



# SHARING HERITAGE

## European Cultural Heritage Year 2018



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1. History of the initiative
2. “Sharing Heritage”
3. Next steps

1975 European Monument Protection Year

2013 Start of the initiative in Germany

2015 German state and  
the federal states agreed



1. History of the initiative  
German perspective

- 1975 European Monuement Protection Year
- 2014 Call on EC to propose ECHY by Council
- 2015 Namur Declaration of CoE welcomes ECHY
- 2015 EP recommends ECHY to EC





### III. RECOGNIZE THAT EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A EUROPEAN HERITAGE STRATEGY SHOULD BRING TOGETHER A MULTITUDE OF PLAYERS AND TO THIS END

9. welcome, as best practice, the idea of the Council of the European Union to organise a European Heritage Year, and ask that the Council of Europe and all States Parties to the European Cultural Convention be invited to participate.

[Namur Declaration, 22-24 April 2015]

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CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

1. History of the initiative  
European perspective



3.Addresses, in the context of the development of the new integrated approach to cultural heritage, the following specific recommendations to the Commission:

(b) to designate, preferably for 2018, a European Year of Cultural Heritage, with an adequate budget and with the aim, amongst other things, of disseminating and increasing awareness and education among future generations in respect of the values of the European cultural heritage and its protection, and to submit the draft programme for the European Year to Parliament no later than 2016.

[EP, 8 September 2015]



1. History of the initiative  
European perspective



Oct 2014      Reflection Group Meeting in Paris

Febr 2015    Meeting of Open Working Group in Potsdam

May 2015     RG Meeting in Rome

June 2015    Meeting of Open Working Group in Bonn

Sept 2015    RG Meeting in  
Luxembourg





Jun 2015      Side-Event to 39th World Heritage Committee, Bonn

Sept 2015    Meeting EP Intergroup, Brussels




1. History of the initiative  
Promotion activities





2. European Cultural Heritage Year 2018





The European Cultural Heritage Year is to be held in **2018**, which is not only the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, considered the first major catastrophe of the 20th century, but also a year in which many European countries celebrate the 100th anniversary of their modern independence. So 2018 is especially appropriate for such a European Cultural Heritage Year, because it reminds us that Europe's history and cultural heritage are marked by centuries of wars and conflicts on its way to peaceful and cooperative co-existence.

In this context, it should also be noted that 2018 marks the 400th anniversary of the start of the Thirty Years' War in 1618 and the 370th anniversary of the Peace of Westphalia, which ended the war in 1648. Our cultural heritage enables us to understand European history and its message.



**SHARING** enthusiam for,  
appreciation of,  
knowledge on, ...  
**HERITAGE**



**SHARING**

the possibility to discover Europe  
by accentuating the European  
dimension of **HERITAGE**

# **SHARING HERITAGE**

with the younger generations  
via cultural education

**SHARING** that **HERITAGE**  
goes across borders



**SHARING** the decisions about  
the future of **HERITAGE**  
in participatory approaches  
especially with the civil society

**SHARING** knowledge on  
protection, preservation and promotion  
of **HERITAGE** amongst each other

**SHARING**

the possibilities of digitisation for the protection  
and promotion of **HERITAGE**



**SHARING** the untapped potential  
of cultural **HERITAGE**  
to encourage innovative and sustainable  
economic activity,  
to promote research and development  
and lifelong learning,  
to improve social cohesion and integration  
etc.

A topographical map of Europe, showing the continent's landmasses in shades of green and brown, indicating elevation and terrain. The surrounding oceans are dark blue. The text "SHARING cultural HERITAGE for Europe" is overlaid in white serif font.

**SHARING** cultural **HERITAGE** for Europe

# Public presentation of European Cultural Heritage Year

13 November 2015

Greek Courtyard, Neues Museum, Berlin



3. Next steps

## Intended Schedule

Spring/Summer 2016	Recommendation of the ECHY 2018 proposal by the EC
End of 2016	Adoption of ECHY 2018 proposal by the EP and the Council
Start 2017	Call of EC to submit national projects
2018	European Cultural Heritage Year









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