Citizen Science Practices in Cultural Heritage: towards a Sustainable Model in Higher Education

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CitizenHeritage (2020-2023) is a Strategic Partnership project funded by the European Commission in the frame of the Erasmus+ Programme. **CitizenHeritage aims to provide Higher Education Institutions with novel approaches to include citizen science activities with cultural heritage into their curricula and teaching&learning activities**.

Firstly, CitizenHeritage maps and critically assesses current participatory practices in cultural heritage; then, it develops a new methodology tested with different applications in a range of workshops. Citizen science in cultural heritage is demonstrated through the application of **crowdsourcing and co-creation practices, where different types of communities are engaged with local and European cultural heritage contents**. Eventually, lessons learnt are shared about the role of digital technologies in facilitating crowd science in cultural heritage and education.

With CitizenHeritage, students and teachers can find a selection of good practices on how to benefit from **knowledge circulation in and outside academia** and how to adopt a more vibrant role in civil society. Also, more collaboration between Higher Education Institutions and Cultural Heritage Institutions is enabled.

The project includes three universities: KU Leuven, National Technical University of Athens and Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam; two Europeana domain aggregators: Photoconsortium and European Fashion Heritage Association; and one specialized SME: Web2Learn.

Due to the evolution of the covid-19 pandemic, the Citizen Science workshops foreseen in the project may be turned in **online events, the first of which is announced in Sofia on 26-27 May 2021**. CitizenHeritage news can be followed in the project's website and in the **CitizenHeritage blog hosted on DigitalMeetsCulture.net** magazine.

Project's website: www.citizenheritage.eu

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Organized together with the Faculty of Philosophy at Sofia University and NALIS Foundation, in this event students will work on improving metadata of digitized photographic heritage collections.

Discover Sofia online event

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