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SUSTAINABLE HERITAGE
ROUTES THROUGH TIME AND CULTURES



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Routes through Time and Cultures: Education for Sustainable Heritage

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15ème FORUM CONSULTATIF

Routes à travers le temps et les cultures : L' éducation pour un patrimoine durable



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OPENING SPEECH: EDUCATION AND HERITAGE DISCOURS D'OUVERTURE : L'ÉDUCATION ET LE PATRIMOINE

ANABASIS:

A "Cultural Route" Towards Heritage Through Education

Un « Itinéraire » vers le patrimoine par l'éducation



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POLICY DIALOGUE SESSION: the role of Education for Sustainable Heritage

DIALOGUE SUR LES POLITIQUES :
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Michele TRENTI

European Paganini Route

La Route Européenne de Paganini



EUROPEAN PAGANINI ROUTE

From an European journey to a shared European heritage



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23 September 2026*

A dark, monochromatic map of Europe is shown, with white lines delineating the borders of all countries. The map is centered and occupies the entire background of the image. The text is overlaid on the central part of the map, specifically over the British Isles and the North Sea region.

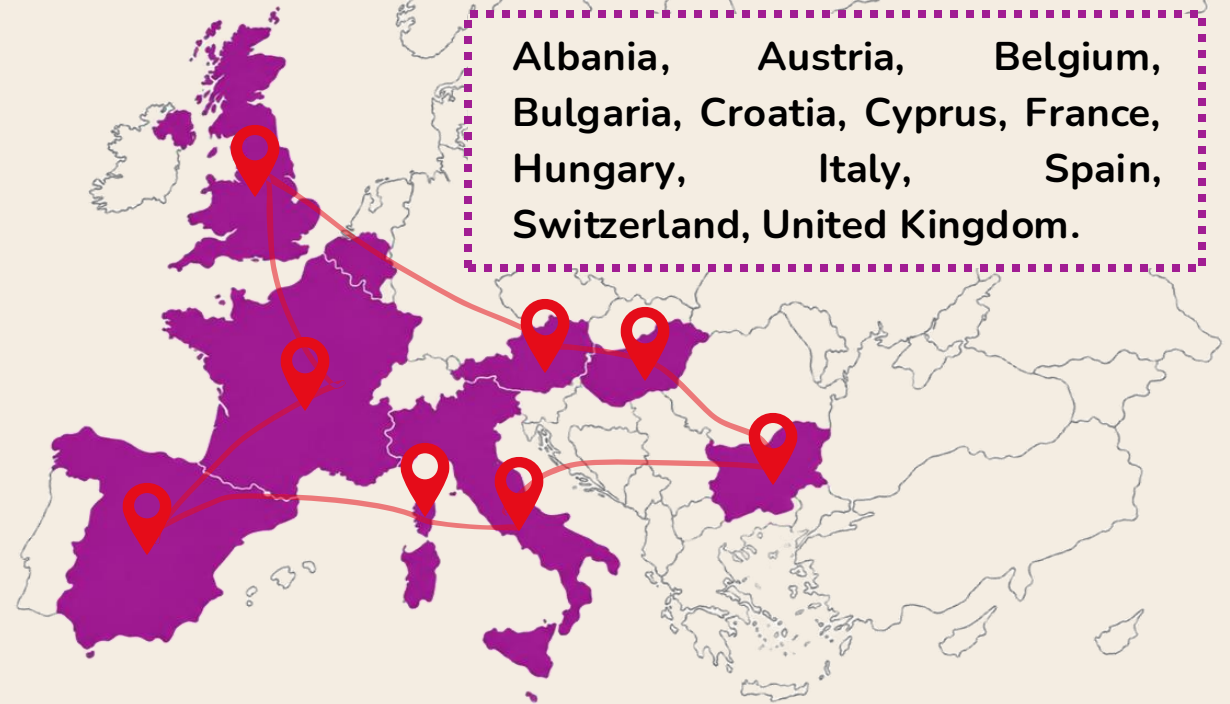
Six years, two months and nineteen days

TWO CENTURIES LATER, THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

*From Paganini's travels to
a contemporary European network*

A historical itinerary
becomes a European network

Institutions, communities
and shared cultural heritage are
connected once again across
Europe



