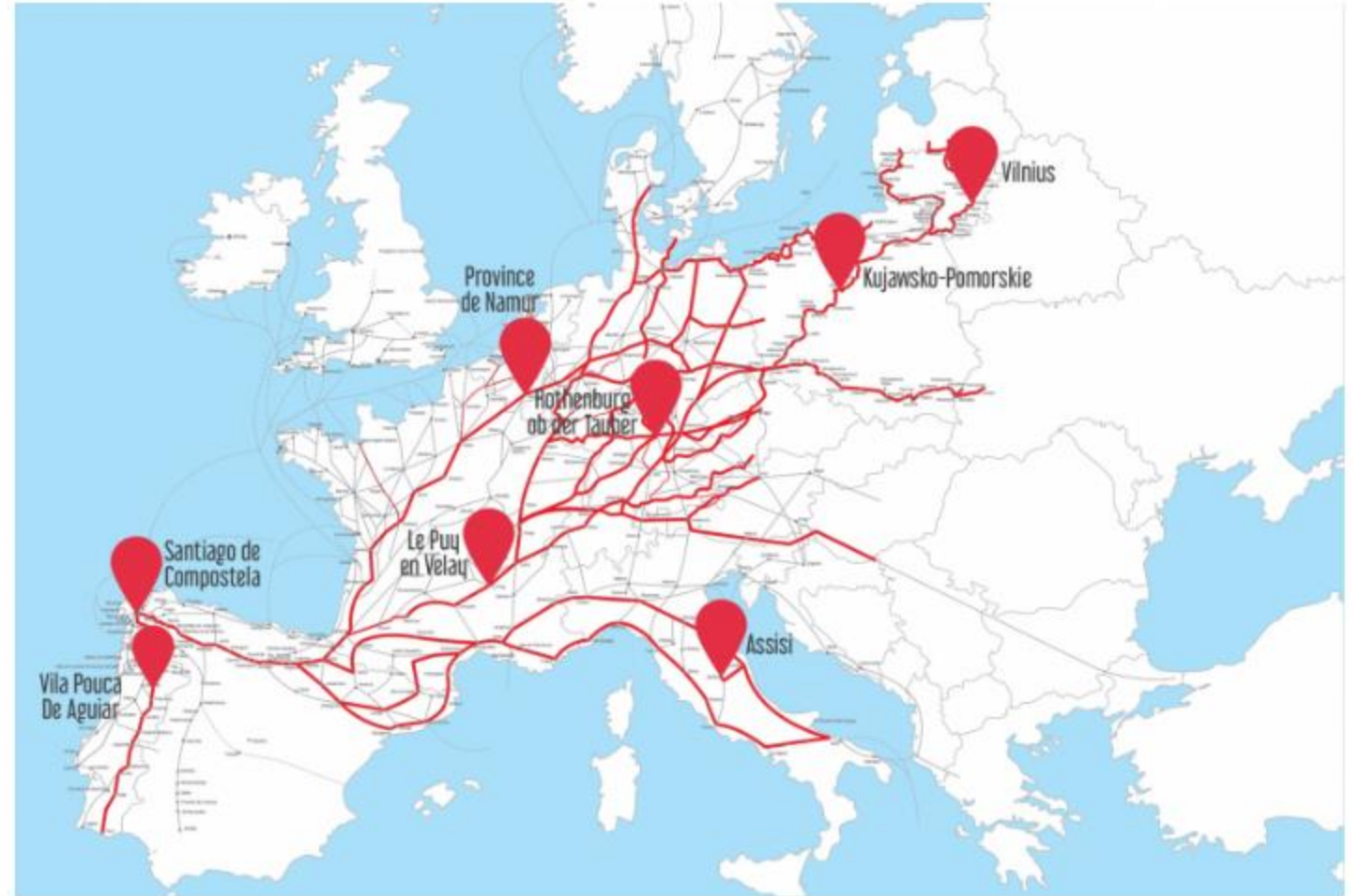


LINEAR ROUTES



Historical Infrastructure

- The Santiago De Compostela Pilgrim Routes
- The Via Francigena
- The Via Regia



SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA PILGRIM ROUTES



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Cathedral of S. de Compostela, Spain ©artemevdokimov / Shutterstock



