

Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme

Activity Report





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Forewords

2023 was another successful year for the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme. With the accession of the Republic of Moldova, the Czech Republic and the Republic of Malta, the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA) continued to grow and benefits today from the political and financial support of 40 member States, from the Council of Europe and beyond.

The adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe of a new Resolution CM/Res (2023)2, revising the rules for the award of the "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe» certification, and its entering into force further strengthened the rigor and efficiency of the certification cycle, thus maintaining the highest quality of the certification process.



The successful 12th Annual Advisory Forum, hosted by Poland in Łódź, saw once again the participation of a very high number of participants, including high-level Representatives and a variety of stakeholders from the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, the host country, member States and International Organisations.

The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe continue to unite our diverse communities to celebrate our shared cultural heritage and to bring the values of the Council of Europe closer to our populations. At a time when our member States and our societies are facing tensions and challenges, the role played by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe continues to be relevant in fostering intercultural dialogue and cultural cooperation.

Ambassador Patrick ENGELBERG,

Chair of the EPA Statutory Committee, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, Council of Europe, Permanent Representative of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the Council of Europe

Strasbourg, France, December 2023

The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme continued to thrive during 2023. With the accession of the Republic of Moldova, the Czech Republic and the Republic of Malta as well as the Observer status of Estonia, the 40 member States of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA) increased their political and strategic support to the programme once more.

In these uncertain times, the promotion of intercultural dialogue and cultural cooperation is of key importance. The Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe ensures the development, certification and promotion of the current 47 certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and helps to propagate the shared values of the Council of Europe to promote transnational cultural cooperation and the transmission of European identity among all its members.

In agreement with this sentiment, the Council of the European Union adopted new priorities that will guide the cooperation between the EU and the Council of Europe for the next two years and specifically acknowledges the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and the great potential of the Programme to promote the values of the European Union.

The Annual Advisory Forum in Łódź, Poland brought together over 300 stakeholders of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme, highlighting their strong commitment to promote cultural heritage and a responsible approach to sustainable tourism. The Forum also provided a platform for discussions on trends and challenges and the exchange of experiences in the management of Cultural Routes



Ms. Urszula ŚLAZAK

 $Chair, Governing\ Board,\ Enlarged\ Partial\ Agreement\ on\ Cultural\ Routes\ of\ the\ Council\ of\ Europe\ (EPA)$

Warsaw, Poland, December 2023

2023 was an extraordinary year for the European Institute of Cultural Routes (EICR) and the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the European Institute of Cultural Routes, POST Philately Luxembourg has issued a special commemorative stamp testifying to the attachment that the Luxembourgish Government attributes to the Institute's presence in the Grand Duchy and, through it, to the importance it attaches to the protection and preservation of cultural heritage.

Over the past 25 years, the growing success of the programme has been greatly facilitated by the work of the European Institute of Cultural Routes in coordinating certification cycles, implementing its visibility strategy and organising specialized consultative meetings, training seminars and participation in certification ceremonies, conferences and national and international coordination events.

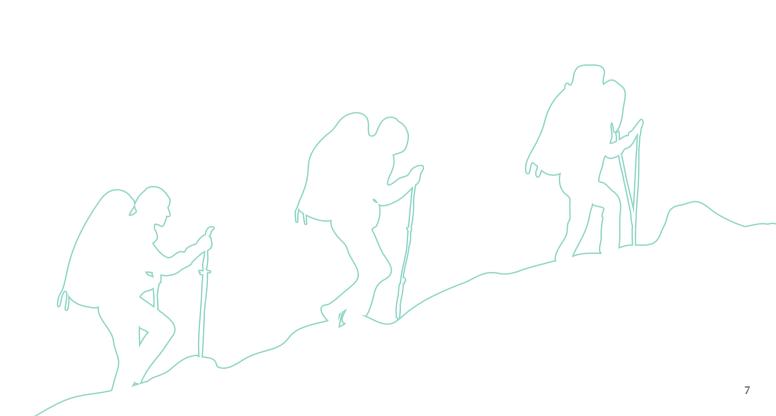
The national coordination meeting of representatives of the 8 certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe traversing the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on 12 May 2023, jointly organized by the Ministries of Culture, and Foreign and European Affairs as well as the Directorate General for Tourism of the Ministry of the Economy, provided an opportunity for participants to exchange experiences in

developing their respective Cultural Routes heritage sites in Luxembourg in order to raise their profile in the country and beyond.

Other highlights this year include for example the organisation of the 12th Annual Advisory Forum in Łódź, Poland; the 10th edition of the Cultural Routes Training Academy in Dordogne and the 2nd Academic Workshop in cooperation with the University Network for Cultural Routes Studies.

I would like to thank all our partners and collaborators for their continued support of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme and wish you a pleasant reading of this report, which details all the Institute's activities during 2023.





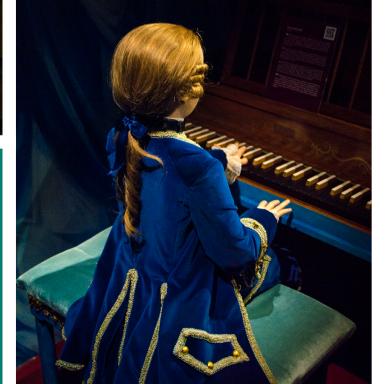












Introduction

In 1987, the Council of Europe launched the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme. Through journeys in space and time, these Cultural Routes present the heritage of the different countries of Europe, and demonstrate its importance for shared European history, heritage and identity.

The Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA) was established by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to enable closer cooperation and to promote the programme among its member States. Each year, the Representatives of the currently 40 member States of the EPA Governing Board award the «Cultural Route of the Council of Europe» certification following a rigorous methodology according to specific evaluation criteria.

The headquarters of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme are located in Luxembourg at Neumünster Abbey, which hosts the EPA together with the European Institute of Cultural Routes (EICR), celebrating this year its 25th Anniversary. Funded by the Ministry of Culture of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and benefiting from close cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the EICR has been actively engaged as the technical agency of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme since its establishment in 1998.

The "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe" has become a prestigious quality label recognised across Europe and beyond. Its successful methodology and revaluation procedure guarantee the excellence, innovation and high-quality standards of the programme and the operation of its Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe. This is furthermore underpinned by the EPA member States through their continuous commitment and active promotion of the programme at national level.

The programme enjoys close cooperation with a variety of International Organisations, such as the Council of Europe, the European Union, as well as UNESCO, the United Nations World Tourism Organization, the OECD and the OEI.

Today, 47 certified «Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe» cover a wide range of themes, from art, architecture and landscape to religious heritage to the great European figures of art, music and literature, to scientific heritage. These ever-growing European transnational networks with over 3,500 institutional members, crossing the 46 member States of the Council of Europe and beyond, allow synergies between national, regional and local authorities and their stakeholders, encouraging citizens' participation and direct access to European heritage and sustainable cultural tourism.



2023 has been another very successful year for the programme thanks to the implementation of a rich programme of activities by the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, the EPA member States, the European Institute of Cultural Routes, partner institutions, and the outstanding professionalism and commitment of our Secretariat responsible for overseeing the programme's statutory mission and activities. Several important collaborations in 2023 are evidence of a continued increased interest in the Programme's methodology and activities among stakeholders and practitioners across Europe and beyond.

We hope you will enjoy learning more about the mission of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme through the 2023 Activity Report.

Mr. Stefano DOMINIONI

Executive Secretary, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes (Council of Europe)
Director, Furnieran Institute of Cultural Routes

Luxembourg, Luxembourg, December 2023

The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme is made possible thanks to the support of the member States of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and the European Institute of Cultural Routes, funded by the Ministry of Culture of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.



The constitution of Santiago

1987

de Compostela

Establishment of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes **20**th Anniversary

Anniversary of the European Institute of Cultural Routes

2011

2018

1998



Creation of the European Institute of Cultural Route 2017



Anniversary of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe



Council of Europe Committee of Ministers Declaration (2017)



1.1 € million

Grant Agreement between the Council of Europe and the European Union

certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

Cultural route of the Council of Europe Itinéraire culturel du Conseil de l'Europe



2023

40



member States of the EPA

2 observer States as of January 2024

2019

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European Award



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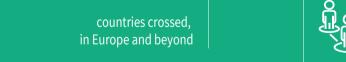
25th

Anniversary of the European Institute of Cultural Routes



OF CULTURAL ROUTES

YEARS 25 ANS





>3000

members of the Cultural Routes network

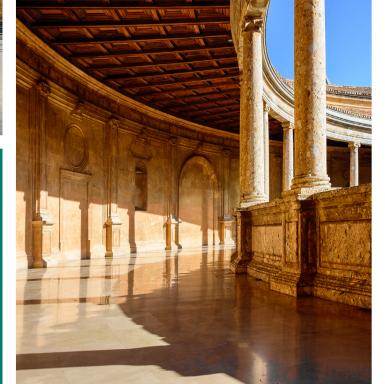














Highlights



1.1 - New member States of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA)



From left to right: Mr. Andrei CHISTOL, State Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Republic of Moldova; Mr. Ondřej CHRÁST, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Culture, Czechia; Mr. Alex FARRUGIA, Director, Ministry for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government, Republic of Malta and Ambassador Patrick ENGELBERG, Chair of the EPA Statutory Committee, Council of Europe





Estonia and the
Netherlands
(as of 1st January 2024)

40 member States





On 7 April, Mr. Nicu POPESCU, Deputy Prime Minister of the **Republic of Moldova**, informed HE Mrs. Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, of the decision of the Republic of Moldova to accede to the EPA as of 20 April 2023. The Republic of Moldova is currently crossed by one "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe": The Iter Vitis Route.



On 3 July, the Permanent Representation of **Czechia** to the Council of Europe, informed HE Mrs. Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, of the decision of Czechia to accede to the EPA as of 5 July 2023. **Czechia** is currently crossed by ten "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe": European Mozart Ways, European Route of Jewish Heritage, European Route of Historic Thermal Towns, Destination Napoleon, European Route of Industrial Heritage, Iron Curtain Trail - Eurovelo 13, Liberation Route Europe, Routes of Reformation, Cyril and Methodius Route and Historic Cafés Route.

8th August



On 8 August, HE Mr. Owen BONNICI, Minister for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government of **Malta**, informed HE Mrs. Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, of the decision of Malta to accede to the EPA as of 30 August 2023. Malta is currently crossed by two "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe": Phoenicians' Route and Historic Cafés Route.

- 17th April



Starting on 17 April, **Estonia** was granted Observer status with the EPA following a decision by the EPA Governing Board. This followed a formal request made by the Minister of Culture of Estonia, Mr. Piret HARTMAN, addressed to the EPA Governing Board on 29 March 2023.

- **✓**
- 1st January



Starting on 1 January 2024, the **Netherlands** has been granted Observer status with the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA). On 6 October 2023, Ms Susan LAMMERS, General Director at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science requested the status with the EPA.

1.2 - Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe certification in 2023



10-11th May



Transhumance trails

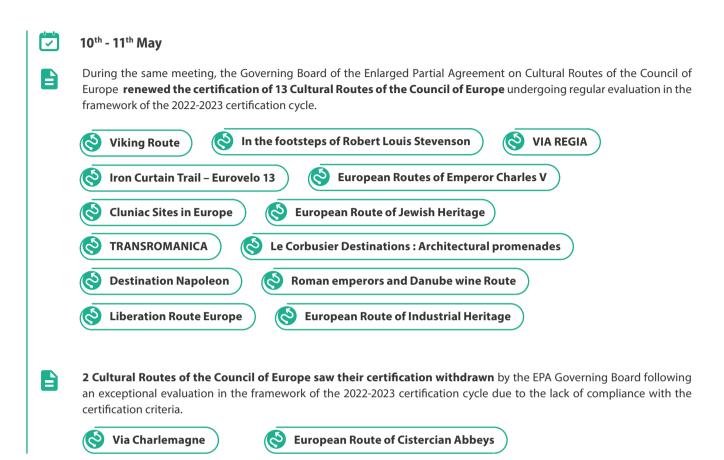


At its 2023 meeting (10-11 May, Luxembourg), the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA) awarded the "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" certification to "Transhumance trails", bringing the number of certified Cultural Routes to 47.



(from left to right) Ms. Urszula ŚLĄZAK (Poland), Chair of the EPA Governing Board; Mr. Bjørn BERGE, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe; Ms. Simona MESSINA, Manager of Transhumance trails and Mr. Francisco Javier GARCIA RODRIGUEZ, President of Transhumance trails

1.2 - Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe certification in 2023



1.3 - Certification Cycle 2023-2024 - 5 new applications received

Each year, the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme sees a number of cultural route networks applying for the "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" certification. To be eligible for certification by the Council of Europe, networks must comply with the certification criteria established in resolution CM/RES (2023)2 revising the rules for the award of the Cultural Route of the Council of Europe certification.



In the framework of the 2023-2024 certification cycle, 5 candidate networks submitted an application to the "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe" certification.

The 2023-2024 Certification Cycle focuses on the regular evaluation of 9 certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, the exceptional evaluation of 1 certified Cultural Route of the Council of Europe and the evaluation of 5 candidate networks applying for the "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" certification.

From early March, the EPA Secretariat – with the support of the European Institute of Cultural Routes – worked on the coordination of the Certification cycle 2023-2024.

Candidates to the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe certification:













On 30th June 2023, a training seminar for networks interested in applying for the "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe" certification under the 2023-2024 certification cycle was organised by the Secretariat in Luxembourg, followed by individual advisory meetings with each candidate network.

1.4 - 12th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes in Łódź, Poland



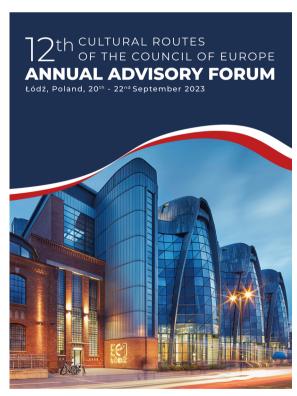
20th - 22nd September



From 20-22 September, the Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe was organised by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA) and the European Institute of Cultural Routes, in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland.

The Forum was held under the honorary patronage of the President of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Andrzej DUDA. The Forum was attended by **over 300 participants**, including the Representatives of the 40 member States of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and Representatives of the 47 certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, as well as Representatives of international organisations, Observers to the EPA such as UNWTO, UNESCO, academics from the Cultural Routes University Networks and tourism professionals.

Through a rich programme of panels, interventions and meetings, the event provided a platform for bringing together the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe main stakeholders. **60 Forum programme speakers** from Europe and beyond took the floor during the 3-day event to explore the theme "Cultural Routes: the social and creative dimensions of cultural heritage in a post-industrial context".



Vertical banner for the 12th Annual Advisory Forum

1.5 – New resolution CM/RES (2023)2 revising the rules for the award of the «Cultural Route of the Council of Europe» certification

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5th April



On 5 April 2023, a **new Resolution CM/Res (2023)2** revising the rules for the award of the "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" certification has been adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. The new Resolution further strengthens the rigor and efficiency of the certification cycle, thus maintaining the highest quality of the certification process and guaranteeing the growing importance of the "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe" label.

The Resolution integrates the extension of the regular evaluation of certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe from 3 to 5 years.

To ensure the smooth implementation of its new provisions while allowing an even distribution of regular evaluations during its initial implementation phase, the EPA Governing Board decided to apply transitory measures on the occasion of its entry into force with the certification cycle 2024-2025.



Committee of Ministers, Council of Europe, Strasbourg ©Council of Europe

1.6 - 10th - Training Academy on Cultural Routes: Prehistoric Rock Art Trails, in Dordogne, France



31st May to 2nd June



From 31 May to 2 June, the 10th edition of the Training Academy on Cultural Routes was held in Périgueux-Montignac and Les Eyzies de Tayac, Dordogne, France. It was organised by the Prehistoric Rock Art Trails (certified Cultural Route of the Council of Europe since 2010), the Department de la Dordogne Périgord (France) and the European Institute of Cultural Routes, in cooperation with the Centre International de l'Art Pariétal of Lascaux, the Pôle d'Interprétation de la Préhistoire, and the Musée du Périgord d'art & d'archéologie.

The theme of the Training Academy 2023 was "Looking to the Future: visibility, cooperation and sustainability in the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe." During three days of intensive meetings and cultural visits, the participants also exchanged their experiences and proposals in the management of their respective Cultural Routes to further increase the notoriety of the programme.





Participants of the 10th Training Academy on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, Dordogne, France. © ERHG, © Destination Napoleor



1.7 - Second Cultural Routes Academic Workshop

7th December



The European Institute of Cultural Routes (EICR), in cooperation with the University Network for Cultural Routes Studies, held the **2**nd **second edition of the Cultural Routes Academic Workshop** on Thursday 7th December 2023 (online).

The Academic Workshop brought together almost **300 scholars, researchers, students,** and other participants from Europe and beyond to exchange and share their research outcomes in the field of Cultural Routes studies.



Poster for the Academic workshop

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1.8 - 25th anniversary of the European Institute of Cultural Routes: The postal service of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg launches a commemorative stamp

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10th May



On 10 May 2023, during the EPA Governing Board meeting, the **Post Philately of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg** presented the stamp in the framework of the **25**th **anniversary of the European Institute of Cultural Routes (EICR)**.

The stamp was presented by Mr. Emile ESPEN, head of Post Philately Luxembourg and Mr Antonio Ferreira, adjoint of Post Philately. The memorabilia was presented to the President of the European Institute of the Cultural Routes Ambassador Jean-Claude KUGENER, to the President to the EPA Governing Board Julien VUILLEUMIER, to the President of the EPA Statutory Committee, Ambassador Patrick ENGELBERG, and to Mr Jo KOX, First Government Advisor and General Coordinator of the Ministry of Culture of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

The European Institute of Cultural Routes is the technical agency of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme. It was set up in 1998 as part of a political agreement between the Council of Europe and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (Ministry of Culture, Higher Education and Research).

The European Institute of Cultural Routes, technical agency of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme has provided valuable support to the work of the Enlarged Partial Agreement, and to the Programme overall since 25 years, in particular for the implementation of certification cycles, for the promotion of Routes as well as through the delivery of dedicated training modules to a wide range of stakeholders.



Special stamp on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the EICR



(from left to right) Ambassador Jean-Claude KUGENER, President of the European Institute of the Cultural Routes; Mr Jo KOX, First Government Advisor and General Coordinator of the Ministry of Culture of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg; Mr. Emile ESPEN, head of Post Philately Luxembourg; Mr. Julien VUILLEUMIER, President of the EPA Governing Board and Ambassador Patrick ENGELBERG, President of the EPA Statutory Committee.

