DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF DEMOCRACY ENLARGED PARTIAL AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL ROUTES (EPA)



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MEETING OF THE EPA GOVERNING BOARD Thursday 05 May (09:00-17:00) and Friday 06 May 2022 (09:00-15:50)

Activity Report 2021 and Draft Programme 2022

Activity Report 2021

EPA member States accessions

On 26th March 2021, Ukraine became a Member State of the EPA.
On 1st January 2022, Lebanon became a Member State of the EPA.
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EPA Participative Status request

On 9th June, the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organisation (BSEC) was granted Participative Status by the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes.

On 9th June, the Organisation of Ibero-American States (OEI) was granted Participative Status by the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes.

On 9th June, the European Federation of Tourist Guide Associations (FEG) was approved as an Observer to the EPA by the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes.

On 9th June, the European Ramblers Association (ERA) was approved as an Observer to the EPA by the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes.

Certification cycle 2020- 2021

At its meetings from 28-29 April 2021, the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes (EPA) took the following decisions, bringing the total number of certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe to 45:

1. With respect to the evaluation of candidate routes for certification (2020-2021 certification cycle)

Decided to award certification to:

- Aeneas Route
- Alvar Aalto Route 20th Century Architecture and Design
- Cyril and Methodius Route
- The European Route D'Artagnan
- Iron Age Danube Route

Decided not to award certification to:

- The Castle Road Habsburg's Southeastern Bulwark
- Culture Route of Fortified Monuments FORTE CULTURA
- Mary's Route
- Places of Peace
- Saint Francis' Ways
- European Route of Templar Heritage
- Via Eurasia
- Via Molina The European Mill Route

2. With respect to the regular evaluation of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (2020-2021 certification cycle)

Decided to renew the certification of:

- Huguenot and Waldensian trail
- European Route of Megalithic Culture
- European Mozart Ways

Certification cycle 2021-2022

The regular evaluations of certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and the examination of candidates applying for certification are taking place in the current evaluation cycle 2021-2022.

Certified Routes <u>undergoing regular three-year evaluations</u>:

- ATRIUM Architecture of Totalitarian Regimes of the 20th Century in Europe's Urban Memory
- European Cemeteries Route
- European Route of Cistercian Abbeys
- European Route of Historic Thermal Towns
- Impressionisms Routes
- Phoenicians' Route
- Prehistoric Rock Art Trails
- Réseau Art Nouveau Network
- Route of Saint Olav Ways
- Saint Martin of Tours Route
- Via Charlemagne
- Via Habsburg

Certified Routes undergoing exceptional evaluation:

- European Route of Ceramics
- Fortified Towns of the Grande Region

Candidates <u>applying for certification</u> are being assessed to confirm their compliance with the Resolution CM/Res(2013)67 revising the rules for the award of the "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" certification:

- The Chocolate Way: ethical, cultural and sustainable legacy of cocoa in Europe
- On the paths of Saint Michel: the ancient and modern routes
- Women Writers Route
- European Fairy Tale Route
- Holy Places of Undivided Christianity
- European Network of Holy Week and Easter Celebrations
- In the footsteps of St Paul, the Apostle of the nations Cultural Route
- Historic Cafes Route

Country mappings:

-Montenegro

A Cultural Routes Country Mapping Document for Montenegro was presented during the EPA Governing Board meeting of 28-29 April 2021. The expert in charge of the document, Mrs. Aleksandra Kapetanovic, conducted research on the topic from September to December 2020. Due to the travel restrictions imposed on account of the Covid-19 pandemic, an on-site field visit was replaced by online meetings with national stakeholders either involved or having the potential to be involved in the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme.

-Poland

A Cultural Routes Country Mapping Document for Poland was presented during the EPA Governing Board meeting of 28-29 April 2021. The expert in charge of the document, Mrs Łucja Piekarska-Duraj, conducted research on the topic from September to December 2020. Due to the travel restrictions imposed on account of the Covid-19 pandemic, an on-site field visit was replaced by online meetings with national stakeholders either involved or having the potential to be involved in the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme.

