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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.

Questions that the project poses:
- *What kind of citizen science initiatives take place in the cultural heritage field?*
- *How cultural heritage contributes to citizen science and civic engagement in general?*
- *What lessons can be drawn for the relevance of social sciences and humanities to citizen science?*

To answer this, a first step was an **review of existing participatory practices in cultural heritage**, based on desktop research and survey on 25 citizen science projects analyzed under the lens of 9 openness features. The result of the study will be published in December 2021.

Also, Citizen Heritage started to test how the latest technological innovations to manage digital cultural heritage can support and enhance citizen science participation, both from a pedagogical and heritage perspective, by organizing **a number of citizen science events across Europe**. We had already two workshops: one in collaboration with Sofia University and NALIS, and another one together with the National Széchényi Library and students of Media and Communication department of Pázmány Péter Catholic University in Budapest. A next one is going to take place in Antwerp on 27th November.

These events also served to start **measuring the benefits of civic participation in academic research**, under the main premise is that coordinated knowledge generation within HEIs can serve for sustainable community participation in furthering engagement with cultural heritage.

We'll continue the analysis process, and will gather further data from next workshops to compare experiences. We anticipate a long-term relation to develop with collaborating Higher Education Intitutions and we seek to find new perspectives on the synergy between education and the heritage to generate value, advance research, and surely gain new future heritage lovers.

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Pattern-a-thon event in Antwerp on 27th November 2021

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Organized together with the MoMU fashion museum, students, designers and researchers are invited to enriching Wikipedia by creating patterns of fashion objects.

Discover the event at MoMu

Citizen Heritage: collaborations established

image Public Domain, University of Navarra.

Collaborations with other projects relating to citizen participation in cultural heritage and its promotion are enlarging the base of Citizen Heritage network of stakeholders. Join us!

Discover partners and collaborations

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