1.9 - The Secretariat of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme attends the European Heritage Days Assembly in Strasbourg

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28th - 29th November



On 28-29 November, the European Heritage Days (EHD) Assembly took place at the Council of Europe Headquarters in Strasbourg, bringing together the national coordinators of the European Heritage Days programme.

The 2024 theme of the European Heritage Days will be dedicated to "Heritage of Routes, Networks and Connections". On the occasion of the EHD Assembly, the Secretariat of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe presented the programme to the EHD national coordinators.

The meeting highlighted the shared objectives of the European Heritage Days and the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and explored potential synergies with a view to **closer cooperation** in the framework of the **2024 European Heritage Days**.



European Heritage Days Assembly in Strasbourg, France

1.10 - Spain: 2nd Annual National Coordination meeting on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe



8th - 9th March



On 8-9 March 2023, the Ministry of Culture and Sport of Spain organised the 2nd Annual National Coordination meeting for the representatives of the 25 certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing Spain in the city of Santiago de Compostela. The meeting was the opportunity for Cultural Routes managers to meet professionals in the field of Culture, local development, citizen participation as well as heritage preservation, and exchange on best practices and the way forward.

The meeting was opened by María AGÚNDEZ LERIA, Deputy Director General for the Management and Coordination of Cultural Assets of the Ministry of culture and sport; Maria NAVA CASTRO DOMÍNGUEZ, Director of Tourism Galicia; and Stefano DOMINIONI, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and Director of the European Institute of Cultural Routes.



European Heritage Days Assembly in Strasbourg, France

1.11 - The Vice-Chair of the EPA Governing Board attends the 6th KAS-BSEC Workshop for Young Diplomats

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5th October



On 5 October 2023, the Vice-Chair of the EPA Governing Board, Mrs. Meltem ÖNHON (Türkiye) attended the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) workshop for young diplomats, representing the EPA on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe at this occasion.

The sixth edition of the Workshop for Young Diplomats from the BSEC Member States, jointly organised by BSEC PERMIS and the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation Türkiye (KAS) focused on "The Importance of Connectivity in the wider Black Sea Region".

Mrs. ÖNHON presented the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme to the participants and moderated a training session focussing on the ways to further **develop cultural cooperation in the Black Sea Region**, and the role of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme in this regard.



 $\textit{Mrs. Meltem \"{O}NHON (T\"{u}rkiye)} \ at \ the \ \textit{Black Sea} \ \textit{Economic Cooperation (BSEC)} \ workshop \ for \ young \ diplomats$

1.12 - The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe adopts a Resolution on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme



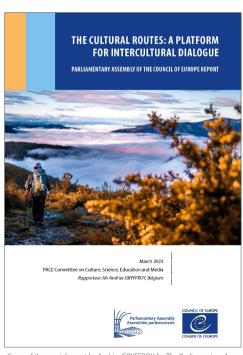
5th October



The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Standing Committee, meeting in The Hague, called on member States to join the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, which allows for the concrete implementation of Council of Europe policies on the value of heritage for promoting cohesive societies, intercultural dialogue and the right to access to culture.

This follows a special report by Andries GRYFFROY (Belgium, NR) entitled "The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue".

Adopting a resolution based on the report by Andries Gryffroy, PACE recommended that national strategies involving all levels of governance be put in place to share the knowledge of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme and, more specifically, to promote the 47 certified Cultural Routes.



Cover of the special report by Andries GRYFFROY for The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Standing Committee meeting in The Haque

1.13 - 12th plenary session of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)

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15th - 17th November



The **Steering Committee for Culture**, **Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)** held its **12**th **plenary session in Strasbourg** on 15-17 November 2023. On this occasion, the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe were presented by Mr. Alfredas JOMANTAS (Lithuania), CDCPP Representative to the Enlarged Patrial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Governing Board and former Chair of the EPA Governing Board.

Mr. Jomantas presented the **latest developments** of the **Programme** and thanked the 40 EPA member States for their continued support to the development of the Programme. Member States then presented some of their activities carried out in the framework of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme.



Palais de l'Europe, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France ©Hadrian/shutterstock

1.14 - The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe among the priorities of the European Union for a reinforced strategic partnership with the Council of Europe in 2023-2024



30th January



On 30 January 2023, the Council of the European Union adopted the new priorities that will guide the cooperation between the EU and the Council of Europe in the next two years.

The EU strives to strengthen the role of the Council of Europe as the reference International Organisation for promoting human rights, democracy and the rule of law in Europe. Regarding cultural rights, the EU and the Council of Europe will promote a broader access to cultural and artistic activities. Among its various considerations, the text specifically acknowledges the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and the great potential of the Programme to promote the values of the European Union.



European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium @symbiot/shutterstock

Chapter 1 - Highlights —

1.15 - The Secretariats of the EPA and UNESCO World Heritage Convention discuss cooperation

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4th April



The Secretariats of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA) and the UNESCO World Heritage Convention met on 4 April 2023 at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France, to discuss potential cooperation and synergies between the two programmes.

The meeting was attended by Berta DE SANCRISTOBAL, Head of the Europe and North America Unit and Helena DROBNÀ, Programme Specialist for Living Heritage at the World Heritage Centre, and Stefano DOMINIONI, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe. During the meeting, the EPA and UNESCO Secretariats discussed ways to work together and promote each other's strengths in the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage. The meeting was an important step towards enhancing collaboration and cooperation between the two programmes.

The UNESCO World Heritage is an Observer with the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes and is invited each year to attend the EPA Statutory meetings (EPA Governing Board) and the Annual Advisory Forum.



UNESCO main building in Paris, France @Bumble Dee/Shutterstock

1.16 - OEI: 3rd Meeting of the Inter-institutional Cooperation Programme on Cultural Routes and Itineraries



8th November



The OEI, within the framework of the collaboration established with the European Institute of Cultural Routes and the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation, held the **third Inter-institutional Meeting of the Euro-Ibero-American Cultural Routes and Itineraries Cooperation Programme**. Representatives from the Spanish Ministry of Culture and Sport, the Latin America and the Caribbean International Foundation EULAC, the Spanish Agency for Development Cooperation (AECID, Hispania Nostra, Ibermuseos, the University of Zacatecas in Mexico, the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS-Spain), and the Ibero-American and European Yuste Foundation took part in the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss activities implemented by the different partners during 2023 and **delineate a cooperation plan for 2024**. On this occasion, the European Institute of Cultural Routes was represented by Mrs Carolina CLARK, Project Officer, and by Mr. Eladio FERNANDEZ GALIANO, Special Advisor to the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme and Board member of the European Institute of Cultural Routes.



Participants of the OFI third Inter-institutional Meeting of the Furo-Ibero-American Cultural Routes and Itineraries Cooperation Programme

1.17 - UNWTO: International conference on accessible tourism for all

16th and 17th November



The second UNWTO Conference on Accessible Tourism took place in San Marino on 16 and 17 November 2023. The Government of San Marino, through its Ministry of Tourism, collaborated with the Ministry of Tourism of Italy to organise the event, in partnership with AccessibleEU, a key initiative under the European Commission.

During the two-days event, more than 200 delegates discussed policy advances. On this occasion, the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme was presented by Mr. Stefano DOMINIONI, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, and Director of the European Institute of Cultural Routes. Many of the 47 certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe cater for people with disabilities, making it a flagship programme in the field of accessible tourism.



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Annual Advisory Forum





The 12th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, "Cultural Routes: the social and creative dimensions of cultural heritage in a post-industrial context"

The 12th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, took place in Łódź, Poland on 20-22 September, organised by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA) and the European Institute of Cultural Routes, in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland. The Forum was held under the honorary patronage of the President of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Andrzej DUDA.



Mr. Waldemar BUDA, Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Republic of Poland

Mr. Bjørn BERGE, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, took part in the Official Opening Ceremony, along with Mr. Waldemar BUDA, Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Republic Poland; Ms. Małgorzata MOSKWA-WODNICKA, Deputy Mayor of Łódź and Ambassador Chair of the EPA Patrick ENGELBERG, Committee, to welcome the over 300 Forum participants.



Ambassador Patrick ENGELBERG, Chair of the EPA Statutory Committee, Council of Europe; Mr. Bjørn BERGE, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe; Mr. Andrzej GUT-MOSTOWY, State Secretary, Prime Minister's Plenipotentiary for the Polish Brand Promotion, Ministry of Sport and Tourism, Republic of Poland; Mr. Andrei CHISTOL, State Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Republic of Moldova; Mr. Ondřej CHRAST, Deputy Minister of Culture, Czechia and Mr. Rimantas MIKAITIS, Vice Minister of Culture, Republic of Lithuania

The Forum was also attended by many Representatives of the 40 member States of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and Representatives of the 47 certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, as well as Representatives of international organisations, Observers to the EPA such as UNWTO, UNESCO, ERA, academics from the Cultural Routes University Networks and tourism professionals. The continued success of the Forum was also reflected in the additional presence of Ministers and highlevel Representatives of the Council of Europe, the host country, member States and International Organisations.



Meeting of the Member States of the Enlarged Partial Agreement Governing Board (from left to right) Ms. Amélie CHARTIER, Executive Assistant, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, Council of Europe; Mr. Stefano DOMINIONI, Executive Secretary, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, Council of Europe; Ms. Urszula ŚLĄZAK (Poland), Chair of the EPA Governing Board; Ms. Meltem ÖNHON, Vice Chair of the EPA Governing Board and Ambassador Patrick ENGELBERG, Chair of the EPA Statutory Committee, Council of Europe.



Meetina of the "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe"

The theme of the 2023 Annual Advisory Forum was devoted to "Cultural Routes: the social and creative dimensions of cultural heritage in a post-industrial context". 60 Forum programme speakers from Europe and beyond took the floor during the 3-day event.



(from left to right) Ms. Urszula ŚLĄZAK (Poland), Chair of the EPA Governing Board; Mr. Bjørn BERGE, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe; Ms. Simona MESSINA, Manager of Transhumance trails and Mr. Francisco Javier GARCIA RODRIGUEZ, President of Transhumance trails.

The Opening Ceremony was the occasion to welcome the **three new member States** that joined the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in 2023: **the Republic of Moldova, Czechia and the Republic of Malta**. Moreover, the newest Cultural Route "Transhumance trails" was awarded the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe certification following certification during the 2022-2023 certification cycle. **Nine Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe also saw their certification renewed** following the 2022-2023 certification cycle: the Viking Route, the European Route of Jewish Heritage, VIA REGIA, TRANSROMANICA, the European Routes of Emperor Charles V, the Roman Emperors and Danube Wine Route, the European Route of Industrial Heritage, the Le Corbusier Destinations: Architectural Promenades and Liberation Route Europe.



(from left to right, first row) Ms. Malgorzata MOSKWA-WODNICKA, Deputy Mayor of Łódź; Mr. Andrzej GUT-MOSTOWY, State Secretary, Prime Minister's Plenipotentiary for the Polish Brand Promotion, Ministry of Sport and Tourism, Republic of Poland; Mr. Waldemar BUDA, Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Republic of Poland; Ambassador Patrick ENGELBERG, Chair of the EPA Statutory Committee, Council of Europe; Mr. Rimantas MIKAITIS, Vice Minister of Culture, Republic of Lithuania; Mr. Alex FARRUGIA, Director, Ministry for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government, Republic of Malta; Mr. Ondřej CHRÁST, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Culture, Czechia; Mr. Andrei CHISTOL, State Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Republic of Moldova; Ambassador Vasyl ZVARYCH, Ambassador of Ukraine to Republic of Poland

A Closing Ceremony on 22nd September featured the **"Cultural Routes Best Practices Award 2023"** ceremony that rewarded four best practices implemented by the certified Cultural Routes.



(from left to right) Ms. Urszula ŚLĄZAK, Chair of the EPA Governing Board; Ms. Emanuela PANKE, President of Iter Vitis; Ms. Benedetta DIAMANTI, Manager of the European Route of Ceramics; Mr. Meinard GREWENING, President of ERIH, Mr. Vitor SA MARQUES, Representative of the Historic Cafes Route from Portugal and Ms. Meltem ONHON, Vice Chair of the EPA Governing Board.









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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA)

Cultural route of the Council of Europe Itinéraire culturel du Conseil de l'Europe

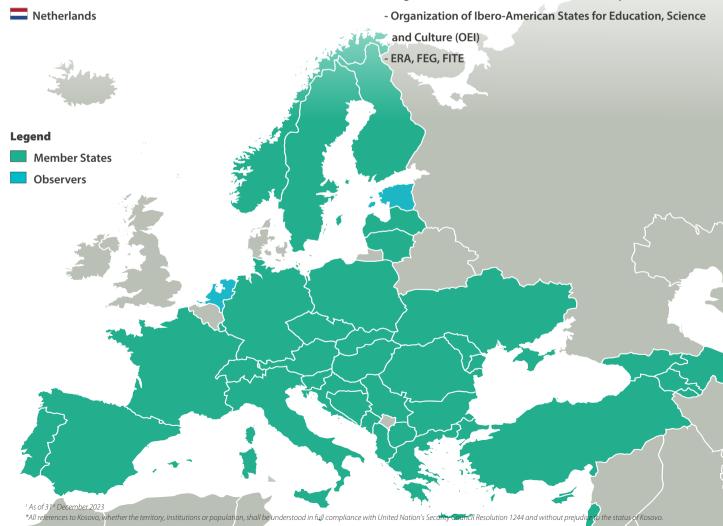




40 EPA member States¹







founding member States member States as of 31st December 2023

new member States in 2023 Moldova, Czechia

* Malta

new Observers as of 1st January 2024 Estonia Netherlands

- Open to member and non-member States of the Council of Europe
- Awards the certification "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe"
- Implements the Council of Europe policy guidelines
- Responsible for deciding the **Programme strategy**
- Advises and provides expert assistance for the development, implementation and promotion of the Cultural Routes
- Supports networking and exchanges between Cultural Routes' operators and other partners in the field of cultural tourism
- Provides political and financial support to the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme
- Compromised of two statutory bodies:
 - **Governing Board** composed of representatives from Ministries of Culture and Tourism
 - Statutory Committee composed of Permanent Representatives to the Council of Europe, Ministries of Foreign Affairs
- Headquarters at Neumünster Abbey, with the European Institute of Cultural Routes, Luxembourg

3.1 - Statutory bodies and staff

EPA Governing Board Bureau:

Ms. Urszula ŚLĄZAK, Chair, Poland

Director of the International Relations Department, Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of Poland

Ms. Meltem ÖNHON, Vice-chair, Türkiye
Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Türkiye

Ms. Baiba MURNIECE, Latvia

Director of Cultural Policy Department, Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia

Mr. Sergio ORTEGA MUÑOZ, Spain

Head of the Heritage Protection and European Programmes Service, Subdirectorate General for the Management and Coordination of Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture and Sport of Spain

Ms. Eszter Csonka-Takács, Hungary

Director of the Hungarian Open Air Museum, Intangible Cultural Heritage Department Hungary

EPA Statutory Committee

- **Ambassador Patrick ENGELBERG**Chair, Permanent Representative of the Grand
Duchy of Luxembourg to the Council of Europe

Secretariat:

- Mr. Stefano DOMINIONI, Executive Secretary
- Ms. Marie SAUTIN, Project Officer
- Ms. Amélie CHARTIER, Executive Assistant
- Ms. Amélie PERDRIEAU, Supporting Assistant

3.2 - Governing Board meetings and activities





1st - 2nd March, Luxemburg, LU



- Activity report 2022 and draft programme 2023
- Evaluation cycle 2022-2023
- Organisation of the EPA Governing Board meeting
- 12th Annual Advisory Forum of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe



Meeting of the Bureau of the EPA Governing Board 2023, Luxembourg.

MEETING OF THE EPA GOVERNING BOARD



10th - 11th May, Luxemburg, LU



- Evaluation cycle 2022-2023
- Presentations by the representatives of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe under evaluation
- Audition of candidate projects for certification
- Election of the new EPA Bureau Members
- Country mappings and thematic reports of the Council of Europe



EPA Governing Board

MEETING OF THE EPA STATUTORY COMMITTEE



6th November, Strasbourg, FR



- Adoption of the EPA budget for 2024-2025
- Adoption of the 2024 programme of activities



Palais de l'Europe, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France ©Hadrian/shutterstock

3.2 - Governing Board meetings and activities

GOVERNING BOARD STATUTORY ACTIVITIES

- Assistance to EPA member States in identifying potential new cultural routes and existing routes where membership is relevant, dialogue with observer States
- Assessment of applications for "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" certification
- Organisation and review of the regular 3-years evaluation of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe
- Organisation of the Annual Advisory Forum of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in coordination with the EPA member State hosting the event
- Cooperation with the European Union and other international organisations

3.3 - Certification cycle: regular evaluations and certifications

certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe evaluated (cycle 2022-2023)

candidates presented for possible certification (cycle 2022-2023)

certified Cultural Route of the Council of Europe evaluated under exceptional evaluation (cycle 2022-2023)

new Cultural Route certified in 2023

certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe undergoing evaluation (cycle 2023-2024)

certified Cultural Route of the Council of Europe under exceptional evaluation (cycle 2023-2024)

new projects undergoing evaluation for possible certification (cycle 2023-2024)

Cultural route of the Council of Europe Itinéraire culturel du Conseil de l'Europe





REGULAR EVALUATIONS

The certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe are evaluated every 3 years, in order to assess their compliance with the certification criteria envisaged by the Committee of Ministers Resolution CM/Res(2013)67 revising the rules for the award of the "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" certification.

A new Resolution CM/Res (2023)2 integrates the extension of the regular evaluation of certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe from 3 to 5 years with its entry into force with the certification cycle 2024-2025.



Evaluation cycle 2022-2023 - completed

14 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe were evaluated:

- Cluniac Sites in Europe
- Destination Napoleon
- Suropean Route of Industrial Heritage
- Section European Route of Jewish Heritage
- European Routes of Emperor Charles V
- In the Footsteps of Robert Louis Stevenson
- Iron Curtain Trail
- Le Corbusier Destinations: Architectural Promenades.
- Liberation Route Europe
- Roman Emperors and Danube Wine Route
- Routes of Reformation
- TRANSROMANICA The Romanesque Routes of European Heritage
- Via Regia
- Viking Routes

Two Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe under exceptional evaluation saw their certification withdrawn:

- Suropean Route of Cistercian Abbeys
- Via Charlemagne



Evaluation cycle 2023-2024 – underway

9 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe under evaluation:

- Santiago de Compostela Pilgrim Routes
- The Hansa
- Via Francigena
- Routes of El Legado Andalusi
- Iron Route in the Pyrenees
- Routes of the Olive Tree
- lter Vitis Route
- European Route of Historic Gardens
- Via Romea Germanica

1 Cultural Route of the Council of Europe under exceptional evaluation:

Routes of Reformation



EVALUATION OF CANDIDATES

Every year projects apply to request the certification "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe". Projects are assessed with reference to resolution CM/Res(2013)67.