-Armenia

The research process for a Cultural Routes Country Mapping Document for Armenia was completed in late 2021 by Ms. Ani Avagyan. Due to restrictions introduced to mitigate the spread of Covid-19, it was not possible to hold in-person meetings. Instead, two coordination meetings took place remotely between the relevant

figures in order to ensure the correct procedures were followed in producing the Country Mapping Document. The Document will be published once the Governing Board has taken note of its production.

-Russian Federation1

On 20 October 2020, Russian Federation requested the preparation of an EPA Country Mapping Document. The request was approved at the 2021 Governing Board Meeting.

German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (November 2020 – May 2021)

Germany took over Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe from Greece for a 6-month period (November 2020 – May 2021). The Chair of the Committee of Ministers during this period, Heiko Maas, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany, presented the priorities of the German Presidency. Several activities were implemented by the German chairmanship which sought to promote the Cultural Routes in Germany. Among these was an exhibition of the Routes crossing Germany held in Berlin and Strasbourg and the publication of a handbook on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe to support Cultural Routes managers and members.

Hungarian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (May 2021 – November 2021)

On 21 May 2021, Hungary assumed Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe for the second time in the thirty years since its accession to the Organisation.

Hungary sought to offer a rich cultural programme in Strasbourg during its chairmanship, which included an outdoor exhibition on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing Hungary.

The Ministry of Human Capacities of Hungary has also formally expressed to the EPA Chair its intention of hosting the 2024 Cultural Routes Annual Advisory Forum in Hungary.

Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (November 2021 – May 2022)

Italy took on the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe from Hungary on 17th November for a 6-month period (November 2021 – May 2022).

Under its leadership, an exhibition showcasing the 29 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing Italy was hosted in Strasbourg, Venice and Rome. Moreover, a special edition of a brochure containing information on the 45 certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in both Italian and English, as well as a special edition of the Cultural Routes calendar highlighting Italian destinations along the certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, are being prepared.

10th Cultural Routes Annual Advisory Forum (29th September – 1st October 2021, Kutaisi, Georgia, online)

The 10th Cultural Routes Annual Advisory Forum, organised by the Council of Europe in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Youth of Georgia, and the Municipality of Kutaisi, addressed the topic of "Resilient and sustainable Cultural Routes - innovating out of the crisis", focusing on new strategies for sustainability and innovation in the cultural heritage sector.

The Forum was an opportunity to discuss the effects of crisis which have had a wide-ranging impact on societies at all levels. Cultural and creative sectors have been hit the hardest during the pandemic, but they continue to play an important role in overcoming the implications of the crisis and will be instrumental to rebuilding European societies and communities. The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe will be important actors in providing innovative solutions.

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¹ Following the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe Resolution <u>CM/Res(2022)03</u> regarding the cessation of membership of the Russian Federation to the EPA on Cultural Routes, it is proposed that this activity be reallocated by the EPA member States representatives at the occasion of the meeting of the EPA Governing Board of 5-6 May 2022.

The Forum was attended by representatives of the 35 EPA member States, the 45 Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, International Organisations, and hundreds of stakeholders. It was streamed via social media to an audience of more than 500 people.

The forum was opened by the Georgian authorities Mr. Kakha SIKHARULIDZE, First Deputy Minister of Culture, Sport and Youth of Georgia, and Ms. Mariam KVRIVISHVILI, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, who were accompanied by Ms. Snežana SAMARDŽIĆ-MARKOVIĆ, Director General of Democracy of Council of Europe.

An accession ceremony took place to welcome Sweden and Ukraine to the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe. Through their accession on 6th March 2020 and 26th March 2021 respectively, Sweden and Ukraine officially became the 34th and 35th Member States of the EPA.

A certification Ceremony celebrated the 7 Cultural Routes certified in 2020 and 2021:

New Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe certified in 2020:

- European Route of Historic Gardens
- Via Romea Germanica

New Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe certified in 2021:

- Aeneas Route
- Alvar Aalto Route 20th Century Architecture and Design
- Cyril and Methodius Route
- The European Route D'Artagnan
- Iron Age Danube Route

Next year, the Annual Advisory Forum will be held in Chania, Greece, exploring the theme of Cultural Routes and Intangible Heritage, at the invitation of the Greek Authorities.

