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2008 European Heritage Days

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European Heritage Days
 Journées européennes du patrimoine
 Dny evropského dědictví
 μέρες Ευρωπαϊκής Κληρονομιάς
 Giornate Europee del Patrimonio
 Europos paveldo dienos
 Europejskie Dni Dziedzictwa
 Дани европске баштине
 Dni Európskeho Kultúrneho Dedičstva
 ЕВРОПЕЙСКИЕ ДНИ НАСЛЕДИЯ
 Dnevi Evropske Kulturne Dediščine
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COUNCIL OF EUROPE
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Estonia
6-14/09/2008

Finland
12-14/09/2008

France
20-21/09/2008

Georgia
13/09-13/10/2008

Germany
14/09/2008

Greece
26-28/09/2008

Holy See
28/09/2008

Hungary
20-21/09/2008

Iceland
7/09/2008

Ireland
24-31/08/2008

Italy
27-28/09/2008

Latvia
12-14/09/2008

Liechtenstein
25/09/2008

Lithuania
19-28/09/2008

Luxembourg
20-21/09/2008

Monaco
28/09/2008

Netherlands
13-14/09/2008

Norway
14/09/2008

Industrial heritage and technical monuments
<http://www.muinsuskaitse.ee/>

Houses owned by associations – club houses and community halls
Official site in Finland:
http://www.rakennusperinto.fi/muuta_sisaltoa/erp/fi_FI/erp/
 2008 site:
http://www.rakennusperinto.fi/muuta_sisaltoa/erp/fi_FI/seurantatol/
Material on the 2008 theme (and on previous themes):
http://www.rakennusperinto.fi/muuta_sisaltoa/erp/fi_FI/aineistot/

Heritage and creation
<http://www.culture.fr/>

Heritage under threat
<http://heritage.gol.ge/ehd.htm>

Uncovering the past – archaeology and building research
<http://www.tag-des-offenen-denkmals.de/>

Home-like stories (second year)
<http://www.culture.gr>

European cultural heritage for intercultural dialogue
<http://www.vatican.va/>

“Revival”: Year of the Renaissance
<http://www.oroksegnapok.hu>

Lighthouses and coastal heritage
<http://www.fornleifafernd.is/>

Yesterday, tomorrow, today...
Embrace the future, protect the past
<http://www.heritageweek.ie/>
<http://www.beniculturali.it>

Curious heritage
<http://www.mantojums.lv/>

“Pfälzerhütte” – modern architecture on top of mountains
<http://www.hba.llv.li/>

Historical organs in Lithuania
<http://www.heritage.lt/>

Heritage and research

Monaco and Science
<http://www.gouv.mc/>

Traces
<http://www.openmonumentendag.nl/>

Traces of diversity in leisure
<http://www.kulturminnedagen.net>

Poland
6-7 and 13-14/09/2008

Romania
20/09/2008

San Marino
7/09/2008

Serbia

Slovakia
11-30/09/2008

Slovenia
20-27/09/2008

Spain
September/ October

Sweden
14/09/2008

Switzerland
13-14/09/2008

“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
25/09-11/10/2008

Turkey
5-7/09/2008

United Kingdom – England
11-14/09/2008

United Kingdom – London
20-21/09/2008

United Kingdom – Northern Ireland
24/08-1/9/2008

United Kingdom – Scotland
Every weekend in September

Beginning September to mid October

United Kingdom – Wales
6-7; 13-14 and 20-21/09/2008

Roots of tradition. From the home to the homeland
<http://www.edd.com.pl>

The contribution of cultural dialogue to practical conservation-restoration
<http://www.cultura.ro/>

No theme

Cultural heritage – Expression of cultural diversity
<http://www.kultura.sr.gov.yu/>

Coins, a living memory
<http://www.culture.gov.sk/>

Primož Trubar (1508-1586) and his time
<http://www.zvkds.si>

Industrial landscape. Memory of work and territory
<http://www.mcu.es>

Savour the buildings
http://www.raa.se/cms/en/our_mission/our_mission/european_heritage_days.html

Places of delight
<http://www.venezvisiter.ch>
<http://www.venitevedere.ch>
<http://www.hereinspaziert.ch>

The heritage of the 20th Century
<http://www.musmk.org.mk>

Routes of culture: the Silk Road in Anatolia
<http://www.kulturturizm.gov.tr>
<http://www.kulturvarliklari.gov.tr>

Celebration of England's communities
<http://www.heritageopendays.org/>
<http://www.openhouse.org.uk/>

No theme
<http://www.doeni.gov.uk/>

National themes will include “500 years of printing in Scotland”, storytelling and “green” design. Local themes include “water” and “coastal defences”
<http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/>

Scottish Archaeology Month
<http://www.scottisharchaeology.org.uk>
<http://www.civictrustwales.org/ehd/>
<http://www.heritagedays.net/>

List as of 10 June 2008



A brief history

The European Heritage Days came into being in Granada (Spain) on 3 October 1985, during the Second Conference of European Ministers responsible for Architectural Heritage of the Council of Europe. On that occasion, the French Minister of Culture suggested that the "Monuments Open Doors" initiative launched in France in 1984 should be extended. Several countries in Europe, such as the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Malta, Belgium, the United Kingdom (Scotland) and Sweden, soon set up similar events.