2022-2023 Certification cycle - completed

8 cultural route projects submitted an application to the "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" certification.

- European Network of Saint Michael's Sites and Ways
- Iter Romanum Heritage & Cities
- Mary's Route
- Pyrenees Freedom Routes
- Romea Strata
- Saint Francis' Ways
- Singing Heritage Route
- **Transhumance Trails**

The EPA Governing Board decided to award the "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe" certification to one candidate:

Transhumance Trails



2023-2024 Evaluation Cycle – underway

5 candidates to the "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" certification

- The European Route of Historical Pharmacies and Medicinal Gardens
- European Paganini Route
- European Network of Holy Week and Easter Celebrations
- Suropean Leonardo Da Vinci Ways
- Via Querinissima

3.4 - Cooperation with International Organisations





The EPA cooperates with other entities, bodies and institutions of the Council of Europe, to strengthen the institutional support to the Cultural Routes programme:



- 3rd March, The Hague, Netherlands
 - The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Standing Committee, meeting in The Hague, called on member States to join the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes.
- PRESENTATION AT THE 12TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LANDSCAPE (CDCPP)
- 17th November, Strasbourg, France
- The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe were presented by Mr. Alfredas JOMANTAS (Lithuania), CDCPP Representative to the Enlarged Patrial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Governing Board and former Chair of the EPA Governing Board. to join the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes.
- 4th 7th July, Luxembourg, Luxembourg
 - The Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA) was invited to participate in an innovative interactive seminar 'Walk the Talk', organised on 4-7 July in Luxembourg by the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the European Youth Card, and the National Information Agency for Youth of Luxembourg (ANIJ), in cooperation with the EPA.



The EPA liaises with various international organisations, to support the development of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, to protect and enhance European cultural heritage and to promote sustainable cultural tourism through the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe.





On 30 January, the Council of the European Union adopted the new priorities that will guide the cooperation between the EU and the Council of Europe in the next two years. The EU strives to strengthen the role of the Council of Europe as the reference International Organisation for promoting human rights, democracy and the rule of law in Europe. Among its various considerations, the text specifically acknowledges the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and the great potential of the Programme to promote the values of the European Union.



21st - 22nd March, Brussels, Belgium 🔲

The European Commission's Expert Group on Cultural Heritage recently held its 9th Meeting in Brussels on 21 and 22 March. During the event, several reports were presented on various cultural heritage fields. The EPA Secretariat presented the Council of Europe's activities in the field of cultural heritage, including the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme.

15th November, Brussels, Belgium

On 15 November, the Intergroup of the European Parliament "European Cultural Heritage, Ways of Saint-James and other European Cultural Routes" organised a symposium on the theme "Preserving and transmitting Europe's cultural heritage: common challenges for a threatened legacy" in Brussels. Mr Stefano DOMINIONI, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes (EPA), took part in the first session "Europe, a thousand-year heritage" and presented the Programme to the participants.

3.4 - Cooperation with International Organisations



European Parliament symposium "Preserving and transmitting Europe's cultural heritage: common challenges for a threatened legacy" in Brussels, Belgium

United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)





In 2016, the Council of Europe signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UNWTO that came to an end in December 2018. In 2019 the UNWTO and EPA Secretariats had the opportunity to liaise and define together a new MoU. In November 2021, Council of Europe Secretary General Marija Pejčinović Burić and UNWTO Secretary-General Zurab signed the MoU with the goal of working together to develop the opportunities tourism offers to local communities and to enhance the tourist experience along the European region's Cultural Routes.



16th - 17th November, San Marino, San Marino



During the second UNWTO Conference on Accessible Tourism in San Marino the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme was presented as a flagship programme in the field of accessible tourism in front of more than 200 delegates.



Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organisation (BSEC)





In 2020, a "Letter of intent" was signed between the EPA Secretariat on Cultural Routes and the BSEC Secretariat. It provided a structured framework for further developing partnerships and for closer collaboration on activities and issues of common interest, such as collaborative research projects, consultations and exchanges of good practices. On 9 June 2021, the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes (EPA) granted Participatory Status to BSEC.



5th October, Antalya, Türkiye 🔼



The Vice-Chair of the EPA Governing Board, Mrs. Meltem ÖNHON (Türkiye) attended the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) workshop for young diplomats, representing the EPA on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe at this occasion. The sixth edition of the Workshop for Young Diplomats from the BSEC Member States, jointly organised by BSEC PERMIS and the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation Türkiye (KAS), was held in Antalya, on 4-6 October 2023. The topic of this edition was "The Importance of Connectivity in the wider Black Sea Region". Mrs. ÖNHON presented the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme to the participants and moderated a training session focussing on the ways to further develop cultural cooperation in the Black Sea Region, and the role of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme in this regard.



 $\textit{Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)} \ workshop\ for\ young\ diplomats, Antalya, T\"urkiye$

Chapter 3 - Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

The EPA promotes a greater awareness of the links between cultures in Europe and beyond, between heritage, cultural and sustainable tourism and development. This contributes to the communication and dissemination strategy of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme.

Activities in EPA member States

Activities along the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

15 Other activities

PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES IN EPA MEMBER STATES

18th - 20th January, Madrid, Spain

The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe were active at the International Tourism Fair of Madrid (FITUR)

1st March, Paris, France

The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme was presented on the website of the **Ministry of Culture of France**

8th - 9th March, Santiago de Compostela, Spain 🛌 The Ministry of Culture and Sports of Spain organised the 2nd Annual National Coordination meeting on **Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe**

31st March, Lugano, Switzerland 🛂

The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme was showcased during Sustainability Forum 2023 in Switzerland

18th April, France, Online 🗣 The Ministry of Culture and Sports of Spain launched a new App on the Cultural Routes of the Council of **Europe crossing Spain**

April, France, Online 🗣 The Ministry of Culture of France created an interactive digital map allowing users to discover the 31 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe that cross **France**

12th May, Luxembourg ~

The EPA Secretariat took part in the National Coordination meeting on the Cultural Routes of the **Council of Europe in Luxembourg**

June, France ____, Online @ ~

The Ministry of Culture of France launched a distance learning module on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing France

23rd November, Alicante, Spain **V**

> The Programme of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and the Faro Convention were presented at a meeting held in Alicante organised by the Ministry of Culture of Spain on the topic "European Heritage Projects, using European Heritage as a resource for interculturality" within the framework of the Spanish **Presidency of the European Union**

12th - 14th December, Hungary

The EPA Secretariat visited Visegrád and Budapest in Hungary in preparation for the 13th Annual Advisory **Forum on Cultural Routes 2024**

24th February, Nicosia, Cyprus 🛫

The EPA Secretariat took part in the Opening Ceremony of the 20th Anniversary of the Recognition of the Phoenicians' Route as a Cultural Route of the **Council of Europe**

7th May, Coimbra, Portugal

Historic Cafés Route Certification Ceremony held in Coimbra in Portugal



©Historic Cafés Route

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11st - 13rd October, Izmir, Türkiye

The Iron Curtain Trail - EuroVelo 13 Cycling Tourism Conference and renewal of the Certification ceremony was held in Izmir, Türkiye

19th - 20th October, Cabras, Sardinia, Italy

The XVI EuroMediterranean Dialogue on the Phoenicians' Route and its 2023 International General Assembly was held in Cabras, Sardinia



Banner of the The XVI EuroMediterranean Dialogue on the Phoenicians' Route. ©Sara Ferrari

12nd September, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Women Writers Route Certification Ceremony held in

Ljubljana, Slovenia

OTHER ACTIVITIES



16th June, Luxembourg



Visit of the Ambassador of Mexico to the Council of **Europe at the EICR**



the EICR

18th October, Luxembourg

Visit of the Ambassadors of Belgium and the Netherlands in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at



11st July, Online 🗣

Meeting with representatives of National Geographic **Traveller**

ALBANIA (2022)

Ministry of Culture

www.kultura.gov.al

ANDORRA (2012)

Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport

www.cultura.ad

ARMENIA (2015)

Ministry of Culture

www.mincult.am

AUSTRIA (2011)

Federal Ministry for Arts, Culture, the Civil Service and Sport

https://www.bmkoes.gv.at/en.html

AZERBAIJAN (2011)

Ministry of Culture

www.mct.gov.az

State Tourism Agency

www.tourism.gov.az

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (2016)

Ministry of Civil Affairs

www.mvp.gov.ba

BULGARIA (2011)

Ministry of Culture

www.mc.government.bg

CROATIA (2016)

Ministry of Culture and Media

https://min-kulture.gov.hr/en

Ministry of Tourism and Sports

www.mint.gov.hr

CYPRUS (2011)

Ministry of Education and Culture

www.moec.gov.cy

CZECHIA (2023)

Ministry of Culture

https://mk.gov.cz/en

FINLAND (2018)

Ministry of Education and Culture

www.okm.fi

FRANCE (2011)

Ministry of Culture

www.culture.gouv.fr

H GEORGIA (2016)

Ministry of Culture, Sport and Youth

www.garibashvili.ge

GERMANY (2013)

Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

www.auswaertiges-amt.de

GREECE (2011)

Ministry of Culture

www.culture.gov.gr/en

HOLY SEE (2018)

Ufficio: Palazzo San Callisto

www.vaticanstate.va

HUNGARY (2013)

Ministry of Culture and Innovation

https://kormany.hu/kulturalis-es-innovacios-miniszterium

ITALY (2011)

Ministry of Culture

www.cultura.gov.it

LATVIA (2019)

Ministry of Culture

www.km.gov.lv

LEBANON (2022)

Ministry of Tourism

www.mot.gov.lb

LITHUANIA (2012)

Ministry of Culture

www.lrkm.lrv.lt/en/

LUXEMBOURG (2011)

Ministry of Culture

www.mc.gouvernement.lu

MALTA (2023)

Ministry for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government

https://culture.gov.mt/

SWEDEN (2020)

Ministry of Culture www.government.se

SWITZERLAND (2013)

Federal Office of Culture www.bak.admin.ch

TÜRKIYE (2018)

Ministry of Culture and Tourism

https://www.ktb.gov.tr/

UKRAINE (2021)

Ministry of Culture and Information Policy

https://mcip.gov.ua/

MOLDOVA (2023)

Ministry of Culture

https://www.mc.gov.md/en

MONACO (2013)

Direction of Cultural Affairs

www.gouv.mc

MONTENEGRO (2011)

Ministry of Culture and Media

https://www.gov.me/en/mku

NORTH MACEDONIA (2022)

Ministry of Culture

www.kultura.gov.mk

MORWAY (2011)

Arts Council Norway

https://www.regjeringen.no/en/dep/kud/id545/

POLAND (2017)

Ministry of Culture and National Heritage

www.gov.pl

PORTUGAL (2011)

Ministry of Culture

https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/gc23

ROMANIA (2013)

Ministry of Culture

www.cultura.ro

Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Tourism

www.imm.gov.ro

SAN MARINO (2017)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

www.esteri.sm

SERBIA (2012)

Ministry of Culture and Information

www.kultura.gov.rs

SLOVAKIA (2014)

Ministry of Culture

www.culture.gov.sk

SLOVENIA (2011)

Ministry of Culture

www.mk.gov.si







Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe : member States' Activities



4.1. - Activities implemented by EPA member States

The Enlarged Partial Agreement contributes to the promotion of European identity and citizenship through knowledge and awareness of Europe's common heritage, and the development of cultural links and dialogue within Europe as well as with other countries and regions.

Throughout 2023, EPA member States organised several national activities for the promotion of Cultural Routes in their territories, seeking to reinforce the Routes' potential for cultural co-operation, sustainable territorial development and social cohesion.



Member since 2015

- 2023, Noratus, Armenia -

The Armenian Medieval Cemetery in Noratus became a member of the European Cemeteries Route

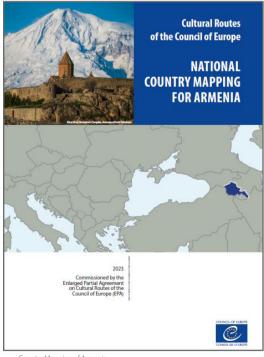
The Armenian Medieval Cemetery in Noratus became a member of the Association of Significant Cemeteries in Europe through the "Service for the protection of the Historical environment and Cultural Museum-reservations" SNCO at the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Armenia. Noratus is a medieval cemetery with unique khachkars (cross-stones) from the 9th to 17th centuries. With almost 600 stones, it has the largest cluster of khachkars in Armenia.



Noratus Cemetery © Service for the Protection of the Historical Environment and Cultural Museum-Reservations

- May 2023 - Country mapping

The Cultural Routes Country Mapping Document for Armenia was presented at the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA) in 2023. The Document has become an investigative tool to explore the potential of Armenia in developing Cultural Routes, giving insight into the general landscape of the country with perspectives of cultural exchanges and a shared European heritage.



Country Mapping of Armenia.



Bosnia and Herzegovina

Member since 2016

Croatia

- 13th and 14th November 2023, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina -

Expert's field visit for the preparation of the Country Mapping document

During the two-day visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Prof. Aleksandar DAJKOVIĆ, the academic expert engaged by the EPA to prepare the Country Mapping document for Bosnia and Herzegovina, heldseveral meetings. He metwith representatives of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Commission for the Preservation of National Monuments in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Association Hagadah – member of the European Route of Jewish Heritage. The meetings provided the opportunity to exchange information and ideas and to identify the potential for the further development of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Mr. Aleksandar DAJKOVIĆ, the expert for the Country Mapping document for Bosnia and Herzeaovina in meetinas

- September 2023, Čapljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina -Mogorjelo became a member of the Roman Emperors and Danube Wine Route

Mogorjelo was declared a national monument of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2022 and became a member of the Roman Emperors and Danube Wine Route in September 2023. It is a unique archeological monument from the Roman era, a well-preserved old Roman villa rustica, located in the immediate vicinity of Čapljina, in the southern part of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- 10^{th} November 2023, ministry of Culture and Media, Zagreb, Croatia -

Member since 2016

Coordination meeting of the national representatives of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing Croatia

The coordination meeting took place in Zagreb in the presence of Representatives from the Ministry of Tourism and Sports and the national Representatives of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing Croatia. The main purposes of the meeting were to share data on individual routes, their activities and new memberships as well as reviewing their current and future plans. One of the topics discussed was the cooperation with the Croatian Tourist Board to promote the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Croatia. The meeting also included a short presentation of the Creative Europe Desk for Culture subprogrammes in Croatia and EU funding opportunities for international cooperation projects.



Coordination meeting of all the national representatives of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Croatia

- 17^{th} May and 7^{th} November 2023, Croatian National Tourist Broad, Zagreb -

Croatian touristic board - cooperation in the promotion of Cultural Routes in Croatia

The Ministry of Culture and Media of Croatia held several meetings with the Croatian Tourist Board on the topic of cooperation in the promotion of Cultural Routes in Croatia. At the proposal of the Ministry of Culture and Media, future cooperation was agreed upon and the Croatian Tourist Board will enable greater promotion of the Routes through their websites. The national coordinators of the Cultural Routes in Croatia will be associated in this initiative through the preparation of material for the website.

4.1. - Activities implemented by EPA member States

- 11th January 2023, City of Čazma, Croatia -

Cultural centre of the city of Čazma and City Museum of Čazma join TRANSROMANICA

Originally a medieval Romanesque building (1227-1247), restored in the Gothic and Baroque periods, and at the beginning of the 18th century, the Church of St. Maria Magdalena in Čazma is one of the largest and most significant medieval buildings in continental Croatia. By joining TRANSROMANICA, the Church of St. Maria Magdalena is now recognised as part of the European Romanesque cultural heritage. A press conference was held on 11 January 2023 in Čazma.

- 19th - 21st October 2023, Cabras and Porto Torres, Sardinia, Italy - General Assembly - XVI Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue on the Phoenicians' Route

The national Representative of Croatia to the EPA took part in the General Assembly of the XVI Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue on the Phoenicians' Route in Sardinia on 19-21 October 2023. The round table focused on the management and promotion of Cultural Routes, the role and importance that the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe have in Croatia and the relevance of the Phoenicians' Route in Croatia. The event was organised in cooperation with the Mont'e Prama Foundation, the Italian Ministry of Culture, the Sardinia Region and the Municipalities of Cabras and Porto Torres.



XVI Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue on the Phoenicians' Route

- 24th October 2023, Zagreb, Croatia - 22nd EUSAIR TSG 4 Sustainable tourism meeting

The 22nd EUSAIR Thematic Steering Group 4 Sustainable Tourism meeting was held in Zagreb, with the participation of the national Representatives from Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Greece, San

Marino, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania and North Macedonia. The meeting was organised by the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of Croatia, as a coordinator of the EUSAIR thematic pillar 4 Sustainable Tourism. The Croatian Ministry of Culture and Media informed the TSG4 members about the cooperation with the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme, with the emphasis on future perspectives of Routes in the Adriatic-Ionian Region.



Cyprus

Member since 2011

- 24th February 2023, Nicosia, Cyprus - 20th Anniversary of the Phoenicians' Route

The Deputy Ministry of Culture participated in the opening celebratory event of the 20th anniversary of the Phoenicians' Route entitled "Between Tourism and Inter-Cultural Dialogue." The event was organised by the Phoenicians' Route in collaboration with the Larnaca Tourism Board, the Deputy Ministry of Tourism, and the Cyprus Marine and Maritime Institute. The event highlighted the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme, cultural and smart tourism, intercultural dialogue, digitalization, marine cultural heritage and sustainability.



Phoenicians' Route - Tour of the University of Cyprus library

- 2023 and ongoing, Nicosia, Cyprus -

Expansion of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme in Cyprus

The Department of Modern and Contemporary Arts of the Deputy Ministry of Culture is studying how to secure the involvement of other departments of the ministry as well



Member since 2018

- March 2023 -

Roadmap for the National Development of Cultural Tourism

The Roadmap for the National Development of Cultural Tourism specifies the national development measures for cultural tourism in the coming years. The Roadmap also serves as the national document that guides the work on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme. The Roadmap sets to promote the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Finland by strengthening the national coordination of the Programme.

- December 2023, Jyväskylä, Finland - Cultural Routes Forum

The Cultural Routes Forum brought together Finnish members of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and organisations actively developing Cultural Routes activities in Finland to learn from each other and to discuss current issues. Establishing the Forum is a measure featured in the Roadmap for the National Development of Cultural Tourism to promote the Cultural Routes Programme in Finland.