First Cultural Routes Academic Workshop

The European Institute of Cultural Routes (EICR, Luxembourg) hosted the first Cultural Routes Academic Workshop online on 9th December 2021. The workshop was organised in cooperation with the University Network for Cultural Routes Studies; it gave leading academics and experts an opportunity to discuss the managerial, territorial, and digital facets of the Cultural Routes.

The workshop illustrates great intent from the EICR to strengthen cooperation in research and development, and to expand the impact of the University Network for Cultural Routes Studies. The Workshop hosted 20 experts from 18 institutions, speaking to more than 200 participants across 3 panel sessions.

Joint Report on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and Ibero-America

Collaboratively, the Organisation of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture (OEI) and the EICR published a report on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and Ibero-America. The report presents detailed analysis of Cultural Routes crossing Ibero-America, including an exploration of the potential to extend other existent certified Cultural Routes into these territories and to establish new Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe. An action plan and a map of key stakeholders were included within the document.

Committee of the EPA member States adopts the Programme and Budget 2022-2025

On 8th October the Committee of the member States of the Enlarged Partial Agreement met at the Palais de l'Europe to discuss the draft programme and budget for 2022-2025. Ambassador Patrick ENGELBERG was elected as the new Chair of the Statutory Committee of the EPA.

Adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding with UNWTO

The United Nations Would Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) was granted Observer Status with the EPA in 2015 and has since participated in EPA statutory meetings as Observer. Cooperation has been strengthened in recent months through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations. The

joint actions will focus on promoting the Cultural Routes' commitments to sustainability and highlighting their potential for advancing social, economic, and cultural development within Europe.

Visibility and Communication

Continued visibility efforts have been made by the Secretariat with dedicated branding brochures prepared for member States, Cultural Routes and Travellers, and the translation of the website and of visibility materials in several language versions.

The 2021 Activity Report, prepared by the Secretariat with the support of the European Institute of Cultural Routes, has been published and printed copies are being distributed to all of the programme's stakeholders. A 2022 Desk Calendar has been distributed to all the programme's stakeholders, showcasing pictures of destinations members of certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe across the 35 EPA member States. The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme brochure was updated to a 2022 version including Sweden and Ukraine as Member States and the 7 newly certified Cultural Routes, and the latest Cultural Route members in each country.

The Programme website is regularly updated and now presents several additional features including pages dedicated to previous events, country mappings, and evaluation reports of certified Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe. Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe website: www.coe.int/routes

2022 Draft Programme

EPA member States

On 1st January 2022, Lebanon became a Member State of the EPA.

On 1st January 2022, Czech Republic was granted Observer Status to the EPA.

On 23rd March 2022, the Russian Federation ceased to be a member of the EPA as per decision of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe².

Statutory activities

The annual programme of activities of the EPA on Cultural Routes involves a large range of activities, including Statutory meetings and activities such as:

- Preparation of EPA Statutory meetings in May (Governing Board, Luxembourg) and October (Committee of Member States, Strasbourg), as well as EPA Bureau Meetings (February, Luxembourg; October, Chania, Greece) and Informal EPA Governing Board meeting during the Annual Advisory Forum;
- Presentation of the Country Mapping Report for Armenia;
- Preparation of the Country Mapping Report for the Russian Federation³;
- Assistance to EPA member States in identifying potential new cultural routes and existing routes where membership is relevant;
- Dialogue with Observer States and potential new member States;
- Dissemination of information and documentation on the Cultural Routes Programme;
- Assistance to candidate Routes and to Routes undergoing certification assessment;
- Organisation and review of the regular three-year evaluation of Cultural Routes (July to April);
- Evaluation of new applications for certification (July to April);
- Selection and coordination of the work of the independent experts for the Cultural Route evaluation cycle (September-October);
- Coordination of the preparation of the Annual Advisory Forum in cooperation with the host country (Greece) and contribution to the management and implementation of the Forum sessions;

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² CM/Res(2022)03

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- Training and capacity-building for Cultural Route operators, in particular in relation to Council of Europe and other international standards in the field of heritage and culture, as well as standards of professional practice in the field of tourism;
- Coordination with International Organisations and NGOs: EU, UNESCO, UNWTO, OEI, OECD, BSEC, ERA, FEG
- Visibility and communication (website, newsletter, visibility brochures and items, other).

