

Finland 8-10/09/2006	Places of Arrival and Departure http://www.rakennusperinto.fi/muuta/erp/fi_F1/ehd/	Poland 16-17/09/2006	Local traditions / Cultural diversity in the regions / In the footsteps of great creators of culture http://www.edd.com.pl
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 28/09-05/10/2006	Heritage Bridging over Cultures	Portugal 22-24/09/2006	We are our heritage http://www.ippar.pt
France 16-17/09/2006	Let's bring our heritage to life http://www.culture.fr	Romania 16/09/2006	Archaeology, a source of cultural heritage http://www.cimec.ro
Georgia 13/09 - 13/10/2006	The Heritage of Wine-Growing http://heritage.gol.ge/ehd.htm	Russian Federation 21-23/09/2006	Launch Ceremony of the European Heritage Days and a colloquium on "The Values of Europe's Cultural Heritage"
Germany 10/09/2006	Historical gardens and parks http://www.tag-des-offenen-denkmals.de	San Marino 10/09/2006	No special theme http://www.esteri.sm
Greece 22-24/09/2006	Let's eat: culture on the table. Various approaches to the history of nutrition http://www.culture.gr	Republic of Serbia 02-30/09/2006	Wood http://www.kultura.sr.gov.yu
Holy See 24/09/2006	Charity and solidarity in the patrimony of the works of mercy http://www.vatican.va	Slovakia 9-30/09/2006	Europe. A common heritage http://www.culture.gov.sk
Hungary 16-17/09/2006	The Architecture of the Recent Past (Socialism Realism in Hungary) http://www.oroksegnapok.hu	Slovenia 23-30/09/2006	Castles, Fortresses and City Walls http://www.zvkds.si/dekd
Iceland 3/09/2006	Places of Arrival and Departure http://www.formleifavernd.is	Spain 1/09-31/10/2006	A future for our past http://www.mcu.es
Ireland 26/08-03/09/2006	Heritage Week – A celebration of who we are and where we've come from http://www.heritageweek.ie	Spain – Andalusia 1/09-31/10/2006	A future for our past http://www.mcu.es
Italy 23-24/09/2006	Heritage from Afar http://www.beniculturali.it/giornateuropee	Spain – Catalonia 29-30/09/ + 01/10/2006	Youth and Heritage http://www.mheat.net
Latvia 9-10/09/2006	Preservation and Renovation of Historic Interiors http://www.mantojums.lv	Sweden 10/09/2006	Places of Arrival and Departure http://www.raa.se
Liechtenstein 16/09/2006	New Living in a Historical Monument: The "Brendlehouse" at Schellenberg http://www.hba.llv.li	Switzerland 9-10/09/2006	Garden spaces - garden dreams http://www.nike-kultur.ch / http://www.heisenspaziert.ch / http://www.venezvisitez.ch
Lithuania 22/09 - 01/10 2006	Europe, a common heritage. Preserving the past http://www.heritage.lt/EPD.htm	United Kingdom – England 7-10/09/2006	Europe, a common heritage http://www.heritageopendays.org
Luxembourg 9-10/09/2006	Public spaces	United Kingdom – London 16-17/09/2006	Europe, a common heritage http://www.londonopenhouse.org
Monaco 1/10/2006	Heritage of the "Belle Epoque" http://www.gouv.mc	United Kingdom – Northern Ireland 9-10/09/2006	Europe, a common heritage http://www.heritagedays.net
Netherlands 9-10/09/2006	Celebration! Twenty years of Heritage Days http://www.openmonumentendag.nl	United Kingdom – Scotland 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 & 23-24/09/2006	Europe, a common heritage http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk / http://www.scottisharchaeology.org.uk
Norway 16-17/09/2006	Places of Arrival and Departure http://www.kulturminnedagen.net	United Kingdom –Wales 9-10, 16-17 & 23-24/09/2006	Europe, a common heritage http://www.heritagedays.net



European Heritage Days

A joint action
of the Council of Europe
and the European Commission

A brief history

The European Heritage Days (EHD) originated in Granada (Spain) on 3 October 1985, during the 2nd Council of Europe Conference of European Ministers responsible for Architectural Heritage, when the French Minister of Culture suggested that the "Monuments Open Doors" scheme launched in France in 1984 be extended to the European level. Several countries throughout Europe such as the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Malta, Belgium, the United Kingdom (Scotland) and Sweden soon set up similar events.