- March-May 2023 -

Funding for projects related to the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme

The Finnish Heritage Agency awarded grants to three organisations developing activities related to the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme. The three projects relate to Alvar Aalto Route, European Route of Industrial Heritage and Liberation Route Europe. The goal of the funding is to promote Cultural Routes activities in Finland as well as to further support the work of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes.

- 1st June 2023, Online 🗣 -

Webinar "Introduction to the European Route of Industrial Heritage"

The Finnish Heritage Agency organised the webinar together with the European Route of Industrial Heritage. The objective of the event was to inform potential new members about the Route and its activities. The webinar has also been recorded and marketed to potential members.

- 25th May 2023, Online 4 -

Webinar "Project Funding Opportunities and the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme"

Fourfunding programmes (EU structural funds, Creative Europe, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, Alfred Kordelin Foundation/major cultural projects) were introduced in the webinar organised by Finnish Heritage Agency. The funding programmes were presented from the perspective of the development of cultural tourism and Cultural Routes. The webinar was targeted to a Finnish audience interested in developing Cultural Routes in Finland.

- 11th September 2023, Gdansk, Poland -

Creation of a Working Group on Cultural Routes under Baltic Region Heritage Committee

The working group was officially established during a meeting of the Baltic Region Heritage committee on 11 September 2023, in Gdansk, Poland. The working group members are from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Estonia and Lithuania. The objective of the group is to make better use of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme in the region.



Member since 2011

- July 2023, Paris, France -

Update of the bilingual brochure "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in France"

The World Heritage Mission within the Ministry of Culture has created a bilingual (French-English) publication on the 31 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe that cross France.

4.1. - Activities implemented by EPA member States

A map lists the location of the French network members, the theme and the type (itinerary, multi-sites, single sites) of each Cultural Route. Designed in the form of fact sheets, the brochure presents the history, values and objectives, the partners involved and the activities offered by each Route, as well as maps, illustrations and online references. This bilingual publication can be downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Culture.





- April 2023, Online 🗣 -

Finalisation of the interactive map of Cultural Routes crossing France

An interactive map is now available on the website dedicated to the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe on the website of the Ministry of Culture: it shows the 31 Cultural Routes passing through France, and each thumbnail gives access to 31 detailed maps. The maps can be zoomed in on to consult detailed information, complete with photographs, descriptions and information on the Routes, sites and partners involved. It is the result of extensive work carried out by the World Heritage Mission.



- 23rd February 2023, Paris, France -

Meeting of the Representatives of the 31 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing France

The World Heritage Mission regularly brings together the French Representatives of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe that pass through France. 28 of the 31 Cultural Routes passing through France were represented in the meeting on 23 February. In the morning, the meeting provided an opportunity to take stock of the year at national level and for each Route individually. In the afternoon, projects and possible actions were identified and a timetable for implementation was drawn up. These meetings of the Routes in France help to maintain the momentum at national level, to develop joint projects and to create synergies in the regions.

- May 2023, Online 🦫 -

Creation of an e-learning module on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

The World Heritage Mission has designed a distance-learning module on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, available online for free. 20 modules are already available for French-speaking heritage professionals and experts. Representatives of the Ministry of Culture and the Council of Europe describe the programme in their introductory remarks, then the Representatives of the Cultural Routes that cross France present their Route, their activities and the French and European partners involved. This module helps to promote the programme internationally.



Member since 2011

- 27th October 2023, Toulouse, France -

The Greek Ministry of Culture receives the Award for "Best Public Institution promoting the value of vine and wine culture and cultural tourism development" by the Iter Vitis Route

On October 2023, the Greek Ministry of Culture was presented with an award for "Best Public Institution promoting the value of vine and wine culture and cultural tourism development" during the Iter Vitis Cultural Route Awards Ceremony, which was organised in partnership with the Association of Wineries of South-East France. The Awards Ceremony was part of the first official European Wine Day, hosted in Toulouse as the first

European Wine City 2023. The awards are particularly aimed at promoting innovation and addressing environmental, social and economic issues.



- 16th September 2023, Thessaloniki and Heraklion, Greece-The Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki and the Archeological Museum of Heraklion, Crete, became part of the Iter Vitis Route

The Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki and the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion, Crete, became the first museum-stops on the Iter Vitis I Route in Greece. The Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki can be explored through the free app "The museum is everywhere," guiding visitors through 13 relevant exhibits of the museum. Both Museums are significant stops on this Route, as their collections include important findings from Macedonia and Crete, reflecting the particular historical and cultural significance of wine production and consumption in antiquity in Greece.



The Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki, Greece



Member since 2013

- 4th - 5th April 2023, Fertőd, Hungary -

New Interreg project launched on EuroVelo 13-Iron Curtain Trail

On 4 and 5 April 2023, the European Cyclists Federation took part in the kick-off meeting of the Innovative participatory sustainable business model for cycling along the Iron Curtain Trail in Fertőd, Hungary. ECF is one of 12 project partners from Poland to Croatia during the 3-year Interreg Central Europe project. During the kick-off meeting, a study trip was the occasion to learn from the experiences of local stakeholders.



Technical visit during the kick-off meeting of the Innovative participatory sustainable business model for cyclina alona the Iron Curtain Trail at the border between Hungary and Austria

- 19th – 22nd April 2023, Budapest, Hungary - *RANN General Assembly in Budapest*

From 19th to 22nd April 2023, the Réseau Art Nouveau Network Annual General Meeting was held in Budapest, Hungary. The four days of meetings included visits, discussions and moments shared with all members. The General Assembly was also the occasion to welcome four new institutional members: Maison Cauchie in Brussels, the City of Liège in Belgium, the City of Reus in Spain and the Lviv Heritage Bureau in Ukraine. Ms. Eszter CSONKA-TAKÁCS, as official coordinator of the Cultural Routes programme in Hungary and the national Representative to the EPA, presented the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme and the Cultural Routes crossing Hungary.

4.1. - Activities implemented by EPA member States

- 9th November 2023, Szombathely, Hungary -

The National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage to include the Saint Martin of Tours Route

The Hungarian National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage has been expanded with a new item called "The veneration of Saint Martin in Hungary". The recognition further strengthens the development of the Saint Martin of Tours Route in Hungary. On 9 November 2023, Ms. Eszter CSONKA-TAKÁCS, member of the EPA Governing Board, officially handed over the plaque symbolizing the inclusion of this new item in the National Inventory at the town hall of Szombathely.

- 20th November 2023, Szentendre, Hungary -Professional Meeting of Representatives of Cultural Routes across Hungary

On 20th November 2023, the Directorate of Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Hungarian Open Air Museum, the state institution coordinating the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme in Hungary since 2019, organised a first national coordination meeting for the representatives of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing Hungary. The meeting was hosted by the Hungarian Open Air Museum in Szentendre. Mr. Stefano DOMINIONI, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and Director of the European Institute of Cultural Routes, Mr. Máté VINCZE, Deputy State Secretary for Public Collections and Cultural Development, and Mr. Miklós CSERI, Director General of the Hungarian Open Air Museum, gave the opening speeches. The speeches were followed by presentations of Representatives of Cultural Routes and an exchange of experiences. The meeting was moderated by Ms. Eszter CSONKA-TAKÁCS, national representatives of Hungary to the EPA and member of the Bureau of the EPA Governing Board. On 25-27 September 2024, Hungary will host the 13th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes in Visegrad and Budapest.



Participants of the professional Meeting of Representatives of Cultural Routes across Hungary



Lebanon

Member since 2022

- 19th - 21st October 2023, Cabras and Porto Torres, Sardinia, Italy - Participation in the XVI Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue on the Phoenicians' Route

The event was hosted by the Mont'e Prama Foundation, in collaboration with the Sardinia Region, the Municipalities of Cabras and Porto Torres under the patronage of the Italian ministries of Culture, Tourism, Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Mr. Rachid CHAMOUN, entrusted by the Lebanese ministry of Tourism to represent Lebanon in its position as a member State of the Governing Board of the EPA, gave a speech on Lebanon as the first Middle Eastern country to join the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, given the cultural relevance of Lebanon in the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme as it is currently crossed by 4 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe: Phoenicians' Route, Routes of El Legado Andalusí, Routes of the Olive Tree and Iter Vitis Route.



The XVI Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue on the Phoenicians' Route ©Phoenicians' Route

- 19th May 2023, Jbeil, Lebanon -

From Roots to Routes Workshop: The Route of the Olive Tree official launch

The LAU-Louis Cardahi Foundation hosted the Launching of the Routes of the Olive Tree in Lebanon under the patronage of H.E Minister of Tourism, Eng. Walid NASSAR, represented by Dr. Rachid CHAMOUN, Director of LAU-LCF, advisor to Minister Nassar for international relations representing Lebanon to the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe. The workshop was organised by the Bchaaleh trails associations, BTA & Olive Routes, in collaboration with the Routes of the Olive Tree and the LAU-Louis Cardahi Foundation.

- 17th May 2023, Jabal Moussa Biosphere Reserve, Lebanon - *Participation in the closing event of CROSSDEV project*

The EU-funded CROSSDEV project - Cultural Routes for Sustainable Social and Economic Development in Mediterranean - came to an end after years of hard work in the Mediterranean region, involving Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, and Palestine. "Discovering Hidden Mediterranean Destinations", CROSSDEV's final event, took place at the Jabal Moussa Biosphere Reserve, in Lebanon, one of the five destinations developed by the project. Jointly organised by CISP - the International Committee for the Development of People, project lead - and APJM - the Association for the Protection of Jabal Moussa, local partner – the event reunited all partners, representatives of the European Union and the Lebanese and Italian Governments, international tour operators, civil society organisations, and members of the Lebanese local community. One highlight was the opening of the Jabal Moussa Culture and Tourism Center, a new information centre built on a reclaimed quarry to save the land from continuous exploitation.

- 5th - 8th May 2023, Jbeil, Lebanon -

Andalusian Days in Lebanon by the Umayyad Digital Museum

The framework of Lebanon's accession to the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and the cooperation agreement between El Legado Andalusi, and the Lebanese American University (LAU) - Louis Cardahi Foundation defines the strategic planning and goal setting required to achieve the implementation of a number of tangible activities. These include exhibitions, promotions, research and publishing initiatives, as well as the development of socio-cultural activities to serve the engaged communities. This rich diversity of initiatives and institutions contribute to enhancing the Euro Mediterranean Intercultural Dialogue by celebrating Andalusian Days in Lebanon by the Umayyad Route. These objectives are a result of a close collaboration with the above-mentioned stakeholders and the Lebanese Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Culture .



Member since 2011

- 23rd May 2023, Luxembourg -

1st exchange and consultation meeting on Cultural Routes in Luxembourg

The Ministry of Culture and the Directorate-General for Tourism within the Ministry of Economy, and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, invited the Luxembourg associations and supporting networks that are currently members of the 8 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing Luxembourg to a consultation meeting. The aim of the meeting was to get to exchange information, to better understand their involvement in the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe networks and their related activities.



Member since 2023

- 25th June 2023, Ta' Qali Artisan Village Malta - MCF MeetsBristow Potteries Session & Alka Ceramics Session

MCF Meets is an experience where the public of all ages is invited to see artisans at work in their surroundings. The Malta Crafts Foundation is organising a series of visits to artisans all over Malta and Gozo, including those who operate in the ceramic sector. These sessions are suitable for the whole family and are always organised on the last Sunday of the month. The intention of these events is to promote the artisan sector among locals and tourists and to help them appreciate the artisan skills and dedication needed in handicraft. In 2023, two of the MCF Meets sessions dealt with Ceramics, one at Bristow Potteries and the other at Alka Ceramics.

- 19th - 21st October 2023, Cabras and Porto Torres, Sardinia, Italy - *Phoenicians' Route Awards 2023*

The 3rd Edition of the International Iter Vitis – Phoenicians' Route Awards was celebrated in Cabras (Sardinia) during the XVI EuroMediterranean Dialogue of the Phoenicians' Route – 2023 General Assembly and Celebration of the XX Anniversary of the Phoenicians' Route (2003-2023) on 19-21 October 2023. The Phoenicians' Route Award in the category "Innovative and creative enhancement of a Museum" went to the National Museum of Archaeology, Heritage Malta. Heritage Malta is a Network of over 90 museums, national monuments and underwater sites, including 7 UNESCO sites, bringing culture and people together by facilitating interpretation and accessibility. The Phoenicians' Route wanted to reward the commitment to the setting up of the Phoenician-Punic section of the National Archaeological Museum.



Member since 2011

- 27th April 2023, online 🗣 -

National coordination meeting for Representatives of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing Norway

For the first time, Norway invited all the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe stakeholders of the country to discuss the most relevant topics and to gather input for the EPA Governing Board meeting in Luxembourg. Out of the 9 Cultural Routes in Norway, 7 Routes attended the meeting. They went through the main points of the RES(CM)2013/67, especially regarding certification requirements concerning mandatory fields of action and the list of prioritized activity areas. All the Routes were asked to prepare a presentation of their activities for the different fields of action carried out in 2023. In the second part of the meeting, they discussed the proposal to introduce administrative fees. Input from the Routes was noted and presented further during the EPA Governing Board meeting in Luxembourg.

- 2023, on-going -

EPA Representatives Working Group

National EPA member State Representatives from Finland, Lithuania, Latvia, Sweden and Norway have constituted an informal Working Group in order to tighten cooperation, strengthen efficiency in reaching their goals and to ensure the relevancy of their taken actions. In September 2023, during the annual meeting of the Baltic Region Heritage Committee (BRHC), an examination interview was held with Representatives of the Working Group (Representatives from Finland, Ms. Anni ALHO and Norway, Ms. Olga WIŚNIEWSKA). The Working Group presented its values, working methods, achievements, and planned activities. They were all positively assessed and on this basis the committee decided to affiliate the Working Group to the BRHC. The new formal status allows the Working Group to operate more effectively.



Member since 2016

- 20st - 22nd September 2023, Łódź, Poland -

12th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

The 12th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe took place in Łódź, Poland on 20-22 September, organised by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA) and the European Institute of Cultural Routes, in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland. The Forum was held under the honorary patronage of the President of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Andrzej DUDA.

The Forum was attended by over 300 participants, many Representatives of the 40 member States of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and Representatives of the 47 certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, as well as representatives of international organisations, Observers to the EPA such as UNWTO, UNESCO, ERA, academics from the Cultural Routes University Networks and tourism professionals.



12th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Łódź, Poland



Member since 2011

- 3rd March 2023, Lisbon, Portugal -

Technical Meeting on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

The technical meeting was organised by the General Directorate for Cultural Heritage (DGPC) and the entity Tourism of Portugal. The event included a round table hosted by the national Representatives of several certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, such as the European Route of Historic Gardens, the European Route of Industrial Heritage, Destination Napoleon, the European Route of Historic Cafés

and TRANSROMANICA. The aim of the initiative was to share national experiences and know-how as well as to contribute to the dissemination of this cultural and tourist offer among tourist agents present at the Tourism Fair BTL – Lisbon Tourism Exchange.

- 26th October 2021, online 4 -

National coordination meeting for Representatives of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing Portugal

The national meeting of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing Portugal was organised by the Directorate-General for Cultural Heritage. The programme consisted of three parts: The 1st part was dedicated to presenting the activities of each certified Cultural Route of the Council of Europe in Portugal (Representatives from 14 Routes participated); the 2nd part was dedicated to speeches by experts on "Financing Programmes" and "Communicating on the Routes"; the 3rd part was dedicated to debating on the promotion of work proposals that valorise the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme through a network of national partners.

- 7th May 2023, Coimbra, Portugal -Historic Cafés Route Certification Ceremony

On 7 May 2023, the official certification ceremony of the Historic Cafés Route as a "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" took place at the Café Santa Cruz in Coimbra, Portugal, as part of the celebrations of the café's 100th anniversary. The diploma for the certification was presented to Vitor DE SÁ MARQUES, co-owner of Café Santa Cruz, member of the board of the Historic Cafés Route (HCR) and HCR ambassador to Portugal, by Mr. Stefano DOMINIONI, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe. The mayor of the city, José Manuel SILVA, the president of the Portuguese Tourism Centre, Pedro MACHADO, and the president of the Union of Coimbra Parishes, João Francisco CAMPOS, were also present at the event.



Member since 2013

- Since 2021 -

The development of cultural tourist routes through the voluntary system

The Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Tourism of Romania has created a voluntary system for the recognition of Cultural Routes, developed by tourism organisations or by local public authorities. Such a recognition underlines the importance of the development of the Romanian tourist products and benefits from the experience at institutional level gained by the country as member of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA) since 2013. As of November 2023, Romania has recognised 133 Cultural Touristic Routes and 30 of them are developed at the national level, 66 are developed at the regional level and 37 are developed at the local level.

- Throughout 2023 -

Official launch of the National Cultural Tourist Route of the Open Air Ethnographic Museums in Romania

In 2020, the Route of the Open Air Ethnographic Museums in Romania received the recognition of the Ministry of Tourism, being the third cultural-tourist route developed at national level. The Route of the Open Air Ethnographic Museums in Romania aims to jointly promote a rich cultural heritage, both at the national and local level. In April 2023, the Goleşti Viticulture and Horticulture Museum has become the newest member of this route, joining 10 other prominent institutions in Romania that are part of this project.



 $The {\it Cultural Tourist Route of the Open Air Ethnographic Museums from Romania}$

- 9th - 12th November 2023, Bucharest, Romania -Official launch of the National Cultural Tourist Route of Traditional Tourist Villages in Romania

The Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Tourism participated with its own stand at the Romanian Tourism Fair – Autum Edition 2023. On this occasion, on 10 November 2023, the National Cultural Tourist Route of Traditional Tourist Villages in Romania was launched. The route currently consists of 20 villages.

Serbia

Member since 2012

- 3rd - 17th October 2023, Belgrade, Serbia -

Exhibition on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Serbia

In order to raise awareness of the role and importance of the Council of Europe and to highlight the principles and values that this international organisation promotes and protects, an initiative called "The Council of Europe Days" was launched. The ministry of Culture of Serbia, the coordinator of activities within this initiative, in cooperation with the ministry of Tourism and Youth and the Tourist Organisation of Serbia, organised an exhibition dedicated to the 8 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe that cross Serbia. The exhibition opened on 3 October 2023 in the Atrium of the National Library of Serbia in Belgrade.





