

ESACH

EUROPEAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE

By young people, for young people

2023

An important part of the year was characterised by meeting people from the European Cultural Heritage field, both digitally and physically. Among others, ESACH was also present at Europa Nostra's European Cultural Heritage Summit in Venice. Take a closer look at our activities below:

Our Programmes

ESACH Talks!

- "Young Voices in Religious Heritage", a collaboration with Future for Religious Heritage | 2 March 2023 | [View our YouTube channel](#)
- "Heritage in Conflict" | 27 June 2023 | [View our YouTube channel](#) |
- "Heritage and Entrepreneurship" | 18 September 2023 | [View our YouTube channel](#)
- "Heritage and Health" | 13 December 2023 | [View our YouTube channel](#)

Keep an eye on our agenda in 2024!

European Heritage Youth Ambassadors

Meet the European Heritage Youth Ambassadors Network.

In 2023, 12 European Heritage Youth Ambassadors from across Europe joined the programme.

Core Activities:

- Social Media coverage #HeritageAmbassadors
- Long reads and news coverage on the European Heritage Tribune
- Participation in events

Heritage Youth Ambassadors meet in The Hague

From 18 to 20 April, eight European Heritage Youth Ambassadors connected in the Netherlands, where they visited heritage organisations such as Europa Nostra, BOEi and met young professionals from the Dutch Heritage Agency. [More information](#)

Islanders: Many Islands - One Community

The “Islanders: Many Islands - One Community” project is an Erasmus+ action coordinated by Traces & Dreams AB, which includes youth organisations in Estonia, Greece, Malta and Portugal that are based on an island. ESACH was reached out to in order to provide perspectives on how cultural heritage can be a catalyst for youth involvement. In July 2023, European Heritage Youth Ambassadors Angelos Kottas and Adam Klupś, as well as EHYA Programme Co-coordinators Jasna Popović and Miruna Găman gave presentations stemming from either their own journeys in the sector or ESACH's main achievements over time. The presentations were followed up by the drafting of chapters building up on those specific themes, which are due to be included in a Framework document envisioned as a project output.

Youth4Heritage

Europa Nostra hosted an online event on heritage as a motor for peace and reconciliation on the 16th of November. The webinar drew over 200 participants, and we were happy to see the contributions made by, among others, our own Raúl Gómez Hernández, Tetiana Golub and Angelos Kottas. Visit the Europa Nostra [website](#) for more information.

“Youth for the Future of Cultural Heritage in Europe” Position Paper

Together with our partners, the ESACH Coordination Committee launched the “Youth for the Future of Cultural Heritage in Europe” paper. Written by a team of volunteers from over 15 countries, this paper attests to the drive, commitment, and skill of young people – while it serves as a snapshot of current views. The goal is to provide a guide for involvement and activities, and a generational and interdisciplinary approach.

[Read our Position Paper here.](#)

European Heritage Hub

- Kickoff event in Brussels (10-11 May) - more information [here](#)
- Open Village - Europa Nostra Heritage Hub in Agios Lavrentios (20-21 July) - more information [here](#)
- WHY: World Heritage Youth Event in Florence (9 September) - more information (in Italian) [here](#)
- European Heritage Hub Forum in Venice (28 September) - more information and video from the event [here](#)
- Online Peer2Peer Event (26 October): Towards a career in Heritage: Tips and Insights from young professionals.
- International Conference “Heritage, a shared responsibility” (9-11 November) - more information (in Spanish) [here](#)

ESACH / Europa Nostra Internship Programme

ESACH and Europa Nostra have once again joined forces to continue the networking and professionalisation programme in 2023. Past interns' testimonials are available [here](#).

Publications

- The ESACH Quarterly no. 3 was released in August. A pivotal role was played by the results of the survey on the needs and expectations that young people active in heritage have. For this survey, we closely cooperated with Europa Nostra, Future is Heritage (FiSH), the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and Europeana. [Key findings and more information](#).
- A total of 12 newsletter issues were sent out in 2023 to a whopping 11,258 recipients.

Our Collaborations

ESACH was present as a voice for youth in cultural heritage on many occasions. See some of our contributions below:

- [Europa Nostra Council Meeting](#) (17-20 May). Our secretary-general Jasna Popovic joined the programme in Belgrade. Carlota Marijan Rodrıquez and Sorina Neascu, our president and vice president at that time respectively, presented the position paper mentioned above in an online presentation.
- ARCHE Stakeholders' Virtual Workshops (7 June-5 September). These workshops were aimed at developing a shared vision and mission for ARCHE. Our own Elif Aydin and Jasna Popovic were present. For more information, visit the Heritage Research Hub [website](#).
- [European Cultural Heritage Summit](#) (27-30 September) in Venice (ESACH, Europa Nostra, European Heritage Tribune and many others). Our (then Vice-President) Sorina Neascu was invited to contribute to the [European Heritage Policy Agora](#). Representatives from both ESACH and EHYA were invited to the General Assembly and other events as well.

Our Members

We're very proud to announce that a large number of members have renewed their membership in 2023. As of January 2024, there are 260 active members of ESACH.

Becoming an ESACH member [is very easy](#) and free of charge.

Sign the pledge for a sustainable and inclusive future!

Do you agree that sustainability, inclusion, and climate change should be central themes in the European and Global heritage approach? Join ESACH and our partners in our call for preserving and promoting cultural heritage.

[Go to our website and sign the pledge!](#)

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European Students' Association for Cultural Heritage



1706 followers

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1071 followers

@esach_spirit



106 subscribers

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Our partners (in alphabetical order), whom we would like to thank:

[ENCATC](#)

[Europa Nostra](#)

[Europa Nostra Sweden](#)

[European Heritage Tribune](#)

[European Heritage Volunteers](#)

[Europeana Initiative](#)

[Future for Religious Heritage](#)

[ICOMOS](#)

[Michael Culture Association](#)

[The Future is Heritage \(FisH\)](#)