

THEMATIC SURVEY ON GARDENS IN EUROPE (March – June 2015)

In March 2015, the Directorate-General for Heritage of the French Ministry of Culture and Communication launched a [thematic “crowdfunding” to the entire HEREIN Network on garden policy](#) requiring information on national authorities responsible for garden policy, contacts in each country, events organised for the general public and initiatives to raise awareness of this topic.

23 national coordinators (22 countries) replied to the survey, which shows how responsive and proactive the HEREIN Network co-ordinators are. An analysis of the replies received is available on the [website](#).

In early June 2015, at the 4th meeting of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), France congratulated the Secretariat of the Council of Europe on its work in the HEREIN Network and the HEREIN System, and **officially launched the idea of organising a European event about gardens in 2016**. Spain expressed its support for this initiative and since then other countries have expressed a desire to work together on the project.

The aim is accordingly to involve European countries which are interested in this project, and thus confirm the HEREIN Network as a tool for intergovernmental cooperation in the field of heritage and as a brainstorming forum.

So that preparations can be made for this new citizens' initiative on gardens, **we ask you to pass on this information to those responsible for garden policy and other relevant stakeholders in your country and contact your CDCPP representative.**

If several countries join this project, it could be submitted to the European Union in order to obtain funding and thus ensure its continuity.

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For information: since 2003, the French Ministry of Culture and Communication has been organising a “*Rendez-vous aux jardins*” (Garden Visit) event every 1st weekend of June to enable as many people as possible to discover public and private gardens. This event takes place every year on the 1st weekend of June. 2000 parks and gardens are open to the public, a rare occurrence for some, and various activities are proposed, all linked to an annual theme. The theme for 2015 was “a Walk in the Garden”. **The next “*Rendez-vous aux jardins*” will take place on 3, 4 and 5 June 2016.**

More information: <http://www.rendezvousauxjardins.culture.fr>