Slovakia

Member since 2014

- July 2023, Bratislava, Slovakia -

Establishment of the Cultural Heritage Working Group, subgroup Tourism

A subgroup of employees of the Ministry of Culture of Slovakia chose their Ministry as the coordinator of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in the country. A contact person from the Department of Tourism at the Ministry of Transport and Construction of Slovakia was agreed upon, with whom the ministry of Culture of Slovakia will be in close contact. At the same time, cooperation with the National travel agency Slovakia Travel will be intensified. The ambition is to create a permanent advisory body from the working group.

- October 2023, Bratislava, Slovakia -

Slovakia has joined the European Route of Jewish Heritage

Slovakia joined the European Route of Jewish heritage through the Slovak Jewish Heritage Center. The rich history of Jewish heritage in Slovakia is represented by several synagogues, Jewish cemeteries and Holocaust memorials, as well as Jewish museum exhibits. The Žilina Neological Synagogue by the prominent German architect Peter Behrens can be considered a gem of modern interwar architecture of the 20th century, which after a complex reconstruction serves as the New Synagogue cultural centre.



Synagogue in Žilina, Slovakia ©Milan Gonda/shutterstock

- 28th November 2023, Rusovce/Bratislava, Slovakia - National conference "Cultural Routes in Slovakia"

On 28th November 2023, the Slovak House Centrope organised the conference "Cultural Routes in Slovakia" in Rusovce, near Bratislava. It presented the 5 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe that cross Slovakia. The conference also helped to garner more support and promotion by the state and municipalities.



Slovenia

Member since 2011

- January 2023, nationwide -

Signing of a Letter of Intent to establish the Association of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Slovenia

The members of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in

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Slovenia signed a Letter of Intent to establish the Association of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Slovenia. The Association aims to present a unified voice in relation to the government of Slovenia, connect a broader network of local stakeholders, build bridges between culture and tourism, foster collaboration in product and project development and promotion, support the continuity of established routes and assist in the certification of new routes as well as establish a voice within the broader ecosystem of thematic routes in Slovenia.

- 2nd March 2023, Ljubljana, ministry of Culture Republic of Slovenia -

Coordination meeting between the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia and members of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Slovenia

The members of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Slovenia and the ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia held a meeting to discuss the challenges of the management of Cultural Routes in the national context. The meeting was the opportunity to underline the need for enhanced support for the programme by the Ministry of Culture to assist the operations of the Association of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Slovenia, to extend inter-government collaboration, especially in the field of tourism, to address opportunities for Cultural Routes for applying for grants and further support to promote the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Slovenia.

- 12th September 2023, Ljubljana, Slovenia -

Certification ceremony of the Women Writers Route, the first Cultural Route of the Council of Europe with its seat in Slovenia

On 12th September 2023, the official certification ceremony of the Women Writers Route as a Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe took place in the Main Hall of the National Assembly, in the presence of Urška KLAKOČAR ZUPANČIČ, President of the National Assembly; the Slovenian MP Ms. Tamara VONTA, Chair of the Slovenian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and Chair of the Committee on Culture of the Slovenian National Assembly; Dr Andreja RIHTER, President of the Women Writers Routes Cultural Tourism Association; Špela SPANŽEL, General Director of the Cultural Heritage Directorate at the Slovenian Ministry of Culture; and Mr. Stefano DOMINIONI, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, and Director of the European Institute of Cultural Routes. On this occasion, the Secretariat also met with Representatives of the Cultural Routes crossing Slovenia to discuss the challenges

of the management of Cultural Routes and to present activities needed to establish the Association of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Slovenia.



(from left to right) Stefano DOMINIONI; Urška KLAKOČAR ZUPANČIĆ, President of the Slovenina National Assembly; Andreja RIHTER, President of the WWR; Mateja JANČAR, WWR Manager, Prof. Katja MIHURKO, President of the WWR Scientific Council; Tamara VONTA, Chair of the Slovenian delegation to the PACE; Spela SPANŽEL, Director General at the Ministry of Culture; Dalibor DOMITORVIĆ, Honorary president of the WWR and, mayor of the Croatian town of Ogulin ©Boris Pretnar Images

- Throughout 2023, nationwide - Cultural crossroads of Slovenia project proposal

Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe are often crossing the same cities, regions or monuments. Through researching and exposing these crossroads, the project wants to find opportunities and ideas for new offers and products for travellers as well as for Cultural Routes networks. In 2023, the potential crossroads have been listed, so that they can be further explored and connected in 2024.



Spain

Member since 2011

- 8th and 9th March 2023, Santiago de Compostela, Spain -Second working meeting "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Spain"

On 8th - 9th March 2023, the Ministry of Culture and Sport of Spain organised the 2nd Annual National Coordination meeting for the representatives of the 25 certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing Spain in the city of Santiago de Compostela. The meeting was the opportunity for Cultural Routes managers to

4.1. - Activities implemented by EPA member States

meet government and regional representatives, professionals in the field of culture, local development, citizen participation as well as heritage preservation, and exchange on best practices and future activities. The meeting was opened by María AGÚNDEZ LERIA, Deputy Director General for the Management and Coordination of Cultural Assets of the Ministry of culture and sport; Maria NAVA CASTRO DOMÍNGUEZ, Director of Tourism Galicia; and Stefano DOMINIONI, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and Director of the European Institute of Cultural Routes.



Working meeting with national Representatives of the Cultural Routes crossing Spain.

- April 2023 -

Mobile application on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Spain

On 18 April 2023, the Ministry of Culture and Sports of Spain launched a new mobile application on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing Spain. The aim of the app is to promote the sustainable development of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Spain. At the same time, it serves as a new communication channel for citizens, visitors and tourists, establishing a new tool for social dynamisation and knowledge of the Programme.

- 10th-11th May 2023, Luxembourg -Spain Representative elected as a member of the EPA Governing Board

The EPA Governing Board held its annual meeting on 10-11 May 2023 in Luxembourg. On this occasion, Mr. Sergio ORTEGA MUÑOZ, national representative of Spain to the EPA on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, was elected as member of the Bureau of the EPA Governing Board. In recent years, Spain has tried to strengthen its presence in the programme through different actions, including: organising an annual meeting of managers of Cultural Routes in Spain to exchange experiences;

the promotion of cooperation between member countries of the EPA to advance in a joint strategic line regarding the Cultural Routes; the consolidation of the institutional support of the ministry of Culture in the various projects and initiatives of the Cultural Routes; providing advice to possible new candidate Cultural Routes and promoting cooperation between Cultural Routes and UNESCO Conventions.



Sweden

Member since 2020

- Throughout 2023, mostly online 🦫 -

Participation in a new Nordic-Baltic working group on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

The working group was created during a meeting of the Baltic Region Heritage committee on 11 September 2023, in Gdańsk, Poland. Since then, its members Finland, Norway, Sweden, Estonia and Lithuania have held regular online meetings. The working group seeks to promote and enhance Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing the Nordic-Baltic region.

- 16th October 2023, online 4-

Meeting between the Swedish National Heritage Board and the Region Västra Götaland

The purpose of the meeting was to establish contacts between the State (Swedish National Heritage Board) and the Regional Authority of Västra Götaland which hosts four of seven Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Sweden. They discussed how Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe could be utilised in regional development.

- 12th June, 15th September and 15th December 2023, online and at the Swedish National Heritage Board in Stockholm -

Planning meetings for activities in association with Norway's National Jubilee in 2030

The planned project seeks to commemorate Saint Olav in association with Norway's National Jubilee in 2030. The project is undertaken by Norwegian and Swedish authorities in close association with the Route of Saint Olav Ways. It will include a digital database of knowledge related to Saint Olav

Member since 2018

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Switzerland

Member since 2013

- 31st March 2023, Lugano, Switzerland - Sustainability Forum 2023

The Swiss Sustainability Forum 2023 brought together scholars and practitioners to share research, practices, and initiatives, and to provide a state-of-the-art overview of the current state of sustainability in tourism. The event featured a diverse range of speakers, including Prof. Lorenzo CANTONI from USI – Università della Svizzera Italiana, Dr. Eduardo SANTANDER from the European Travel Commission in Brussels, and Dr. Stefano DOMINIONI, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes at the Council of Europe (EPA) in Luxembourg. The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme were showcased during the event, with the EPA Secretariat highlighting examples of good practices in sustainable cultural tourism along Cultural Routes that cross Switzerland.



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- Throughout 2023 -

Several meetings on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

Several meetings centred around Turkish Cultural Routes and heritage were held throughout 2023. On 27 July, an online coordination meeting on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Türkiye was held between the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Türkiye (MoCT) and the TGA (Turkish Tourism Development Agency) with the aim to discuss promotional activities of the existing and potential Cultural Routes and strategies to enhance the coordination of their stakeholders. On 7 and 14 November, a meeting for potential stakeholders was held between the İzmir metropolitan Municipality, the District Municipalities, the Urla Vine Route Association, the MoCT and TGA to discuss about membership procedures for the Iter Vitis Route, the Routes of the Olive Tree and Transhumance Trails. Another stakeholder meeting was held on 1 November between the Kilis Local Government, local stakeholders and the TGA to discuss membership procedures for the Routes of the Olive Tree. Further online meetings on 30 January, 6 July and 17 July 2023 with the Ancient Olive Tree Association (Muğla), Gaziantep Tahmis Kahve and Pera Palace Hotel (Istanbul) took place to discuss the application procedures of the Route of Olive Tree and the Historic Cafés Route.







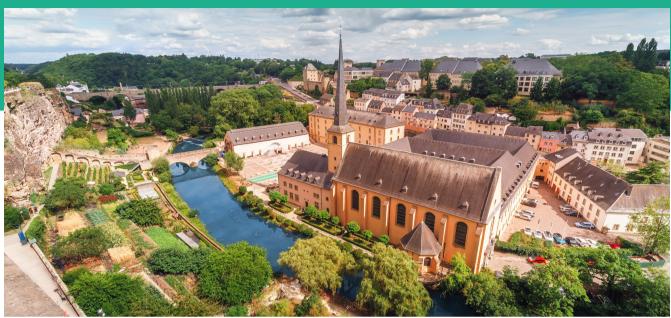
European Institute of Cultural Routes (EICR)





Chapter 5 - European Institute of Cultural Routes (EICR)

The European Institute of Cultural Routes (EICR) Luxembourg



European Institute of Cultural Routes, Neumünster Abbey, Luxembourg, LU @frantic00/shutterstock

Since 1998 European Institute of Cultural Routes (EICR) Technical agency of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme



- Support to the EPA Secretariat in the coordination of evaluation and certification cycle of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and of the candidate projects
- Advice to the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and to candidate projects
- Training for the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe
- · Promotion and visibility
- · Support to the Training Academy and Annual Advisory Forum
- Cooperation with universities and research centres
- Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme documentary resources archive
- Located in the Abbey of Neumünster (Luxembourg)
- Funded by the Ministry of Culture of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

5.1 - EICR Statutory bodies and staff

MEMBERS OF THE EICR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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EICR Board of Directors member

Secretariat:

Mr. Stefano DOMINIONI,

Executive Secretary of the EPA

Staff:

Mr. Stefano DOMINIONI, Director of the EICR

Ms. Carolina CLARK, Project Manager

Mr. Dylan HERGENHAHN, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Cindy BLESER, Communication Officer

5.2 - Statutory meetings

On the occasion of the General Assembly and Board of Directors meetings that took place in 2023, issues regarding procedures, major events and visibility were discussed, in order to pursue the EICR mission of ensuring continuity and implementation of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme.

3rd March, Luxembourg, LU

General Assembly and Board of Directors of the European Institute of Cultural Routes meeting

18th October, Luxembourg, LU



General Assembly and Board of Directors of the European Institute of Cultural Routes meeting

5.3 - Support to the EPA Secretariat in the coordination of the Cultural Routes certification cycles

The EICR supports the EPA Secretariat in the coordination of the certification cycle of certified Cultural Routes and candidate projects. The evaluation and the certification follow the same schedule, starting in July and ending in May of the following year, as outlined below. In 2023, the 2022-2023 cycle was completed and the 2023-2024 cycle was launched.

2022-2023 certification cycle

September - December

Independent expert review of the applications by certified and candidate routes, contacts with projects managers / Cultural Routes managers, expert field visits, meeting with candidate projects managers / Cultural Routes managers.

Preparation of the evaluation report.

December

1. Submission of the report by the independent expert

January-February

- 2. Examination of the evaluation report by the EPA Secretariat with the support of the EICR and recommendations to the EPA Bureau.
- 3. Examination of the reports during the EPA Bureau; experts audition during the EPA Bureau meeting.
- **4.** Recommendation of the Bureau to the EPA Governing Board.

March

Communication to the candidate projects / Cultural Routes managers of the conclusions of the EPA Bureau meeting.

May

Invitation to applicants and certified Cultural Routes to present at the EPA Governing Board meeting

2022 - 2023

Call for applications for certification posted on the EPA website.

Notification letter by the EPA Executive Secretary to the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe under regular evaluation, launching the annual evaluation cycle.

March

2023-2024 certification cycle

Audition of invited candidate projects managers / Cultural Routes managers at the Governing Board meeting and decision concerning the certification by the Governing Board.

June

Notification letter by the EPA Executive Secretary to the candidates / Cultural Routes under evaluation concerning the results of their application for certification / evaluation of their network as "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe".

2024 -

Analysis by the EPA Secretariat with the support of the EICR of the documentation submitted by the candidate projects / Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe.

Selection by the EPA Secretariat of independent experts in charge of drafting the evaluation reports.

August

Deadline for submission of the application forms and evaluation files to the EPA Secretariat by candidate projects and certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe.

July

Independent expert review: contact with candidate projects managers / Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe managers, online meetings with route's representatives and members.

Preparation of the evaluation reports.

September-December

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL ROUTES



10th May, Luxembourg, LU



On 10 May, during the EPA Governing Board meeting, the Post Philately of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg presented a stamp to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the European Institute of Cultural Routes (EICR).

The stamp was presented by Mr. Emile ESPEN, head of Post Philately Luxembourg and Mr Antonio FERREIRA, adjoint of Post Philately, to the President of the European Institute of the Cultural Routes Ambassador Jean-Claude KUGENER; to the President to the EPA Governing Board Julien VUILLEUMIER; to the President of the EPA Statutory Committee, Ambassador Patrick ENGELBERG; and to Mr Jo KOX, First Government Advisor and General Coordinator of the Ministry of Culture of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg.

Over the last 25 years, the growing success of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme has been greatly assisted by the work of the European Institute of Cultural Routes as its technical agency in the coordination of certification cycles, the implementation of its visibility strategy and the organisation of dedicated advisory meetings, training seminars and conferences.



Conmemorative logotype of the 25th anniversary of the European Institute of Cultural Routes



(from left to right) Ambassador Jean-Claude KUGENER, President of the European Institute of the Cultural Routes; Mr Jo KOX, First Government Advisor and General Coordinator of the Ministry of Culture of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg; Mr. Emile ESPEN, head of Post Philately Luxembourg; Mr. Julien VUILLEUMIER, President of the EPA Governing Board and Ambassador Patrick ENGELBERG, President of the EPA Statutory Committee.

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Special stamp on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the EICR









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EUROPE DAY CELEBRATION IN LUXEMBOURG



9th May, Luxembourg, LU

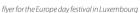


On 9th May, the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme took part in Europe Day at Kirchberg, Luxembourg, with an information stand highlighting its activities and its Cultural Routes network.

Each year, Europe Day pays tribute to Robert Schuman's 1950 declaration and celebrates the European values of peace, unity, solidarity, democracy and freedom. Visitors were able to visit over 70 stands representing EU member countries, European entities and institutions.

> The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme was represented by its Secretariat (EPA and EICR) and presented the 47 Cultural Routes certified by the Council of Europe, as well as its regular activities. Numerous brochures on the Council of Europe were also made available to visitors.







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MEETINGS WITH CULTURAL ROUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE



6th March, Online 🗣



 Coordination meeting with representatives of Prehistoric Rock Art Trails for the Organisation of the 2023 Cultural Routes Training Academy



15th March, Online 🗣



Meeting with the new management of Iron Curtain Trail – Eurovelo 13



19th June, Online 🗣



Presentation at the conference "Preserving heritage, inspiring tourism: Building on the Europeana - Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe collaboration" organised by Europeana and the European Routes of Jewish



21st June, Luxembourg,



Meeting with the new management of The Fortified Towns of the Grande Region



7th July, Online 🗣



Meeting with representatives of the Transhumance Trails

9th October, Online 🥞

Meeting with representatives of the Cyril and Methodius Route

Meeting with the new presidency of the Santiago de Compostela Pilgrim Routes

Meeting with representatives of the Transhumance Trails

Meeting with representatives of the European Route of Cistercian Abbeys in Portugal

ADVISORY MEETINGS WITH CANDIDATE CULTURAL ROUTES

10th March, Online 🥾

Meeting with the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture e.V. (ERIAC)

3rd April, Online

Advisory meeting with "European Leonardo da Vinci Ways"

27^h April, Online 🗣

Advisory meeting with "Aromas Itinerarium Salutis"

9th June, Online 🗣

Advisory meeting with "Il cammino dei Focesi"

29th June, Online

Advisory meeting with "Via Querinissima"

30th June, EICR, Luxembourg, =

Advisory meeting with "European Tea Route"

30th June, EICR, Luxembourg,

Advisory meeting with "Aromas Itinerarium Salutis"

30th June, EICR, Luxembourg, =

Advisory meeting with "European Paganini Route"

30th June, EICR, Luxembourg, Advisory meeting with "European Leonardo da Vinci Ways"

10th July, Online

Advisory meeting with "Romea Strata"

10th July, Online 🗣

Advisory meeting with "International Society of Friends of Nikos Kazantzaki"

24th November, Online

Advisory meeting with "Saint George and the Dragon"

11th December, EICR, Luxembourg, = Advisory meeting with "Saint Willibrord"

15th December, EICR, Luxembourg, □

Advisory meeting with "European Route of Historic Theatres"

MEETINGS WITH CULTURAL ROUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

14 th February, Luxembourg	Visit of the Spanish Ambassador in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at the EICR
16 th February, Online	Meeting with representatives of Europeana
14 th March, Luxembourg	Visit of the Ambassador of Hungary in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at the EICR
14 th March, Luxembourg	Visit of the Ambassador of Portugal in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at the EICR
4 th May, Online @	Participation in online conferences in the framework of the RUTEALC – Cultural Routes Incubator project
8 th September, Online	General coordination meeting with independent experts – 2023-2024 Certification Cycle
11 th - 14 th September, Online	Individual meetings with independent experts – 2023-2024 Certification Cycle
12 th September, Luxembourg	Visit of the Ambassador of Switzerland in Croatia at the EICR
2 nd October, Online [®]	Meeting with representatives of the International Institute of Gastronomy, Culture, Arts and Tourism (IGCAT)
3 rd November, Online @	Interview with the Advisory Committee of the Department of Tourism Studies of the University of Piraeus (Greece)

-5.5 - Cooperation with International Organisations

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



The Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture (OEI) started cooperation activities with the European Institute of Cultural Routes in 2018 and was granted participatory status by the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes in 2021.