Conferences and meetings

The EPA Secretariat, with the support of the EICR, the "technical agency" of the programme, is responsible for the implementation of the Cultural Routes programme with respect to regular statutory activities planned as well as the specific events organised each year. The evaluation procedure, annual events such as the Advisory Forum and the Training Academy, and the organisation of statutory meetings (Governing Board and Committee of Member States) represent a substantial part of the year's work.

In addition to these events generated by the programme, the EPA Secretariat, with members of the EPA Governing Board where applicable, participate annually in a number of conferences, seminars and other meetings organised by Member States, the Cultural Routes, International Organisations, Universities, Institutions and Organisations in the cultural heritage and tourism sector. These events provide important venues for enhancing the visibility of the programme and attracting Europe-wide interest from a variety of stakeholders.

Activities at EPA headquarters, Luxembourg

The EPA Secretariat also works to ensure visibility at EPA headquarters in Luxembourg, thanks to the EICR and through cooperation with national and local stakeholders, including the Ministry of Culture of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg that provide essential resources for the Institute's annual operations and through the organisation of events with local cultural institutions.

APPENDIX – 2021 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Statutory meetings

24-25-26 February Meeting of the EPA Bureau

28-29 April Meeting of the EPA Governing Board

Georgia & online

8 October Meeting of the EPA Statutory Committee

Main conferences/seminars organised by the Cultural Routes programme

17 June Training seminar for candidates to the "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe"

certification

29 Sept - 1 Oct 10th Cultural Routes Annual Advisory Forum, Kutaisi, GEORGIA

9 December Inaugural Academic Workshop on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

Participation of the Secretariat in meetings, conferences and events organised by Member States and International organisations

Member States

20 Jan	Participation in the final conference of the project ArhKonTur – Archaeological Conceptual Tourism Guiding, organised by Libertas International University in Zagreb, Croatia
28 Jan	Participation in the 5 th Forum of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR), organised by the Government of the Republic of Serbia and the European Commission
26 Jan	First coordination meeting on the Country Mapping Document for Armenia, online
2 Feb	Coordination meeting with France the Tourism Strategy for Cultural Routes, online
8 Mar	Coordination meeting with representatives of the Organization of Ibero-American States
18 Mar	Coordination meeting on the Cultural Routes exhibit organised in the framework of the CM Chairmanship of Hungary, online
20 Apr	Participation in the 5 th virtual meeting of the EUSAIR Thematic Steering group for Sustainable Tourism, organised by the Ministries of Croatia and Albania
1 Jun	Coordination meeting with national representatives of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe organised by France
7 Jun	Coordination meeting with national representatives of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe organised by Italy
09 Jun	Coordination meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation and Liberation Route Europe
16 Jun	Working meeting with representatives of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Portugal
22 Jun	Participation in the EU Reflection Group "Cultural Heritage and the EU" online meeting organised by the ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia
22 Jul	Presentation at summer course "St James Northern Way, a great European Cultural Route facing the challenge of a sustainable future" in San Sebastián
6 Sep	Meetings with the Federal Commissioner for Culture and Media and Federal Commissioner for Tourism
16 Sep	Presentation at a seminar on roman Roads organised by the Municipality of Braga in cooperation with the University of Minho
23 Sep	Meeting on cooperation between Euro-Ibero-American Cultural Routes in Yuste organised by OEI, EICR, and European & Ibero-American Academy Foundation of Yuste
30 Sep	Exhibition on Cultural Routes in Zagreb organised by the Ministry of Culture and Media of the Republic of Croatia
5 Oct	Presentation at the Ukraine International Travel Market in Kiev