In 1991, the Council of Europe officially launched the European Heritage Days (EHD) with the support of the European Commission. Since their launch at European level, the EHD have expanded every year. All 49 signatory states of the Council's European Cultural Convention take part in the Heritage Days, which are increasingly popular with the public.

A Liaison Office is in charge of organising the EHD for a specific period – a task assigned to the *Stichting Open Monumentendag (Netherlands Heritage Days Foundation)* from 1991 to 1994, the *Fondation Roi Baudouin (Belgium)* from 1994 to 2000, the *Centro Nacional de Cultura (Portugal)* from 2001 to 2005 and, since April 2006, *Europa Nostra (Netherlands)*.

In 1999, the EHD became a joint Council of Europe/European Commission activity.

A broader view through heritage

The European Heritage Days have several aims:

- raise Europeans' awareness of Europe's cultural diversity and riches;
- create a climate in which appreciation of the rich mosaic of European cultures is fostered;
- combat racism and xenophobia and encourage greater tolerance in Europe across national borders;
- strengthen Europeans' sense of shared identity;
- inform the public and the political authorities about the need to protect cultural heritage against new threats;
- encourage Europe to respond to the social, political and economic challenges it faces.

Common principles

In order to harmonise all the national and regional events and to unite them under the European flag, several principles were defined in 1991:

- the EHD should take place during a week-end in September;
- the EHD enable the general public to visit monuments and sites all over Europe usually closed to the public;
- buildings that are open all year round can be included in the programme, providing that they offer special activities such as guided visits, exhibitions, concerts, lectures;
- the visits should be free of charge or offered at a reduced price;
- the EHD programme should include the organisation of specific activities involving the general public and, in particular, young people and schoolchildren;
- all participating countries are asked to use the official title "European Heritage Days." Countries which set up such programmes under a different name before 1991 are asked clearly to indicate that their events take place as part of the European Heritage Days;
- the logo must appear on all EHD promotional material;
- the slogan "Europe, a common heritage" was adopted for the EHD in 1999;
- the EHD flag should be flown from all buildings open to the public during the event.

The great success of the EHD every year is made possible by the practical application of these principles resulting from the effective international co-ordination and co-operation between the Council of Europe and its partners (the European Commission, the Group of National Co-ordinators and the Liaison Office).

The 49 signatory states of the European Cultural Convention

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, "the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

Useful links

<http://www.jep.coe.int>
<http://www.ehd.coe.int>

Official launch of the 2006 EHD

The 2006 EHD were officially launched on 21 September at the Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg as part of the Russian Federation's Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. The launch was followed on 22 September by an international colloquy on the value of Europe's cultural heritage at Tsarskoye Selo (Catherine Palace).

Themes of the 2006 national events

Albania 25-28/11/2006	Albanian Folk Iso-Polyphony: a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity http://www.mtkrs.gov.al
Andorra 26-27/11/2006	The Iron Route http://www.rutadelferroalspirineus.org/www.fargarossell.ad
Armenia 9-10/09/2006	Views on the Middle Ages http://www.coe.am
Austria 17/09/2006	Water http://www.bda.at
Belgium – Brussels – Capital 16-17/09/2006	Body and Soul http://www.monument.irisnet.be
Belgium – Flanders 10/09/2006	Import/Export http://www.erfgoed-vlaanderen.be
Belgium – Wallonia 09-10/09/2006	Heritage & Citizenship http://www.journeesdupatrimoine.be
Bosnia & Herzegovina 14-19/09/2006	Heritage and Cultural Tourism: The Old Towns http://www.heriquest.com http://www.seecorridors.eu http://www.icomos-bg.org/ehd
Bulgaria 23-25/09/2006	Heritage in the Information Society http://www.min-kulture.hr
Croatia 15-30/09/2006	The Sound of Heritage http://www.moi.gov.cy/tph
Cyprus 24/09/2006	Traditional Arts and Crafts and Social Life
Czech Republic 9-17/09/2006	Imprints of Glorious Names - Historic Buildings with Famous Dwellers http://www.ehd.cz
Denmark 9-10/09/2006	Buildings of the Renaissance http://www.bygningskulturedag.dk/ http://www.kulturarv.dk
Estonia 9/2006	Places of Arrival and Departure http://www.muinas.ee