- 7th November, Online
 - Presentation of the Cultural Routes programme in the framework of the Ventana Adelante Ecuador Project (OEI)
- 8th November, Santiago de Compostela, Spain 드
 - The OEI, within the framework of the collaboration established with the European Institute of Cultural Routes and the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation, held the third Inter-institutional Meeting of the Euro-Ibero-American Cultural Routes and Itineraries Cooperation Programme. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss activities implemented by the different partners during 2023 and delineate a cooperation plan for 2024.





7th - 9th June, Jarandilla de la Vera, Spain



The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme was presented at the Doctoral Seminar Charles V European Prize - Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe organised by the European and Iberoamerican Academy of the Yuste Foundation (Fundación Academia Europea e Iberoamericana de Yuste) from 7 to 9 June 2023 in Jarandilla de la Vera (Cáceres, Spain). This doctoral seminar brought together ten doctoral students who have won Charles V European Prize scholarships for research and mobility in European studies.

5.6 - University Network for Cultural Routes Studies

universities members of the Network for Cultural Routes Studies
+ 4000 books and magazines in the EICR library
new members in 2023

The EICR coordinates the Universities Network for Cultural Routes Studies, a platform for exchanges and mobility for students and researchers and ensures regular interactions among the EICR, the universities and the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe.

Research and cooperation in research are of paramount importance in the creation and development of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe: they enable multidisciplinary knowledge to be brought together and made accessible, provide scientific proof for the themes addressed by the Cultural Routes to be considered representative of European values, underpinning the effective enhancement of European past and present heritage.

The Network aims to encourage research on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe related issues, to jointly apply for European Grants with the European Institute of Cultural Routes (EICR), to participate in the annual programme of activities of the EICR and to offer scientific advice where required.

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Member since 2013



UNIVERSITÉ DU LUXEMBOURG

UNIVERSITÉ DE LUXEMBOURG, LU

Member since 2013



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CENTRE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES IN TOURISM (CAST)

Member since 2014



UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA, IL

CENTRE FOR TOURISM, PILGRIMAGE AND RECREATION RESEARCH

Member since 2015



UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM, GB

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Member since 2013



UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL, CA

DÉPARTEMENT DES SCIENCES HISTORIQUES, INSTITUT DE PATRIMOINE CULTUREL (IPAC) Member since 2013



UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA, ES 🔤

FACULTY OF ECONOMICAL AND POLITICAL STUDIES, LABORATORI DE PATRIMONI I TURISME CULTURAL (LABPATC) Member since 2013



COMPOSTELA GROUP OF UNIVERSITIES, ES

Member since 2019





UNIVERSITÀ DE LA SVIZZERA ITALIANA, CH 🛂

Member since 2019



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA, IT 🔲

Member since 2019



MID SWEDEN UNIVERSITY, SE

Member since 2020



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Member since 2020









DIST, POLITECNICO DI TORINO AND UNIVERSITY OF TORINO, IT

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Member since 2022



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FOUNDATION, LB 🔼

Member since 2022

New Members who joined in 2023



EGE UNIVERSITY, TR

Member since 2023



UNIVERSITY OF REGGIO CALABRIA, IT 🔲

Member since 2023

















The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe : Highlights



Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (by year of certification)

1987	- Santiago de Compostela Pilgrim Routes		- Via Habsburg
1991	- The Hansa	2015	- Roman Emperors and Danube Wine Route*
1993	- Viking Route*		- European Routes of Emperor Charles V*
1994	- Via Francigena		- Destination Napoleon*
1997	- Routes of El legado andalusí		- In the Footsteps of Robert Louis Stevenson*
2003	- Phoenicians' Route	2016	- Fortified Towns of the Grande Region
2004	- Pyrenean Iron Route	2018	- Impressionisms Routes
	- European Mozart Ways	2019	- European Route of Industrial Heritage*
	- European Route of Jewish Heritage*		- Iron Curtain Trail - EURO VELO 13*
2005	- Saint Martin of Tours Route		- Le Corbusier Destinations: Architectural
	- Cluniac Sites in Europe*		Promenades*
	- Routes of the Olive Tree		- Liberation Route Europe*
	- VIA REGIA*		- Routes of Reformation
2007	- TRANSROMANICA - The Romanesque Routes of	2020	- European Route of Historic Gardens
	European Heritage*		- Via Romea Germanica
2009	- Iter Vitis Route	2021	- Aeneas Route
2010	- European Cemeteries Route		- Alvar Aalto Route - 20th Century Architecture
	- Prehistoric Rock Art Trails		and Design
	- European Route of Historical Thermal Towns		Cyril and Methodius Route
	- Route of Saint Olav Ways		- European Route d'Artagnan
2012	- European Route of Ceramics		- Iron Age Danube Route
2013	- European Route of Megalithic Culture	2022	- Historic Cafés Route
	- Huguenot and Waldensian Trail		- European Fairy Tale Route
2014	- ATRIUM - Architecture of Totalitarian Regimes of		- Women Writers Route
	the 20th Century in Europe's Urban Memory	2023	- Transhumance Trails
	- Réseau Art Nouveau Network		

^{*} Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe with certification renewed in 2023

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16th
                   Online and Collodi, IT - European Fairy Tale Route
          31st
                   Online - Via Romea Germanica
           February
          1 3rd
                   Online and Collodi, IT - European Fairy Tale Route
          15th
                   Online - Transhumance trails
          16th
                   Online - European Route d'Artagnan
28th - 2nd March
                   Florence, IT ____ - Liberation Route Europe
             March
          28th
                   Online - Women Writers Route
             April
     14th - 15th
                   Bologna, IT - European Mozart Ways
    19th _ 22nd
                   Budapest, HU - Réseau Art Nouveau Network
          27th
                   Online - Route of St Olav Ways
          27th
                   Paimio, FI H - Alvar Aalto Route
              May
           4th
                   Rezé, FR - Destination Le Corbusier
                   Thessaloniki, GR = - Cyril and Methodius Route
                   Reykholt, IS # - Viking Route
          10th
                   Baden, AT - European Route of Historic Thermal Towns
          26th
                   Calais, FR - Via Francigena
                   Florence, IT - European Route of Historic Gardens
       2nd _ 3rd
                   Autun, FR ____ - Destination Napoleon
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5th
               Online and Collodi, IT - European Fairy Tale Route
      14th
               Stei, RO - ATRIUM
      20<sup>th</sup>
               Online $\Pi$-European Route of Ceramics
      25<sup>th</sup>
               Torun, PL - The Hansa
     29th
               Payerne, CH - Cluniac Sites in Europe
29th - 30th
               Potes, ES - Santiago de Compostela Pilgrim Routes
     30<sup>th</sup>
               Online - European Route of Jewish Heritage
          July
               Online - Transhumance trails
     September
     16th
               Kalamata, GR = - The Routes of the Olive Tree
     21<sup>rd</sup>
               Mantua, IT - European Cemeteries Route
       October
     11<sup>rd</sup>
               Izmir, TR • - EuroVelo 13-Iron Curtain Trail
               Bordes, Pays de Nay, FR - Iron Route in the Pyrenees
     17th
               Kraljevo, RS - TRANSROMANICA
     20th
               Cabras, IT - The Phoenicians' Route
               Pavia, IT - Via Francigena
     28th
               Aveiro, PT - European Route of Ceramics
               Fronton, FR - Iter Vitis
      November
       2nd
               Jyväskylä, FI H-- Alvar Aalto Route
       8th
               Bilbao, ES - European Route of Industrial Heritage Routes
     13rd
               Trigueros / Huelva, ES - European Route of Megalithic Culture
     14th
               Mojmírovce, SK - Cyril and Methodius Route
               Paris, FR - Impressionisms Route
     21st
               Online - Transhumance trails
      December
       1 st
               Vila Nova de Foz Côa, PT - Prehistoric Rock Art Trails
               Budapest, HU ____ - European Route of Historic Thermal Towns
     11st
               Zagreb, HR - - Iron Age Danube Route
     13rd
               Lisbon, PT - European Routes of Emperor Charles V
     18<sup>th</sup>
               Online 4 - Via Habsburg
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6.2. Selected activities for priority field of action

Every year the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe implement activities pertaining to the 5 priority fields of actions envisaged in the CM/Res(2013)67:

- 1. Co-operation in research and development
- 2. Enhancement of memory, history and European heritage
- 3. Cultural and educational exchanges for young Europeans
- 4. Contemporary cultural and artistic practices
- 5. Cultural tourism and sustainable cultural development

The following subsections highlight some selected activities carried out by the Cultural Routes during 2023.

6.2.1 Co-operation in research and development

European Fairy Tale Route







"Landscapes of the Imagination" 2nd International Conference

26 October 2023, Online 🗣 and Collodi, IT

This interdisciplinary conference focused on the "landscapes of imagination" in fairy tales and children's literature. A session dedicated to "Landscapes and the Environment" and a session dedicated to "Landscapes and Imagination" were part of the conference programme. The presentations generated a lively discussion amongst the members of the Route and the students, artists, professors, and cultural operators attending the event.



Poster of the Conference "Landscapes of the Imagination"

European Route of Historic Gardens







"Green Herald" Publication





This first issue of the "Green Herald" summarises the speeches and lectures that took place in the V Forum on European Historic Gardens celebrated in Budapest in September 2022. Each of the historic gardens and their representatives are "heralds" of news from the world of conservation of garden art. The Green Herald has been distributed in a limited print

version and its free digital version can be downloaded on the ERHG website.



Part of the cover of the green herald

Santiago de Compostela Pilgrim Routes







Grant Project "The Way must go on"

September - November 2023, Vinnytsia and Khmelnytskyi regions, Ukraine

The grant project «The Way Must go on», supported by the EU, aimed to investigate the intangible heritage (in particular, the gastronomic heritage) of 11 communities on the Camino Podolico route. As part of the project, expeditions were carried out to each of the communities. As a result, a bilingual gastronomic catalogue of the route was released, which included recipes for more than 20 dishes that the locals consider their living heritage; 11 videos about each of the communities were published on the Camino Podolico YouTube channel and 200 photos were taken.



Gastronomic catalog for the project "The Way must go on" ©Camino Podolico

Cluniac Sites in Europe









Scientific seminar of the European Cluniac Sites

22-24 May 2023, Nevers and La Charité-sur-Loire, France

A committee of 7 experts in the fields of World Heritage, History and Cultural Education and 100 representatives of Cluniac sites from 8 countries came together at the Scientific seminar of the European Cluniac Sites. The aim of the seminar was to refine the definition of a Cluniac site, to clarify their contribution to the construction on modern Europe and to find collective means for its better valorisation. During these three days, technical tours of heritage sites, workshops and conferences took place.



Scientific seminar of the European Cluniac Sites 2023 ©European Federation of Cluniac Sites

Via Francigena 🕺

Via Francigena Strategic plan 2023 - 2025













Developed at the end of 2022, presented in May 2023 at the General Assembly in Calais, France

The strategic plan for 2023-2025 together with the media kit, developed through extensive consultations with members, stakeholders, and team meetings, is in open access on the EAVF website in three languages: English, French, and Italian. This collaborative approach involved members' input and stakeholders' questionnaires. It delves into five key areas: 1. Route monitoring and cooperation, 2. Governance and common identity, 3. Communication, 4 Monitoring and 5. Research, culture, and sustainability, with the overarching objective of effectively promoting and safeguarding the Via Francigena while emphasizing collaboration among the members and promotion of slow travel.



Cover of the Via Franciaena Strategio

European Route of Megalithic Culture

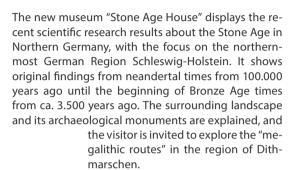






The Stone Age House – A new Museum for Stone Age Archaeology in Northern Germany







©Steinzeitpark Dithmarschen

EuroVelo 13 - Iron Curtain Trail







EuroVelo & Cycling Tourism Conference 2023

11 October 2023, Izmir, Türkiye 🔼

The EuroVelo & Cycling Tourism Conference 2023 took place from 11 to 13 October in Izmir, Türkiye. It brought together around 270 cycling, tourism and heritage professionals from 33 different countries from Europe and beyond. By exploring the theme 'Cycling: a new perspective on heritage', the Conference encouraged participants to consider the role of cycling in shaping cultural and natural heritage and to exchange on best practices and innovative approaches. A certification ceremony for EuroVelo 13 – Iron Curtain Trail as Cultural Route of the Council of Europe was organised during the Opening reception of the EuroVelo & Cycling Tourism Conference.



ATRIUM









ATRIUM Digital Catalogue

A digital platform was designed to present ATRIUM's architectural heritage and related cultural heritage, e.g. libraries and photography collections. The catalogue was realised with the support of professional archivists. The main objectives were to give users access to detailed information about the architecture, authors, historical period, construction and stylistic characteristics of heritage sites, etc.; the ability to take virtual tours through the heritage; to allow partners to be more aware of each other's heritage and to create common digital cultural products.

August 2022 - January 2023 Forlì Italy 🔲, Stei and Dimitrovgrad, Bulgaria 🖃





European Cemeteries Route









Peace Tree Project

Throughout 2023; Maribor (Slovenia) Budapest (Hungary) ____, Kifissia (Greece) 🔄 , Halifax (UK) 😹



The Peace Tree Project, which started during the Week of Discovering European Cemeteries 2023, aims to emphasise the importance of peace with the help of ASCE members throughout Europe. The purpose of the project is to plant a «peace tree» in as many different European cemeteries as possible. A tree that symbolises life, which could grow and spread to give shelter and peace to those in need. A tree that will remind people of the importance of peace and reconciliation and spread the message "Live in peace to rest in peace!".



@ASCE

Cyril and Methodius Route









International festival celebrating Cyril and Methodius and Pribina



3-5 July 2023, Nitra, Slovakia



The City festival called "Nitra, Dear Nitra" with over 10000 visitors aimed to preserve and present the cultural heritage in the context of the spiritual legacy of Cyril and Methodius. The festival helped making the cultural offer more attractive to increase tourism in the city of Nitra. Visitors and performers came from Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland, Serbia, Bulgaria, USA, Canada and Indonesia. Up to 300 performers also attended the festival and more than 30 collaborating entities including Route members organised more than 30 events.



Cyrillo-Methodian and Pribina Festival "Nitra, Dear Nitra" in Nitra Slovakia ©Roman Oravec









TECHNE - A digital platform for the enhancement of the European Route of Ceramics

7 November 2022 – 31 March 2023; Faenza, Italy (phase 1) and later all partners

The European Route of Ceramics created a digital platform to enhance their cultural heritage. The goal was to improve the visibility of the Route through an attractive narration. The platform uses digitalisation to present the Route in an innovative way, in order to attract artists, tourists and people interested both in the cultural heritage and the involved territories and communities. It includes: an overview of offers of each destination in the field of cultural and sustainable tourism linked to ceramics, specific focuses of experts; audio-visual materials, etc.



Interface of the digital platform TECHNE

Iron Age Danube Route









Situlae Festival 2023

3 June 2023, Novo mesto, Slovenia

In the Early Iron Age (8th – 4th century BC), Novo mesto was one of the largest centers in Central Europe. Among the most important finds of the time are figurally decorated situlae (vessels) made of bronze. The Situlae Festival is a festival of Early Iron Age life and cuisine. Various ancient crafts, culinary workshops for adults and children, animations of various martial arts and a selection of food and drinks were on display. The clothes and equipment of that time, mystical music, dance and the pulse of Iron Age life were shown.



Reenactment of an Iron Age ritual at the Situlae festival 2023 ©Dolenjski muzej,Novo mesto

European Route of Jewish Heritage









January - November 2023, Europe-wide

European Days of Jewish Culture 2023

The European Days of Jewish Culture (EDJC) is an annual event celebrating Europe's rich Jewish cultural heritage. It includes activities such as exhibitions, performances, lectures, and guided tours, engaging diverse audiences. Due to the collaboration among cultural institutions, Jewish communities, and NGOs, fostering understanding and intercultural connection, the EDJC was a success.It promotes cultural diversity, making it a valuable best practice in the

European Routes of Jewish Heritage.



Opening ceremony of the European Days of Jewish Culture 2023 ©AEPJ

The Routes of the Olive Tree









Celebration of World Olive Day

On the occasion of this anniversary, parallel events were organised by different members and partners to celebrate World Olive Day (Municipality of Selva, Kalamata Environmental Education Centre, Salagon - Mane Museum, Bobadela Olive Oil Museum). The diversity of traditions related to the heritage of the olive tree and its products, which differ from country to country, were highlighted. In addition, the celebration was an opportunity to carry out actions to raise awareness on important issues such as environmental protection (olive landscapes, perennial olive trees).







elebration activity of World Olive Day ©The Routes of the Olive Tree

The Phoenicians' Route









20th Anniversary of the Phoenicians' Route as Cultural Route of the Council of Europe

24-25 February 2023, Nicosia, Larnaka and Pafos (Cyprus) 🛫 18-21 October 2023, Cabras and Porto Torres (Sardinia, Italy) 16 November 2023, Madrid (Spain)





The XVI EuroMediterranean Dialogue on the Phoenicians' Route, Cabras, Sardinia ©Phoenicians' Rout

Prehistoric Rock Art Trails









The European Rock Art Passport

Developed since 2021 and implemented in 2023 France , Spain and Portugal

The European Rock Art Passport is a result of the protocol «Territories united by the First Art», that links Prehistoric heritages, but also cities, towns and people from 3 countries that work around the conservation of the Art of the Palaeolithic. The Rock Art Passport of Southwestern Europe is a promotional tool that allows travellers who present it at the 32 rock art destinations to register their visit to the Palaeolithic Rock

> Art sites, to obtain discounts and also free admission. A printed version of the passport for stamps and an app for online registration of the visits have been developed.



Interface of the Rock Art Passport





43rd International Hanseatic Day

The City of Torun hosted the 43rd International Hanseatic Day. Delegates and cultural groups from around 70 Hanseatic cities and numerous visitors celebrated the common Hanseatic heritage in the UNESCO-listed Old Town. Some highlights were: The Opening ceremony with a classical concert, the Hanseatic market, performances and re-enactments, the HANSEartWORKS exhibition, the closing parade and handing over the Hanseatic flag to Gdansk. The delegate programme featured meetings of the Hanseatic bodies, thematic working groups and a tourism seminar. A dedicated Youth Hansa program featured excursions, games, music and workshops.