The Route brings together
places connected with Paganini's
life, travels and artistic legacy



EXPOSITION INTERNATIONALE
NICCOLÒ PAGANINI
LIÈGE • 16.10.26 > 7.03.27



QUAND PAGANINI
RENCONTRE YSAÏE

LES VIOLONS DES DIABLES

Illustration: J. L. Janssens / L'Espresso

A LIVING EUROPEAN HERITAGE

Turning Paganini's legacy into exhibitions, research, and cultural exchange

Exhibitions and concerts bring Paganini's heritage to new audiences

Research and education connect institutions, experts, and learners.

Cultural exchanges create new relationships across the Route



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dal 2 ottobre all'8 novembre
**GENOVA SUONA
PAGANINI**



CERTIFICATION CEREMONY - 29 OCTOBER

*As part of the “**Ottobre Paganini**” Festival in Genoa*

A new chapter for the European Paganini Route

Certification is not the end of the journey. It is beginning of a new chapter.

- *Strengthening the European network*
- *Developing new projects*
- *Involving institutions, communities, and younger generations*



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PAGANINI CROSSED BORDERS THROUGH MUSIC

TODAY, HIS LEGACY BRINGS EUROPE TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN.



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We are proud to join the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and to continue this journey together.

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Sari KAASINEN, Kristjan RABA, and Pekka HUTTU-HILTUNEN

Singing Heritage Route

L'itinéraire du patrimoine chantant





SINGING HERITAGE ROUTE

Cultural Route in Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland and Norway

SINGING HERITAGE ROUTE

The Singing Heritage Route brings together five countries where singing traditions have, for centuries, transmitted language, culture, identity, knowledge, and the collective memory of communities.

The Route represents living heritage: its singing traditions are still practised, taught, passed on and renewed today.

The Route connects numerous culturally invaluable singing traditions, preserving and promoting Europe's living cultural heritage.



SINGING
HERITAGE
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SINGING TRADITIONS ALONG THE ROUTE

- **Runosong**
tradition of Finland, Ingria, Karelia and Estonia
- **Leelo**
tradition in South-East Estonia
- **“Pusbolss”,**
multipart singing tradition in Eastern Latvia
- **Sutartinės**
in Lithuania
- **Kven singing traditions**
In Norway
- **Leu'dd**
tradition in Finland among Skolt sámi culture
- **Joik and luohti**
in Sámi Region
- **Baltic song and dance celebrations**
(Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania)





THE ROUTE'S CULTURAL SCOPE

LIVING SINGING HERITAGE

Dance and plays

Local food and handicraft

Nature

Sauna

Liturature

Meeting points of Eastern and Western Christianity

War history and memorials



NEXT STEPS AND GOALS 2030

Launch Development Projects

Grow Membership

Strengthen Communication

Promote Cultural Resilience

Strengthen Festival Cooperation

Expand to New Countries

Increase cooperation between Cultural Routes across Europe.

Singing Heritage Association ry



Finland

Runosong-Academy ry
The Route of Poems and Borders ry
10 municipalities along the Route
Karelia University of Applied Sciences
Musiikkiyhdistys pro
Sommelo ry
Rääkkylä Folk ry
Kainuu Folk music Association ry

Estonia

Estonian National Museum
Estonian Literary Museum
Sibulatee (NGO)
SeTo Instituut
South-Estonian Tourism Cluster/ Visit Tartu
Võrokõisi Kongress

Latvia

Latgale tourism association
Latvian National Centre for Culture
Centre for Intangible Culture UPITE ((NGO)
Initiative and competences support center” (icsc)

Norway

Kven Finn Association
Kven Finn Student Network
Kven Future
Little Finland
Skolts in Norway

Lithuania

Vilnius Ethnic Culture Centre
Visit Birzai
Birzai Tourism Centre

More than 30 members in the Network!

NOTE: The network is still developing

NOTE: Sweden, Poland and Hungary





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Thank you!



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Nicoletta MARTORANA and Roberto CIAMBETTI with Luca ZAIA
Via Querinissima



WELCOME RECEPTION AND
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RÉCEPTION DE BIENVENUE ET
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