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CULTURAL ROUTES: TYPOLOGIES

TERRITORIAL ROUTES



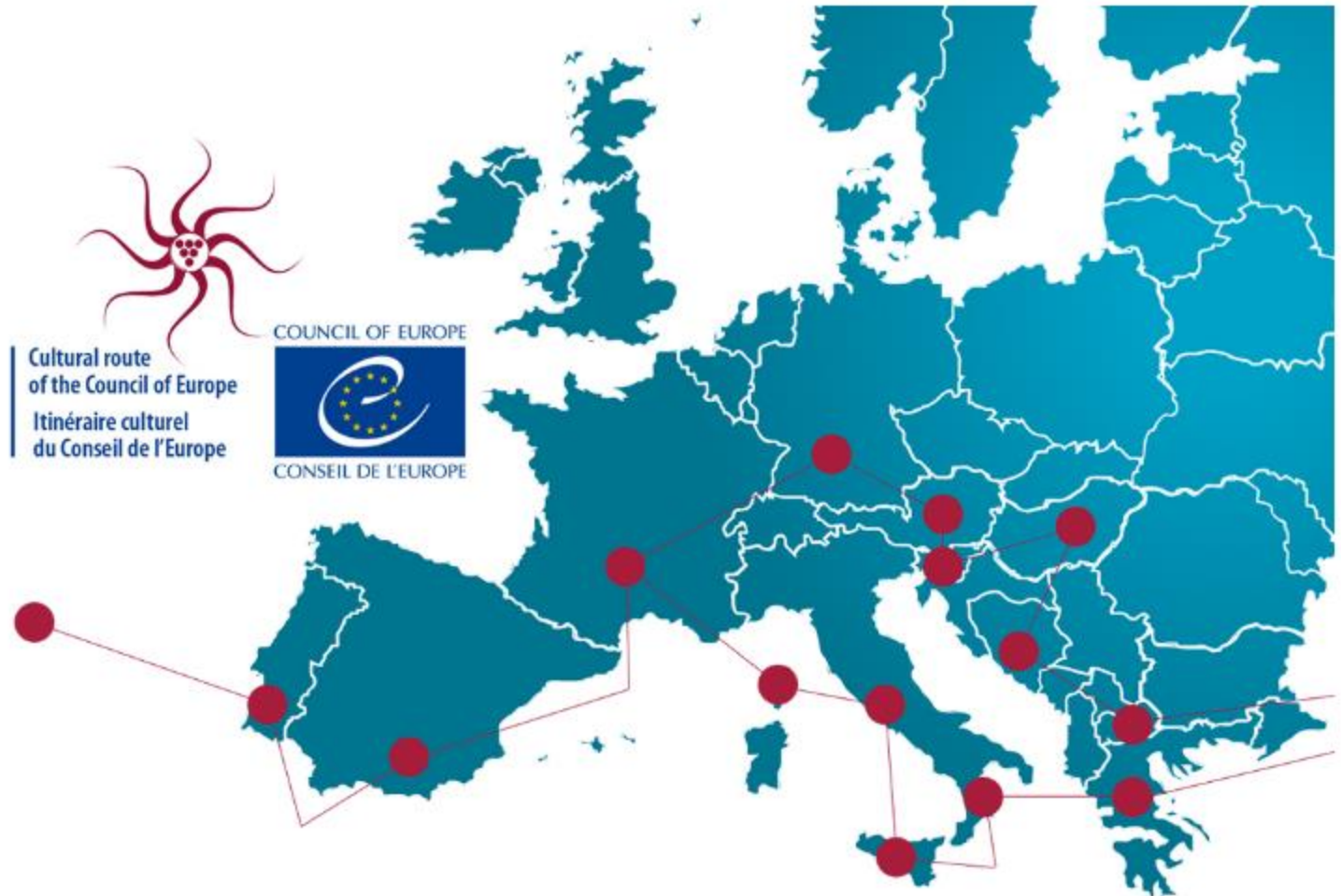
Territorial Contiguity

- Iter Vitis
- The Roman Emperors and Danube Wine Route
- The Routes of the Olive Tree