22-25 June 2023, Torun (Poland)





43rd International Hanseatic Day in Torun, Poland ©The Hansa

European Route of Historic Thermal Towns



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European Thermal Heritage Day 2023

Every year in October, EHTTA's Scientific Committee organises an event to highlight and promote particular aspects of one of its thermal towns. In 2023 the "European Thermal Heritage Day" took place as 2-day-event in Mondariz-Balneario (Galicia, Spain) and in a hybrid format. About 120 participants were attending in person, plus an online audience. The conference was recorded and is available online. The programme of the 2023 European Thermal Heritage Day not only included the conference itself but also site visits and workshops on specific topics related to architecture and landscape in this thermal town.

11-12 October 2023 Mondariz-Balneario, Galicia (Spain)



uropean Thermal Heritage Day 2023 in Mondariz-Balneario Galicia, Spain ©EHTTA







Second Europe-wide TRANSROMANICA Day

To show the variety and uniqueness of the network and all its passionate and highly dedicated people, Managing Director Ms. Annemarie SCHMIDT asked partners to make short videos presenting the special designed postcard in front of its respective heritage site and send greetings on the occasion of the 2nd TRANSROMANICA Day. With the video series "TRANSROMANICA IN..." the association presented 11 short videos in front of its

manesque art and architecture.

outstanding heritage sites to promote Ro-

FRANSROMANICA

9 May 2023, Online 🦤





"Warm greetings on the occasion of the 2nd TRANSROMANICA Day from the Monastery of Our Lady, one of 88 heritage sites of the "Route of the Romanesque" in Saxony-Anhalt, Germany



Video greeting on the occasion of the 2nd TRANSROMANICA Day

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Viking Route

The role of women during the Viking Age

The theme "The role of women during the Viking Age" for the spring issue of the Hugin & Munin Magazine was explored by several members through articles for the magazine and lectures during a seminar. An exhibition on Viking Age Women connecting Ireland and Norway took place in the Dublinia Museum in Ireland in collaboration with the Archaeological Museum Stavanger, Norway. An academic seminar was held in Dublin on the themes of the exhibition.

For the General Assembly on 4 May 2023 Revkholt, Iceland



Part of the cover of the Hugin and Munin magazine, spring 2023

Historic Cafés Route









"Historic Cafés Route – tangible and intangible heritage"

On 30 June 2023, at the Galleria d'Italia in Piazza San Carlo, Turin, representatives of the Historic Cafés Route held the conference "Historic Cafés Route - tangible and intangible heritage". On this occasion, a memorandum of understanding between Cultural Routes crossing Piemonte and Torino was signed with the aim of teaming up Cultural Routes in the Piemonte area to promote memory, history, European heritage and cultural tourism. On 22 September, for this activity, the Route received the "Best Practice of the Cultural

Routes of the Council of Europe award" in Łódź, Poland during the closing ceremony of the 12th Annual Advisory Forum of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe.







Turin in Turin. Italy ©Historic Cafés Route

Via Habsburg





Cultural route of the Council of Europe





Admission ceremony for the first network member in Hungary



With the Royal Palace of Gödöllő, the Via Habsburg added its first member from Hungary to its network. The castle, which is considered one of the most beautiful Baroque buildings in the country, was accepted at an official admission ceremony on 13 October 2023. The ceremony was attended by the President of Via Habsburg, Mr. Reinhold SAHL; the Director of the Royal Palace, Dr Tamás UJVÁRY; the Mayor of Gödöllő, Dr György GÉMESI, as well as representatives of the Budapest Castle Authority, the Hungarian Heritage Society and the Otto von Habsburg Foundation. On this occasion, a special

plague with the logo of the Via Habsburg as Cultural Route of the Council of Europe was attached to the façade of the Palace.





Admission ceremony of the Royal Palace of Gödöllő (Hungary) ©Via Habsbura









Mozart song book for children

Throughout 2023

The Mozart Songbook is another milestone of the network-wide project "On the Way to Mozart - Young Mozart Ways". The project is dedicated to make the person of W.A. Mozart, his life and work, as well as his unique European relevance, tangible and accessible through lively experiences for children and young people. With the special songbook, the European Mozart Ways would like to offer children between the ages of 6 to 12 an introduction to classical music. The goal is to encourage the children's creativity and performance motivation through singing together.



Cover of the Mozart song book

Destination Napoleon





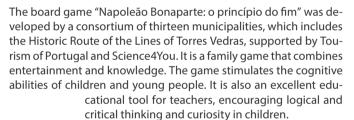




Napoleon Bonaparte: the beginning of the end board game









European Route of Industrial Heritage -



European Industrial Heritage Summer School "Industrial Heritage x Sustainability"

European Route





5-18 August 2023, Berlin, Germany

The European Industrial Heritage Summer School was an intensive 14-days programme that combined interdisciplinary knowledge transfer and practice-oriented project work. 17 international students from different study courses were invited to join and discover industrial heritage sites as potential fields for future work. In preparation of the Summer School, participants were asked to visit an industrial heritage site – preferably in their home region and ideally a member of ERIH. Participants then presented "their" sites later in Berlin.



Industrial Heritage Summer School 2023 @Lea Gleisberg, ERIH

Iter Vitis







The Iter Vitis Cultural Route experienced by kindergarden kids

September- November 2023 Larissa, Greece

The VIII Kindergarten of Larissa, Thessaly, Greece, a member of Iter Vitis, carried out a pilot project with children aged 3 to 5 years. Over a period of six months and through various activities, they explored the tradition of winemaking. From archaeology to art, digital applications to music and dance, the children discovered the magic of winemaking as part of their local tradition. They also met with producers, visited wineries, and even created their own wine. The Larissa project serves as a pilot for other European schools.



Part of the Poster for the kindergarden project of Iter Vitis

Route of Saint Olav Ways











The Pilgrim 4 Peace walking conference 2023

2023, From Åre to Stiklestad (Norway ## and Sweden ##)

The "Pilgrim 4 peace" program uses the St. Olav Ways for dialogue on our common challenges. In 2023, they invited young adults from the partner institutions to join in a 7 days walking conference in the borderland between Sweden and Norway. Every day had a different theme, and professors and students engaged in dialogue on war, peacemaking, inclusion, trust, human rights and freedom of speech, while walking.



Pilgrim 4 Peace walking conference @ACSOW

6.2.4 Contemporary cultural and artistic practice

Impressionisms Route









Grand Concours national (France) - Paint Your Town

A photography and painting competition was organised throughout France during the summer of 2023. Painters and photographers were invited to create an original work of art in situ relating to the architectural heritage, the landscapes, or the life of one or more famous artists. Many towns and cities responded to the invitation and the works selected by a jury of academics and professionals were awarded prizes on 12 November 2023 at the Good Planet Foundation (Bois de Boulogne, Paris). Ten works won in each of the cate-

gories photography and painting. An exhibition of these works was held to showcase French tourist and cultural destinations.







Exhibition on the competition at the Good Planet Foundation

©Impressionisms Route



Itinéraire culturel





Iron through the ages - first photographic competition

25 March 25 - 25 April 2023

Several regions in France 🔲, Spain 🚾 and Andorra 📳

The organisation of the first cross-border photography competition of the Iron Route in cooperation with professionals and specialist educators took place throughout the Pyrenees. In 2024, the material produced in 2023 will integrate a traveling exhibition which will visit all of the associated sites.



Image of the craftsman Ricardo Mediavilla in his workshop in Legazpi, first price o the competition @Pablo Perez Herrero

6.2.5 Cultural tourism and sustainable cultural development

Alvar Aalto Route

ALVAR AALTO ROUTE

20th Century Architecture and Design







Alvar Aalto AR Route

Autumn 2023, Jyväskylä, Seinäjoki and Varkaus in Finland

Augmented Reality (AR) technology was used as part of Alvar Aalto Route's EU funded Cultural Travel Ecosystem project to make Aalto's non-existing buildings and plans visible. AR enables visitors for example to see 3D models of Aalto's unrealised tower building of Jyväskylä and demolished sawmill in Varkaus on the screens of their mobile devices. The partner for the AR reali-

sations was FlyAR Augmented Reality Studio. In the future, more sites will be added to the Alvar Aalto AR Route.



©Alvar Aalto Route

European Routes of Emperor Charles V









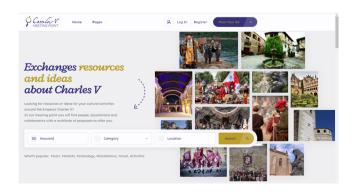
Meeting point online platform





The meeting point online platform is a generator of ideas and allows the exchange of resources in order to create a collaborative network between the social agents involved in carrying out activities under the umbrella of the

Routes of Charles V. The meting point can be browsed by keyword, category and location to find people, associations and collaborators in relation to Charles V.



European Route d'Artagnan







Launch of the Route's tourism programme

October 2022 to December 2023

Online or in person in the 60 departments and provinces of the 6 member countries

In 2023, AERA launched the phase of promoting tourism in all the regions in close cooperation with the nearly sixty Departmental Councils and Provinces on the Route. Phase I of the infrastructure installation for the tourism programme called «Accelerating the digital transition in the network of regions on the European Route d'Artagnan» is currently being finalised. The 1st topographical guide to the Musketeers' Route will be published in March 2024 - in partnership with Editions Ouest-France. It was also a good opportunity for the Association to strengthen its digital marketing expertise.



Cover of the new flyer of the European Route d'Artagnan

Transhumance trails







Recovering the "Camí Ramader de Marina"

The Association "Camí Ramader de Marina" has recovered the historical Camí Ramader de Marina livestock route which begins in the French Pyrenees (Bouillouses lake, Angostrina, Villeneuve-des-Escaldes) and ends at the Monastery of Santes Creus i Poblet in Cunit in Spain. The Association has provided the logistics and accompanied a shepherd during the transhumance of 120 goats. They also organised events and activities in the 39 municipalities on the path, like cheese-making and wool-art workshops, talks etc. The public involved were the local villagers and visitors from all over Catalonia and France.

September until mid-October 2023, France and Spain ___. From the French Pyrenees to the Catalan Coast of Spain.





The "Camí Ramader de Marina" ©Carles Ortiz

Women Writers Route



Cultural route of the Council of Europe





Bold and Borderless, a cross-border literary walk



8 March 2023 Gorizia (Italy) , Nova Gorica (Slovenia)



A guided tour on International Women's Day entitled "Bold and Borderless" was dedicated to formidable women who pursued their literary careers in Gorizia and Nova Gorica on the Italian and Slovenian sides of the border. Women writers, journalists, teachers and translators made significant contributions to the cultural and intellectual landscape of the region. The stories and insights into their lives, their personal and public trials and amusing anecdotes were shared with numerous visitors. A booklet was also published for the occasion.



uided tour on International Women's Day "Bold and Borderless" in Nova Gorica, Slovenia and Gorizia, Italy @Women Writers Route

Extra-budgetary funding: some examples

In addition to their ordinary budgets, certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe receive extra-budgetary funding from different sources (European Union direct and indirect funding, regional funds, etc.). In 2023, 22 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe submitted information on extra budgetary funding. For their individual and joint projects, they received once again funding of nearly 8 million euros, in particular from European Union funding programmes in the cultural, educational and local development sectors. Below you will find a non-exhaustive list of projects implemented by certified Cultural Routes in 2023 through extra-budgetary funding sources.

Individual projects

Route	Title of Project	Date	Total Budget	Type of Funding
			Part of the Cultural Route of the total budget*	
Alvar Aalto Route	Cultural Travel Ecosystem Project	2022-23	216.666€	Next Generation EU
ALVAR AALTO ROUTE Control of the c	Promoting international visibility and sustainable cultural tourism	2023-24	43.360€	Finnish Heritage Agency
ATRIUM OUNCLOFINDY	FARO	2 March 2020 -	148.680€	Europe for Citizens
ATRIUM Collections Collection of Collection		28 February 2023	*22.129€	
Cluniac Sites in Europe	Cluny and Cluniac Sites	2023 (since 2018)	300.000€	
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Cyril and Methodius Route Constant of the Con	Cyril and Methodius Route – Culture and Education without Borders	1 April 2022 – 30 March 2023	21.500€	EU Interreg V-A Slovakia – Czechia
	International Cooperation in the Field of Sustainable Development of Cultural Routes	1 February – 30 June 2023	13.600€	EEA and Norway Grants
	Erasmus KA 171 - Interna- tional Credit Mobility	2023	25.000€	Erasmus
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Destination Napoleon	Destination Napoleon France	2022-23	29.010,68€	French Ministry of Culture
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European Fairy Tale Route	Science Picnic 2023	6-7 October 2023	49.678,23€	,
Control of Army Control of Arm			*8.802,23 €	cation of Croatia, regional communi- ty (Krapina-Zagorje County), regional and local commu- nity
European Route of Ceramics European Route of Ceramics CERAMICS Statement large CERAMICS	Poland and Norway on the European Route of Ceramics	2021 - 2024	90.262€	Culture Programme within the EEA Fi- nancial Mechanism

-6.3 Extra-budgetary projects

European Routes of Emperor Charles V	EUmunicipal: Euromunici- palism for a Unified Europe	1 May 2022 – 30 April 2024	148.000€	CERV
COUNCE OF ELBOYE		p = v = .	*15.550€	
CAROLING VI Statement Stat	RECup: Reinforcing European citizenship through	9 September 2022 – 9 Sep- tember 2024	203.500€	CERV
	building up the conditions for civic and democratic participation		*13.215€	
European Route of Historic Gardens	"Drones for Historic Heri-	December 2022	60.000€	Erasmus Small
Historic Gardens Western Historic Gardens West	tage" DRONE4HER	-November 2023	*20.000€	Scale
European Route of Industrial	ERIH 4.0 – Protecting,	1 January 2022	807.000€	Creative Europe
Heritage European Route of Industrial Heritage Characteristics Characte	linking and promoting Europe's industrial heritage in a changing world	-31 December 2024	*295.000€	Network funding
European Route of Jewish heritage	NOA- Networks Overcom-	2020-2023	1.200.000€	
Jewisheritage	ing Antisemitism		*136.853€	and Citizenship Programme (REC)
	Mi Dor Le Dor Italia	2021-2023	70.000€	Rothschild Hanadiv Europe
	Jewish History Tours	2021-2023	761.822€	CEF Telecom- Euro-
			*79.916€	peana
Iron Age Danube Route RON AGE PARISE Apparent	Routes4Routes	1 January 2023 – 30 June 2024	10.310 €	Erasmus+
Iron Curtain Trail – EuroVelo 13	ICTr-CE: Innovative participatory sustainable business model for cycling	2023	2.670.000 € *245.200 €	Interreg Central Europe
	along the Iron Curtain Trail			
Iter Vitis	RESTART MED	2021-2023	1.100.000€	ENICBC MED
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	CROSSDEV	2020-2023	2.500.000€	ENICBC MED
			*100.000€	
	OENOMED	2020-2023	2.700.000€	ENICBC MED
			*10.000€	
Liberation Route Europe	«Persecution through their Eyes»	April 2022 -	179.710€	CERV-2021-CITI- ZENS-REM
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	«Resistance through their Eyes»	March 2023 - March 2025	169.135€	CERV

Phoenicians' Route	ing underwater archaele menths)			Erasmus+
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	QUEST promoting QUality intErnships in Sustainable Tourism and cultural heri-	2021-2024 (36 months)	380.065 € *37.321 €	Erasmus+
	tage management SMARTIES for SMEs.	September 2023	3.154.766,60€	COSME
	Pills of Sustainable, Smart, Regenerative Tourism to Empower SMEs in the EU Mediterranean area	– August 2026	*122.211,12€	
Réseau Art Nouveau Network	Art Nouveau: a new EUto- pia. How the past can be a	2024-2027	1.402.570€	Creative Europe
ART NOVEAU NETWORK of General of Elegan	bridge		*259.612€	
	to a sustainable future			
Santiago de Compostela Pilgrim Routes	"The Way must go on"	2023	11.085€	Council of Europe
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The Hansa	Hansa Organ Project	Since October	103,628€	Swedish Institute
Character of Chara		2023	*10.744€	
Transhumance trails	Celebration of the in-		6.720 €	Municipality of
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extremel der thomps COMMENT AT STEMANY.	the Cultural Route of the Council of Europe Transhu- mance Trails»	18 August 2023		
TRANSROMANICA	Sustainable Development 30 Jur	1 January 2020 –	2.970.000€	Horizon2020
TRANSROMANICA The Romanesque Routes of European Heritage The Roma		30 June 2023	*94.031,25€	
assess Cultur	assess, diversify and foster Cultural TOURism in Euro- pean regions and areas			

Total N°1: 2.598.032,28 €

Joint projects

Routes	Title of Project	Date	Total Budget	Type of Funding
- European Routes of Emperor Charles V	European Cultural Routes as key actors in the promotion of European cultural heri-	2 November 2020 -30 April 2023	279.990€	Creative Europe
- European Route of Ceramics	tage - WalkEur			
- ATRIUM				
- European Route of Jewish Heritage				
- ATRIUM	THE FAB ROUTES: Digital	1 October 2020	299.834€	Erasmus+
- Phoenicians' Route	Skills to promote European Cultural Routes	- 30 March 2023		
- European Route of Jewish Heritage				
- Routes of the Olive Tree				
- European Routes of Emperor Charles V				
- Via Regia				
- European Route of Jewish Heritage	Youth4Culture	1 March 2022 – 31 August 2023	60.000€	Erasmus KA2
- Routes of the Olive Tree				
- European Route of Ceramics				
- European Routes of Emperor Charles V				
- Cyril and Methodius Route	International Cooperation in the Field of Sustainable	1 February – 30 June 2023	13.600€	EEA and Norway Grants
- Saint Olav Ways	Development of Cultural Routes	June 2023		Grants
- Destination Napoleon	« De d'Artagnan à Napoléon,	2023-2027	430.000€	Erasmus+
- European Route d'Artagnan	pas à pas l'Europe de Dumas »			
- Phoenicians' Route	NEXT ROUTES - Upskilling	Start November	399.923€	Erasmus+
- European Route of Jewish Heritage	of staff through digital, creative gamification and innovative strategies for the	2023		
- European Mozart Ways	enhancement of EU Cultural Routes			
- Routes of the Olive Tree				
- ATRIUM				
- Iron Age Danube Route				
- European Route of Jewish Heritage	European Days of Jewish Culture 2023: Memory	2023-2024	568.000€	CERV
- Liberation Route Europe				