In 1991, the Council of Europe launched the European Heritage Days with the support of the European Commission. Since then, the European Heritage Days have taken on new and greater importance every year. All 49 States Parties to the European Cultural Convention of the Council of Europe now take part and the event is increasingly popular with the public.

In 1999, the European Heritage Days became a joint action of the Council of Europe and the European Commission. These two partner institutions have highlighted the need to give a new impetus to the Days and 2008 – European Year of Intercultural Dialogue offers an ideal opportunity to undertake this process, which will take two to three years. The organisation of the Days at national level will continue, as will the international cooperation among the group of national coordinators. A forum on communication on cultural heritage in Europe will be organised each year in a different member state of the Council of Europe.

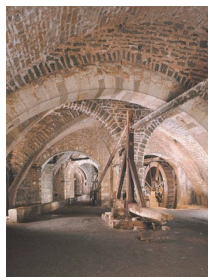
A completely new thrust of the programme will be a communication project aimed at disseminating a new message about Europe's common heritage in the media.



A broader vision through heritage

The aims of the European Heritage Days are to:

- raise citizens' awareness of Europe's cultural diversity and richness;
- create a climate in which appreciation of the rich mosaic of European cultures and intercultural dialogue is fostered;
- combat racism and xenophobia and encourage greater tolerance in Europe across national borders and strengthen a sense of shared identity among all Europeans;
- inform the public and the political authorities of the need to protect cultural heritage against new threats;
- encourage Europe to respond to the social, political and economic challenges it faces.



Common principles

As in the past, the principles defined in 1991 remain the same for the organisation of the European Heritage Days. The organisers of the Days in the member countries are therefore invited to respect the following:

- the European Heritage Days should take place during a weekend in September;
- the European Heritage Days enable the general public to visit monuments and sites all over Europe which are usually closed to the public;
- buildings that are open all year round can be included in the programme, providing that they offer special activities such as guided visits, exhibitions, concerts or lectures;
- the visits should be free of charge or offered at a reduced price;
- the programme of the European Heritage Days should include the organisation of specific activities involving the general public and, in particular, young people and school pupils;
- all participating countries are asked to use the official title "European Heritage Days";
- the logo should appear on all European Heritage Days promotional material;
- all participating countries are asked to use the slogan "Europe, a common heritage", which was adopted for the European Heritage Days in 1999;
- the European Heritage Days flag should be flown from all buildings open to the public during the event.

Each year, the great success of the European Heritage Days is made possible by the practical application of these principles resulting from effective international coordination and cooperation between the Council of Europe and the European Commission as well with the National Coordinators.

First European Heritage Forum

The first European Heritage Forum will take place in Brussels, on 23-24 October 2008, on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the European Heritage Days in Belgium and will focus on "Heritage and Dialogue". It will also be a contribution to 2008 – European Year of Intercultural Dialogue and look to the future European Year on Creativity and Innovation. The European Heritage Forums will be the annual international crossroads on heritage questions for all stakeholders, professional or voluntary, involved in the interpretation, communication and dissemination of the cultural heritage.



The 49 States Parties to the Council of Europe's European Cultural Convention (1954)

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, the Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom.

The Internet site of European Heritage Days:

<http://www.ehd.coe.int>

Themes of the 2008 European Heritage Days in the member states:

<http://www.mtkrs.gov.al/>

Heritage diversity in Andorra

<http://www.museus.ad>

Religious heritage and holy places

Imported Culture. Chinese chambers,

English landscape and Italian frescoes

<http://www.bda.at/>

Azerbaijan – a crossroads of cultures and civilisations

Expo 58: before and after. The heritage of Brussels since the Second World War

<http://www.monument.irisnet.be/>

Heritage and culture

<http://www.journeesdupatrimoine.be/>

20th edition – 20th century

<http://www.openmonumenten.be>

Together in diversity

<http://www.mc.government.bg/>

Intangible cultural heritage –

"Treasure of knowledge and skill"

<http://www.min-kulture.hr/>

Nicosia: the unknown heritage along the buffer zone

<http://www.moi.gov.cy/tph>

Monuments in the landscape and landscape as a monument

<http://www.ehd.cz>

Buildings of the welfare society 1950-1980

<http://www.bygningskulturensdag.dk>

Albania

Andorra

4-5/10/2008

Armenia

6-7/09/2008

Austria

28/09/2008

Azerbaijan

26-28/09/2008

Belgium –

Brussels-Capital

20-21/09/2008

Belgium – Wallonia

13-14/09/2008

Belgium – Flanders

14/09/2008

Bulgaria

26-28/09/2008

Croatia

15-30/09/2008

Cyprus

21/09/2008

Czech Republic

13-21/09/2008

Denmark

13-14/09/2008