ITER VITIS ROUTE



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National wine's festival, Chisinau, Moldova © SlayStorm/Shutterstock



Areni Winery, Armenia ©frantic00/Shutterstock



Barolo Village and Its Vineyards at Barolo, Italy ©Edgar Machado/Shutterstock

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RETICULAR PATTERN



"Virtual" Routes

- The Hansa
- European Mozart Ways
- The European Route of Jewish Heritage

EUROPEAN ROUTE OF JEWISH HERITAGE

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jewish heritage
powered by AEPJ

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Monument to victims of Nazis, Novi Sad, Serbia ©Srdjan Randjelovic/Shutterstock



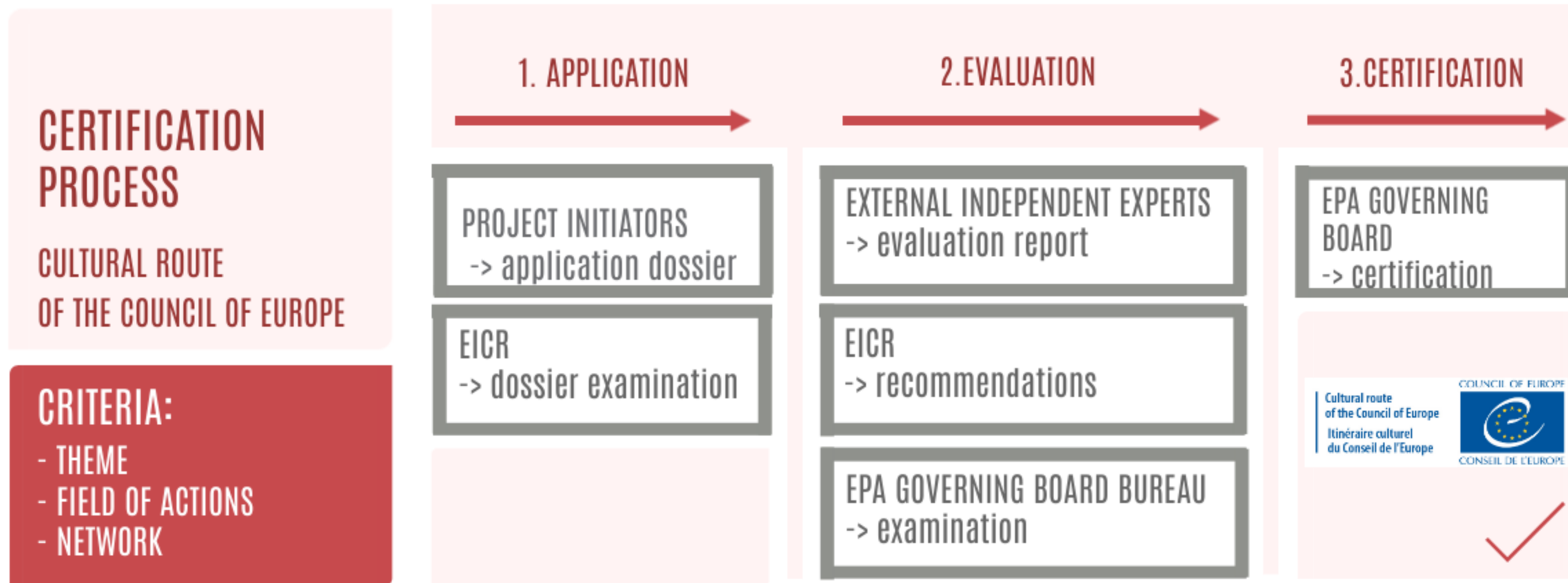
Tabakgasse Synagogue, Budapest, Hungary ©Dignity100/Shutterstock



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HOW TO BECOME A CULTURAL ROUTE?