 Santiago de Compostela Pilgrim Routes rurAllure: Promotion of rural 2021-2023 museums and heritage sites in the vicinity of European pilgrimage routes 2.999.205 € Horizon 2020

- Route of Saint Olav Ways

- Via Romea Germanica

Total N°2: 5.050.552,00 €

Total N°1 2.598.032,28 € + Total N°2 5.050.552,00 €

= 7.648.584,28 €

Grand Total of project budgets: 21.840.912,51 €

6.4 New Cultural Routes network members in 2023

Each year, the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme sees a growing number of network members. According to the information submitted by some of the Culture Routes, despite the pandemic, at least **235 new members** joined the Route networks and thus the Programme. Some Routes even welcomed over a dozen new members. ⁴

Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe	N° of new network members	Countries
Alvar Aalto Route	3	Finland (3)
ATRIUM	3	Serbia (1), Greece (2)
Cluniac Sites in Europe	6	France (5), Italy (1)
Cyril and Methodius Route	9	Czechia (2), Slovakia (4), Morth Macedonia (2),
		Bulgaria (1)
Destination Napoleon	2	France (1), Italy (1)
European Cemeteries Route	3	Portugal (1), Croatia (1), 🚝 Greece (1)
European Fairytale Route	10	Armenia (1), Trance (1), Greece (5), Italy (1),
		Morocco (1), Poland (1)
European Mozart Ways	1	Italy (1)

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Türkiye (1), Italy (1), Malta (1), Slovakia (1), Spain (1), Croatia (1), The Netherlands (1), Greece (1)

Hungary (2), Italy (2), Spain (2)

Italy (2), Croatia (2), France (2), Ukraine (1),

Romania (1), Germany (2), Spain (1), Austria (1)

Germany (6), Luxembourg (2), Austria (1), Greece (3),

Spain (18), Poland (2), Italy (4), France (1), Croatia (1), Slovenia (1), Portugal (1)

European Route of Ceramics

Towns

European Route of Historic Gardens

European Route of Historic Thermal

European Route of Industrial Heritage

6.5 Contact information¹

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Viking Routes







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Phoenicians' Route





Iron Route in the Pyrenees







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European Mozart Ways



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European Route of Jewish Heritage







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Saint Martin of Tours Route



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Cluniac Sites in Europe







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Routes of the Olive Tree







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Via Regia







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TRANSROMANICA - The Romanesque Routes of European Heritage





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Iter Vitis Route







"Iter Vitis" International Federation

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European Cemeteries Route







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Prehistoric Rock Art Trails



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European Route of Historic Thermal Towns







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The Route of Saint Olav Ways







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The European Route of Ceramics





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The European Route of Megalithic Culture







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The Huguenot and Waldensian Trail







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ATRIUM - Architecture of Totalitarian Regimes of the 20th Century in Europe's Urban Memory







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Réseau Art Nouveau Network







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The European Routes of Emperor Charles V







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In the Footsteps of Robert Louis Stevenson





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European Route of Industrial Heritage







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Le Corbusier Destinations: Architectural Promenades







Association des Sites Le Corbusier association@sites-le-corbusier.org www.sites-le-corbusier.org

Liberation Route Europe









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Routes of Reformation







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European Route of Historic Gardens











European Network of Historic Gardens info@europeanhistoricgardens.eu www.europeanhistoricgardens.eu

Via Romea Germanica







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Aeneas Route





"Aeneas Route" Association

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Alvar Aalto Route





Cultural Route on Aalto's Architecture and Design Heritage Association route@alvaraalto.fi visit.alvaraalto.fi

Cyril and Methodius Route







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European Route d'Artagnan







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Iron Age Danube Route









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Historic Cafés Route







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The European Fairy Tale Route







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Women Writers Route









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Transhumance trails





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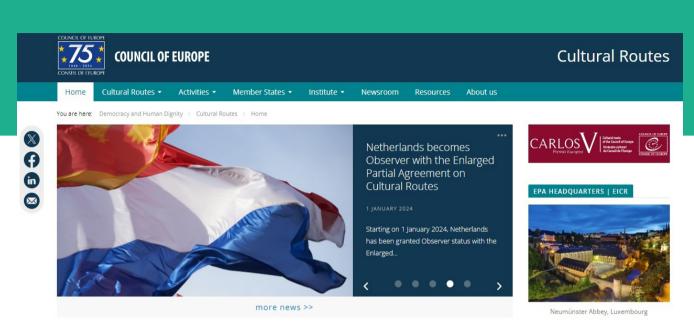


Cultural Routes

7 Communication & Visibility



7.1 - Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme website



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**.

Cultural route of the Council of Europe Itinéraire culturel du Conseil de l'Europe





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

Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme website



Since April 2017, the Council of Europe online portal has a website dedicated to the programme, which provides extensive information on the EPA, the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme and on the European Institute of Cultural Routes; available in 8 languages: English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Turkish.

It provides information on:

Cultural Routes by theme and country and Certification

Cycles (links to individual certified Cultural Routes websites)

Activities (Annual Advisory Forum, Training Academy, Academic Workshop etc.)

Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes member States (links to the websites of the responsible ministries)

European Institute of Cultural Routes

Newsroom (51 news posts in 2023)

Contact

Since June 2020, the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Database has hosted a structured and extensive database together with an interactive map organising all 3500+ network members of the 47 certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe. The certification cycle 2022-2023 saw a remarkable growth with the addition of over 230 new members engaging in Route networks activities and in the Programme.



Resources and visibility material

- Activity Reports from 2017-2023
- 3 branding booklets available: 1 for member States, 1 for travellers and 1 for Cultural Routes, available in English and French, updated in 2023-2024
- Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe brochure: available in English (2024), French (2024), Armenian, Italian, Polish and Turkish
- Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe leaflet: available in English (2024), French (2024), German, Italian, Spanish, Armenian, Catalan, Georgian, Greek, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian
- Visibility products (notebooks, bags, etc)
- Roll-ups on the 47 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe: available English and French 2024
- Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe: reference texts and conventions (Resolutions, declarations and roadmaps etc.)
- Country Mapping documents for Armenia (English), Montenegro (English and French), Poland (English and French), Türkiye (English and French) and Georgia (English and French)
- Joint report on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and Ibero-America – SUMMARY, available in English, Spanish and Portuguese
- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe report 2023:
 «The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural Dialogue»,
 available in English and French



Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe visibility material 2023



Roll-ups on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe 2024





16.200 + followers on Facebook in 2023



news posts in the newsroom of the website of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme in 2023



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Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme

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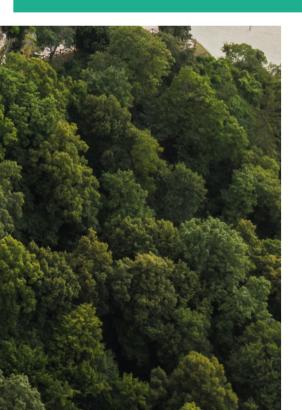
news posts from the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme on Facebook in 2023











13th Annual Advisory Forum - Visegrad -

EPA activities

(in the framework of the Presidency of Lithuania of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe)

17th May - 13th November, Strasbourg, FR

Governing Board Bureau meeting of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

28th -29th February, Luxembourg, LU

Workshop for cultural routes candidates

(in the framework of the 2024-2025 Certification Cycle)

May, Luxembourg, LU

11th Training Academy on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe "Via Francigena"

4th - 7th June, Brindisi, IT

2024

General Assembly and Board of Directors meeting of the European Institute of Cultural Routes

> 1st March, Luxembourg, LU

> > **Europe Day**

9th May, Luxembourg, LU Governing Board meeting of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

21st - 22nd May, Luxembourg, LU

> Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Training seminar

(in the framework of the Lithuanian presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe)

> 18th - 20th June, Vilnius, LT

Launching of the 2024-2025 Certification Cycle

31 July, Luxembourg, LU

Governing Board meeting of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

(during the 13th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe)

25-27 September, Visegrád and Budapest, HU General Assembly and Board of Directors meeting of the European Institute of Cultural Routes,

October, Luxembourg, LU

3rd Academic Workshop of the University Network for Cultural Routes Studies

November, Santiago de Compostela, ES

2025

13th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

25th - 27th September, Visegrád, HU

EPA activities

(in the framework of the European Heritage Days 2024 on "Heritage of Routes, Networks and Connections")

28-29 September and 5-6 October, Luxembourg, LU Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Statutory Committee of member States

> October, Strasbourg, FR

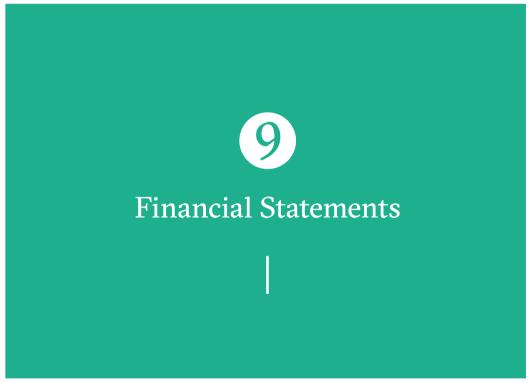
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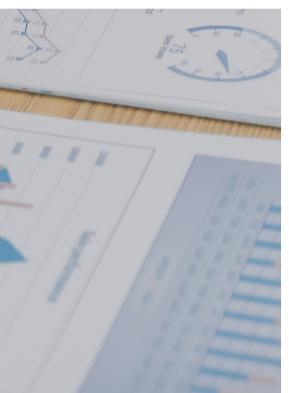
(in the framework of the Presidency of Luxembourg of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe)

13 November 2024 -May 2025, Strasbourg, FR









European Institute of Cultural Routes (Funded by the Ministry of Culture, Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Ordinary budget	200.000€	210.000€	210.000€	250.000€	255.000€	260.000€	273.000€	273.000€
Extra-budgetary resources (Voluntary contributions)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry of Culture, Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	-	-	30.000€	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	-	6.800 €	11.900€	-	-	-	5 000 €	-
Total ¹	200.000€	216.800 €	251.900 €	250.000€	255.000€	260.000€	278.000 €	273.000€

The total income does not include the information pertaining to the financial resources of each Cultural Route of the Council of Europe.

¹ The total income does not include the information pertaining to the financial resources of each Cultural Route of the Council of Europe

ENLARGED PARTIAL AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL ROUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Evolution of the total budget



EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL ROUTES

Evolution of the total budget



2023 Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and European Institute of Cultural Routes - Calendar of activities and presentations at events

- 18-20 January, Madrid, Spain, The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe were active at the International Tourism Fair of Madrid (FITUR)
- 30 January, Brussels, Belgium, Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe among the priorities of the European Union for a reinforced strategic partnership with the Council of Europe in 2023-2024
- 14 February, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Visit of the Spanish Ambassador in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at the EICR
- 16 February, Online, Meeting with representatives of Europeana
- 24 February, Nicosia, Cyprus, The EPA Secretariat took part in the Opening Ceremony of the 20th Anniversary of the Recognition of the Phoenicians' Route as a Cultural Route of the Council of Europe
- 1 March, Paris, France, The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme was presented on the website of the Ministry of Culture of France
- 1-2 March, Luxemburg, Luxembourg, Meeting of the Bureau of the EPA Governing Board
- 3 March, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, General Assembly and Board of Directors of the European Institute of Cultural Routes meeting
- 3 March, The Hague, Netherlands, The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) adopts a resolution on the Cultural Routes Programme
- 6 March, Online, Coordination meeting with representatives of Prehistoric Rock Art Trails for the Organisation of the 2023 Cultural Routes Training Academy
- 8-9 March, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, The Ministry of Culture and Sports of Spain organised the 2nd Annual National Coordination meeting on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe
- 10 March, Online, Meeting with the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture e.V. (ERIAC)
- 14 March, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Visit of the Ambassador of Hungary in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at the EICR
- 14 March, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Visit of the Ambassador of Portugal in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at the EICR
- 15 March, Online, Meeting with the new management of the Iron Curtain Trail – Eurovelo 13
- 21-22 March, Brussels, Belgium, The EPA Secretariat attended the 9th Meeting of the European Commission's Expert Group on Cultural Heritage
- 31 March, Lugano, Switzerland, The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme was showcased during Sustainability Forum 2023 in Switzerland
- 3 April, Online, Advisory meeting with "European Leonardo da Vinci Ways"
- 4 April, Paris, France, The Secretariats of the EPA and UNESCO World Heritage Convention discussed cooperation
- 18 April, France, Online, The Ministry of Culture and Sports of Spain launched a new App on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing Spain

- 27 April, Online, Advisory meeting with "Aromas Itinerarium Salutis"
- April, France, Online, The Ministry of Culture of France created an interactive digital map allowing users to discover the 31 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe that cross France
- 4 May, Online, Participation in online conferences in the framework of the RUTEALC – Cultural Routes Incubator project
- 7 May, Coimbra, Portugal, Historic Cafés Route Certification Ceremony
- 9 May, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Europe Day celebration in Luxembourg
- 10-11 May, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Meeting of the EPA Governing Board
- 10 May, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, The Post Philately of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg presented a stamp that has been prepared in the framework of the 25th anniversary of the European Institute of Cultural Routes (EICR) during the EPA Governing Board meeting
- 12 May, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, The EPA Secretariat took part in the National Coordination meeting on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Luxembourg
- June, France, Online, The Ministry of Culture of France launched a distance learning module on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing France
- 31 May-2 June, 10th Training Academy on Cultural Routes: Prehistoric Rock Art Trails, Dordogne, France
- 7-9 June, Jarandilla de la Vera, Spain, The Cultural Routes of the Council
 of Europe programme was presented at the Doctoral Seminar Charles V
 European Prize Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe organised by the
 European and Iberoamerican Academy of the Yuste Foundation (Fundación Academia Europea e Iberoamericana de Yuste)
- 9 June, Online, Advisory meeting with "Il cammino dei Focesi"
- 16 June, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Visit of the Ambassador of Mexico to the Council of Europe at the EICR
- 19 June, Online, Presentation at the conference "Preserving heritage, inspiring tourism: Building on the Europeana Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe collaboration" organised by Europeana and the European Routes of Jewish Heritage
- 21 June, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Meeting with the new management of The Fortified Towns of the Grande Region
- 29 June, Online, Advisory meeting with "Via Querinissima"
- 30 June, EICR, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Advisory meeting with "European Tea Route"
- 30 June, EICR, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Advisory meeting with "Aromas Itinerarium Salutis"
- 30 June, EICR, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Advisory meeting with "European Paganini Route"
- 30 June, EICR, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Advisory meeting with "European Leonardo da Vinci Ways"
- 4-7 July, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, The Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA) participated in an innovative interactive seminar 'Walk the Talk' organised by the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the European Youth Card and the National Information Agency for Youth of Luxembourg (ANIJ)

- 7 July, Online, Meeting with representatives of the Transhumance Trails
- 10 July, Online, Meeting with representatives of the Cyril and Methodius Route
- 10 July, Online, Advisory meeting with "Romea Strata"
- 10 July, Online, Advisory meeting with "International Society of Friends of Nikos Kazantzaki"
- 11 July, Online, Meeting with representatives of National Geographic Traveller
- 19 July, Online, Meeting with the new presidency of the Santiago de Compostela Pilgrim Routes
- 8 September, Online, General coordination meeting with independent experts 2023-2024 Certification Cycle
- 11-14 September, Online, Individual meetings with independent experts 2023-2024 Certification Cycle
- 12 September, Ljubljana, Slovenia, Women Writers Route Certification Ceremony
- 12 September, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Visit of the Ambassador of Switzerland in Croatia at the EICR
- 20-22 September, Łódź, Poland, 12th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe "Cultural Routes: the social and creative dimensions of cultural heritage in a post-industrial context"
- 2 October, Online, Meeting with representatives of the International Institute of Gastronomy, Culture, Arts and Tourism (IGCAT)
- 5 October, Antalya, Türkiye, The Vice-Chair of the EPA Governing Board Ms. Meltem ÖNHON (Türkiye) attended the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) workshop for young diplomats
- 9 October, Online, Meeting with representatives of the European Route of Cistercian Abbeys in Portugal
- 11-13 October, Izmir, Türkiye, The Iron Curtain Trail EuroVelo 13 Cycling Tourism Conference and renewal of the Certification ceremony
- 18 October, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, General Assembly and Board of Directors of the European Institute of Cultural Routes meeting
- 18 October, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Visit of the Ambassadors of Belgium and the Netherlands in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at the EICR
- 19-20 October, Cabras, Sardinia, The XVI EuroMediterranean Dialogue on the Phoenicians' Route and its 2023 International General Assembly
- 3 November, Online, Interview with the Advisory Committee of the Department of Tourism Studies of the University of Piraeus (Greece)
- 6 November, Strasbourg, France, Meeting of the EPA Statutory Committee
- 7 November, Online, Presentation of the Cultural Routes programme in the framework of the Ventana Adelante – Ecuador Project (OEI)
- 8 November, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, The OEI within the framework of the collaboration established with the European Institute of Cultural Routes and the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation held the third Inter-institutional Meeting of the Euro-Ibero-American Cultural Routes and Itineraries Cooperation Programme
- 15 November 2023, Brussels, Belgium, The EPA Secretariat attended a symposium on the theme "Preserving and transmitting Europe's cultural heritage: common challenges for a threatened legacy" of the Intergroup

- of the European Parliament "European Cultural Heritage, Ways of Saint-James and other European Cultural Routes"
- 16-17 November, San Marino, San Marino, The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe were presented at the second UNWTO Conference on Accessible Tourism
- 17 November, Strasbourg, France, Presentation at the 12th plenary session of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)
- The Secretariat of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme attends the European Heritage Days Assembly in Strasbourg (joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Commission)
- 23 November, Alicante, Spain, The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme and the Faro Convention were presented at a meeting organised by the Ministry of Culture of Spain on the topic "European Heritege Projects, using European Heritage as a resource for interculturality' within the framework of the Spanish Presidency of the European Union
- 24 November, Online, Advisory meeting with "Saint George and the Dragon"
- 28-29 November, Strasbourg, France, The Secretariat of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme attended the European Heritage Days Assembly in Strasbourg (joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Commission)
- 7 December, Online, 2nd second edition of the Cultural Routes Academic Workshop
- 11 December, EICR, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Advisory meeting with "Saint Willibrord"
- 12-14 December, Visegrád and Budapest, Hungary, The EPA Secretariat visited Hungary in preparation for the 13th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes 2024
- 15 December, EICR, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Advisory meeting with "European Route of Historic Theatres"

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