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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes | 31 Member States, 31 Cultural Routes

# Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

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## The Republic of Turkey joins the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes

The EPA is joined by a 31st Member State

On 15th January 2018, Ambassador Erdoğan Işcan, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey to the Council of Europe, informed the Council of Europe of Turkey's accession to the EPA. The very rich cultural heritage of Turkey will be a precious asset to the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes.

Welcome to our 31st Member State!

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### 1.1 Million EUR Grant Agreement European Union - Council of Europe

A 1.1. Million EUR European Union Grant Agreement to foster regional development through transnational heritage policies and practices through cultural routes was signed on 20 December 2017 between the European Commission (DG REGIO), represented by Director Mrs. Lena ANDERSSON PENCH, and the Council of Europe, represented by Deputy Secretary General Mrs. Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI (see photo). The **30-Month Action (2017-2020)** aims to strengthen sustainable development through cultural heritage policies, practices and services in the four EU Macro-Region ([Baltic Sea Region](#), [Danube Region](#), [Adriatic and Ionian Region](#), [Alpine Region](#)) as recognized by the **Council of Europe Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society (Faro Convention, 2005)** through the [Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe](#) programme. The Action will be implemented under the responsibility of the Secretariat of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes

(EPA), from the EPA's headquarters at the European Institute of Cultural Routes in Luxembourg.

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## VIII Annual Advisory Forum, Görlitz, Germany, 26-28 September

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A preparatory meeting for the organisation of the VIII Annual Advisory Forum of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (Görlitz, Germany, 26-28 September 2018) took place in Luxembourg on 17th January, with the participation of Birgitta RINGBECK (Federal Foreign Office, Germany), Ulrich MENKE (Saxon State Ministry of the Interior), Friederike HANSELL (Saxon World Heritage Coordination), Ulrich SCREIBER (Saxon State Ministry), and Andrea BEHR (CEO of the Europastadt GörlitzZgorzelec GmbH). The Forum "**Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe connecting cultural values, heritage sites and citizens: strategies and synergies in a global perspective**" will focus on the strategies and synergies between the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme and International Organisations involved in the protection and promotion of cultural heritage in the context of the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage.

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## Signature of a General Framework Agreement with the Organisation of Ibero-American States (OEI)

On 18th January 2018, the European Institute of Cultural Routes (EICR), and the Organización de Estados Iberoamericanos para la Educación, la Ciencia y la Cultura (OEI) signed a General Framework Agreement setting the cooperation framework between the EICR and the OEI, in order to promote the extension of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe to Ibero-American countries and to establish new itineraries, based on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe model. The OEI is the international governmental organisation for cooperation among Ibero-American countries in the fields of education, science, technology and culture.

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## German and Spanish versions of the Cultural Routes website

The website of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe has just been translated into [German](#) and [Spanish](#).

The site is now available in 4 languages with its original versions in French and English.

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## ATRIUM receives funding from the European Cross-Border Cooperation Programme

Since the 1st January 2018, the Cultural Route ATRIUM - Architecture of Totalitarian Regimes of the 20th century In Europe's Urban Memory (certified in 2014) benefits from funds from the European Cross-Border Cooperation Programme in the context of the "ATRIUM Plus" project. This project will last 18 months.



## Cultural Routes in Focus : Cluniac Sites in Europe

Interview with Christophe Voros of the European Federation of Cluniac Sites

### Why and how did your cultural itinerary begin?

The Cluny abbey radiated throughout Europe from the 11th century until the end of the Middle Ages. It is by celebrating the 1000 years of the death of his 4th abbot, Mayeul (+994), that the sites that share this same history decided in 1994 to create the Federation which today carries the Cultural Route of the Council of Europe. This European structure was developed with the help of elected officials of the communes concerned, but also that of associations working for the Cluniac heritage, as well as hundreds of other citizens. Their desire was to engrave their cultural, tourism and

communication actions in the perspective of this shared history. More information on [our site](#).

### **How does your Cultural Route contribute to European values, history and heritage?**

We believe that "making Europe" means sharing the same information and making it accessible to everyone. The Federation has therefore designed digital tools in 4 (soon to be 5) languages, such as the website or the Clunypedia platform, where a digital map presents each week new Cluniac sites geolocated on the European territory! This map is created with academics who study the Cluniac question. On the other hand, in addition to the usual cultural activities (conferences, document editing), each Cluniac site puts in place a unique specific signage and focusses on thematic or cross-border projects with the network. For more information, [click here](#).

### **In which new countries do you see your Route in the near future?**

Currently, the network of Cluniac Sites is active in Scotland, England, Germany, Switzerland, Poland, Italy, Spain and France. Contacts were established with the Portuguese Ministry of Culture and Belgian communities to integrate these two new countries into the Federation. But Central Europe will soon be in the spotlight (autumn 2018) with the identification of the network of sites of the great Abbey of Hirsau, which was developed in the Middle Ages by adapting the customs of Cluny on the lands of the Holy German Roman Empire ... Not to mention the Baltic countries, which would house, it is said, some remarkable sites of Cluniac influence! ... For a map of the network, [click here](#).

## **January in brief**

- [Meeting with "Héloïse - itinéraire des pédagogues européens"](#), 30/01/2018 (Luxembourg)
- [The European Silk Road at the EU-China Tourism Year](#), 19/01/2018 (Venice)
- [Meeting with "Liberation Route Europe"](#), 12/01/2018 (Luxembourg)
- [Meeting with "European Route of Industrial Heritage"](#), 11/01/2018 (Luxembourg)
- [University Network of Cultural Routes Studies \(NCRS\) meeting](#), 10 et 11/01/2018 (Luxembourg)
- [The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe dossier in the "Courrier du Patrimoine"](#), 09/01/2018
- [Connecting European Heritage, 62nd Edition of the Synergy Magazine](#), 17/12/2017

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