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WHAT MAKES THIS CERTIFICATION UNIQUE?

VISIBILITY &
COMMUNICATION

CAPACITY
BUILDING

ADVOCACY

SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT

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FUNDING
OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT

SUSTAINABLE
TOURISM

CONTACTS &
NETWORKING

CERTIFICACION
OF QUALITY

INTERNATIONAL
RECOGNITION

SUSTAINABLE CULTURAL TOURISM AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT



90% CULTURAL ROUTES CROSS RURAL AREAS



INTEGRATION OF LESS KNOWN AREAS



SYNERGIES & COOPERATIVE STRATEGIES



ENGINE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



IMPROVEMENT OF LOCAL ECONOMIES AND EMPLOYMENT



CULTURAL
ROUTES



HERITAGE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION



MODEL FOR SLOW TOURISM



TOOLS FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM



BOOST LOCAL ECONOMIES

CULTURAL ROUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE: KEY DATA

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+60
countries crossed



47
certified
Cultural Routes

+3000
network members

46
Council of Europe
member States



10
Institutional
Partners



2019 :
Carlos V
European Award

40 EPA member States



+20 universites/research centers in NCRS



+10M € FINANCING RECEIVED IN 2022

CHARLES V AWARD

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His Majesty the King of Spain awards the Charles V European Prize to the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme

YUSTE, SPAIN | 09 MAY 2019



ANNUAL ACTIVITIES: CULTURAL ROUTES ANNUAL ADVISORY FORUMS

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6th

2016
Vilnius, LITHUANIA



7th

2017
Lucca, ITALY



8th

2018
Görlitz, GERMANY



9th

2019
Sibiu, ROMANIA



10th

2021
Kutaisi, GEORGIA



11th

2022
Chania, GREECE





XII CULTURAL ROUTES ANNUAL ADVISORY FORUM

 20-22 September 2023

 Lodz, Poland



XIII CULTURAL ROUTES ANNUAL ADVISORY FORUM

 25-27 September 2024

 Visegrad, Hungary

ACTIVITIES: CULTURAL ROUTES TRAINING ACADEMY

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5th 2016
Strasbourg, FRANCE
Iter Vitis



6th 2017
Alba Iulia, ROUMANIA
TRANSROMANICA



7th 2018
Yuste, SPAIN
European Routes of the Emperor Charles V



8th 2019
Visby, SWEDEN
The Hansa



9th 2022
Fontainebleau, FRANCE
Impressionisms Route





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2023 CULTURAL ROUTES TRAINING ACADEMY

 31 MAY - 2 JUNE 2023



 Périgueux-Montignac
and Les Eyzies de Tayac,
Dordogne (France)



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2024 CULTURAL ROUTES TRAINING ACADEMY























 4-7 JUNE 2024

 Brindisi (Italy)



ANNUAL ACTIVITIES: ACADEMIC EVENTS

Cultural Routes University Network

 UNIVERSITÉ DU LUXEMBOURG University of Luxembourg LUXEMBOURG	 UNIVERSITÉ PARIS 1 PANTHÉON-SORBONNE PARIS Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne	 LABPATC LABORATORY OF ANTIQUITIES AND PREHISTORIC TOURISM BARCELONA	 DITP, POLYTECHNIC OF TURKEY AND UNIVERSITY OF TURKEY TURKEY	 UNIVERSITÉ D'ANGERS UNIVERSITY OF ANGERS ANGERS	 MARDIN ARTUKLU UNIVERSITY TURKEY
 DNT, UNIVERSITY OF TELAVIV ISRAEL	 UNIVERSITY OF BEDFORDSHIRE ENGLAND	 IPAC, LAVAL UNIVERSITY (QUÉBEC) CANADA	 UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA ITALY	 AMERICAN NATIONAL AGENCY UNIVERSITY (ANU) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	 NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY ENGLAND
 אוניברסיטת חיפה UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA ISRAEL	 COMPOSTELA GROUP OF UNIVERSITIES SPAIN	 UNIVERSITÀ DELLA SVIZZERA ITALIANA (USI) ITALY	 UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR SLOVENIA	 UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA (UDG) GEORGIA	 CONSTANTINE THE PHILOSOPHER UNIVERSITY IN NITRA SLOVAKIA
 UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA (UNIMIB) ITALY	 MITTUNIVERSITETET MID SWEDEN UNIVERSITY SWEDEN	 BSUN BLACK SEA UNIVERSITIES NETWORK (BSUN) TURKEY	 LAU LEBANON AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (LAU) LEBANON		