5 Oct	Participation in the 16th virtual meeting of the EUSAIR Thematic Steering Group for Sustainable Tourism organised by the ministries of Tourism of Croatia and Albania
6 Oct	Meeting with Albania's Minister of Culture and Minister of Tourism and Environment
10 Oct	Presentation on "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe – an integrated model for sustainable territorial development" in Lucca, Italy
14-15 Oct	Presentation of the Cultural Routes at a conference on slow cultural tourism at the Hungarian Open Air Museum
9 Nov	Meeting with Estonian Tourism Board
14 Dec	Participation at conference on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Laredo

International Organisations and NGOs

12 Jan	Coordination meeting with Eurail and EYCA (European Year of Rail), online
25 Mar	Coordination meeting on the MoU between UNWTO and the Council of Europe
2 Jun	Participation in the 66th Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Europe in Athens, Greece
18 Jun	Participation in the DG Democracy Partial Agreements Open doors Day
18 Jun	Presentation at the 10th plenary session of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)
02 Aug	Presentation at the international workshop "World heritage and sustainable tourism" organised by the Organisation of Ibero-American Sates

Participation of the Secretariat in meetings, conferences and events organised by cultural routes

Certified routes

1	.4 Jan	General Assembly of the Fortified Towns in the Grande Region, online
2	20 Jan	Meeting with the new Manager of the Santiago de Compostela Pilgrims' Route, online
2	1 Jan	Meeting with the General Consul of Morocco and the President of the European Route of Jewish Heritage
1	.8 Mar	Participation in the online pilgrim conference organised by Saint Olav Ways
1	.2 May	Participation in "Destination Napoleon talks - Destination Napoleon and sustainable cultural tourism: challenges for the Napoleonic heritage in Europe"
1	.9 May	Interview for the TRANSROMANICA Day 2021
2	0 May	Presentation at "Smart Cultural Heritage, Tourism Development and European Cultural Routes" webinar organised by Charles V Route
3	31 May	Meeting with representatives of Fortified Towns of the Grande Region

8 Jun	Participation in the extraordinary General Assembly Meeting of Cyril and Methodius Route.
5 Sep	Participation in the inauguration of the "Itinerary of the Jewish Heritage of the Upper Town" in Luxembourg, organised by the European Route of Jewish Heritage
21 Oct	Participation at the 4th European Thermal Heritage Day
29 Oct	Participation at the Phoenician's Route General Assembly in Toulouse
6 Dec	Participation at the ITER VITIS General Assembly online

Candidate networks

25 Jan	Follow up meeting with Aeneas Route, online
26 Jan	Follow up meeting with the European Route of D'Artagnan
26 Jan	Follow up meeting with Saint Francis' Ways
27 Jan	Follow up meeting with Cyril and Methodius Route
27 Jan	Follow up meeting with Forte Cultura
28 Jan	Follow up meeting with Iron Age Danube Route
28 Jan	Follow up meeting with the European Route of Templar Heritage
02 Feb	Follow up meeting with the Via Eurasia
02 Feb	Follow up meeting with the Via Molina
03 Feb	Follow up meeting with Castle Road
03 Feb	Follow up meeting with Alvar Aalto Route
04 Feb	Follow up meeting with Places of Peace
05 Feb	Follow up meeting with Mary's Route
12 Mar	Participation in the 1^{st} International Congress of the Holy Week and Easter Celebration Route
19 Mar	Advisory meeting with the Chocolate Ways
24 Mar	Advisory meeting with the Transhumance Route
7 Apr	Advisory meeting with Holy Places of Undivided Christianity
05 May	Advisory meeting with Romea Strata
26 May	Advisory meeting with Holy Week and Easter Celebrations route
03 Jun	Advisory meeting with Silk Routes
05 Jun	Advisory meeting with the Holy Family Route

08 Jun	Advisory meeting with le Vie dei Medici
10 Jun	Advisory meeting with Saint Michel route
11 Jun	Advisory meeting with Chocolate Ways
22 Jun	Advisory meeting with Aromas Itinerarium Salutis
15 Jul	Participation in the V International Seminar organised by Transhumance Routes
17 Sep	Advisory meeting with representatives of Via Memoria Mauthausen

