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Cultural Route of Historic Cafés

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General overview

- Theme of the route: The Historic Cafés and their culture
- Short historical outline:
 - integration of coffee consumption outside the private domestic space into the dietary habits both in Europe and beyond
 - the creation of coffeehouses / Cafés
 - cultural practices gradually associated with coffee consumption
 - opportunities for social distinction
 - Cafés become spaces of social interaction
 - buildings of particular architectural and artistic interest
 - frequented by prominent personalities
 - linked to important events in local and world history
 - Historic Cafés: an important element of history and culture at an international level



Responsible Network and Network members

- Responsible Network for the management of the project: European Historic Cafés Association (EHICA)
- Network members:
 - Greece, Spain, Portugal (participation confirmed)
 - Italy, France, Malta, Hungary, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Belgium, Austria, Denmark and Switzerland (interested in participating)
 - Initial plan: Four countries from various European regions
 - Prospect for future expansion of the Cultural Route to other European and non-European countries



Objective-mission

- Highlight Historic Cafés as an element of historical and cultural heritage
- Present the common elements and the differences in individual cultures
- Offer a comprehensive approach to the culture of Historic Cafés



Network's main activities

- Co-host of:
 - Historic Cafes as Cultural Heritage: International Meeting of European Historic Cafés, Coimbra, 20-21 April 2018
 - International Conference “Historic Cafés: Cultural Heritage throughout time”, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 3-5/5/2018
- Participation at the inauguration of Italy’s “Lega for the Protection of Historic Literary Cafés” (23.10.2018)
- Initiative for nominating the 8th of April as the World Day of Historic Cafés