Academic Workshops



Cultural Routes
ACADEMIC WORKSHOP
2nd Edition - 7th December 2023 - Online

Organized by the European Institute of Cultural Routes in cooperation with the University network for Cultural Routes Studies.







Foro Internacional "Universidades y Rutas Culturales"
International Forum "Universities and Cultural Routes"
- SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA 13-14 NOV 2024 -




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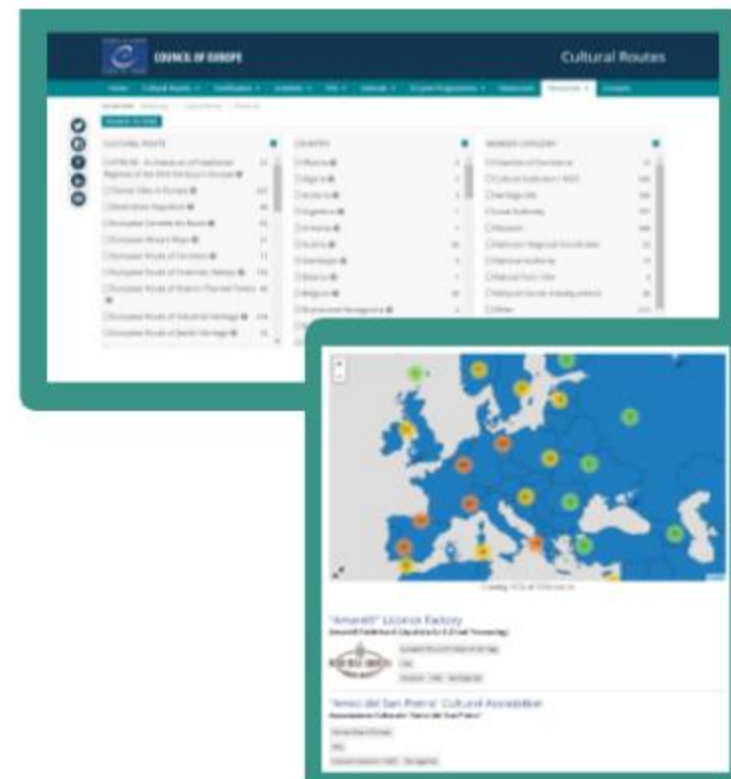
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DATABASE WITH INTERACTIVE MAP

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RESOURCES AND PUBLICATIONS

DETAILED INFORMATION ON CERTIFICATION



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Doctoral seminar - Carlos V European Prize - Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

YUSTE, SPAIN | 7-9 JUNE 2023

The Council of Europe's Cultural Routes programme was presented this week at the Doctoral Seminar...



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Neumünster Abbey, Luxembourg

Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme

Launched by the Council of Europe in 1987, the **Cultural Routes** demonstrate, by means of **a journey through space and time**, how the heritage of the **different countries and cultures** of Europe contributes to a **shared and living cultural heritage**.

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New Branding Brochures of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme



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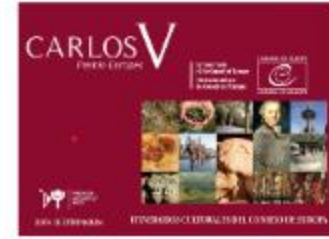
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