Other meetings, conferences and events

18 Feb	314 Meeting of the Working Group on the certification "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe"
21 Apr	Participation in the online conference of sustainable travel in Europe, organised by the European Year of Rail
09 May	Presentation at the IMPACTOUR Re-Discover Europe Workshop
19 May	Presentation at Webinar "Spring into Recovery meeting", organized by the International Institute of gastronomy, Arts, Culture and Tourism (IGCAT)
08 Jun	Online meeting with the representatives of the five newly certified "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe"
21 Jun	4 th Meeting of the Working Group on the certification "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe"
8 Sep	5 th Meeting of the Working Group on the certification "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe"

APPENDIX 2 – 2022 DRAFT CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Statutory meetings

24-25 Feb Meeting of the EPA Bureau

5-6 May Meeting of the EPA Governing Board

5 Oct Meeting of the EPA Governing Board during the 2022 Forum, Chania, GREECE

Oct Meeting of the EPA Statutory Committee, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, FRANCE

Main conferences organised by the Secretariat

31 May-2 Jun 9th Training Academy on Cultural Routes, Fontainebleau, FRANCE

June Training Seminar for Candidate Networks, LUXEMBOURG/ONLINE

June Meeting of the Board of Directors of the EICR, LUXEMBOURG

5-7 Oct 11th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes, Chania, GREECE

1 Dec 2nd Annual Academic Conference on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, LUXEMBOURG

Participation of the EPA secretariat/EICR in meetings, conferences and events organised by member States and international organisations

Member States

18 Jan 3 Feb	Cultural Routes: Strengthening, Consolidation, Dissemination and Alliances, Madrid, SPAIN Meeting with the Minister of Culture of Moldova, CHISINAU
4 Feb	Visit of the Ambassador of Albania to the Council of Europe to the EPA Headquarters, LUXEMBOURG
18 Feb	Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe crossing Italy: a European Heritage, Venice, ITALY
24-25 Mar	Colloquium Heritage, Museums, Archives, Architecture: What Risks, What Experiences in Europe?, Paris, FRANCE
20-21 Apr	Intercultural Dialogue Forum Lebanon to celebrate Lebanon's accession to the EPA on Cultural Routes, Beirut, LEBANON

International Organisations

19 Jan	Feria Internacional de Turismo FITUR 2022, Madrid, SPAIN
17 Feb	EU-LAC Dialogues Sessions on Cooperation and Policies in the realm of Cultural Heritage, Cultural Routes, and their relevance for the Bi-regional Partnership between the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean, ONLINE
22 Feb	Meeting with the French Equestrian Federation, ONLINE
7 March	Conference on strengthening Cultural Routes in Ibero-America, Organization of Ibero-American States, ONLINE
21-22 Mar	5th Workshop for Young Diplomats from BSEC member States, Thessaloniki, GREECE
28 Mar	Meeting with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, ONLINE
29 Mar-1 Apr	8th International Historic Cities Congress, Split, CROATIA
1 Apr	Conference of Ministers of Culture of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, FRANCE
9 May	Meeting of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Rome, ITALY
13-14 Jun	UK Workshop on Cultural Routes, Nottingham, UNITED KINGDOM

Participation of the EPA secretariat/EICR in meetings, conferences and events organised by cultural routes

Certified routes

26 Jan	Certification Ceremony of the Aeneas Route, Rome, ITALY
18 Feb	Certification Ceremony of Via Romea Germanica, Venice, ITALY
8 Mar	Meeting with the European Federation of Saint James Way, ONLINE
23 Mar	XII International Congress of the Committee of Experts "Santiago de Compostela: Routes of Knowing, Walking and Believing", Santiago de Compostela, SPAIN
4 Apr	Liberation Route Annual Forum, Caen, FRANCE
6 Apr	Certification Ceremony of the European Route of Historic Gardens, Lloret de Mar, SPAIN
8 April	IV International Meeting of Cistercian Abbeys, Alcobaça, PORTUGAL
16-17 May	Certification Ceremony of Cyril and Methodius Route

Candidate routes

10 Mar Advisory meeting with the Cammini di Santa Barbara, LUXEMBOURG