



BULGARIA AND EUROPEANA

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Intro

Europe's Member States and their cultural heritage institutions are integral to the success of the Europeana Initiative and the data space.

Europe's Member States and their cultural heritage institutions are integral to Europeana's success. Bulgaria has been an indispensable partner to date, supporting Europeana financially, and contributing to its diversity of content.

With content from every EU country (and beyond), an interface available in every EU language, and an award-winning series of APIs that give access to its content, Europeana.eu is the only place that offers up Europe's treasure trove of cultural heritage to the world. By encouraging open licensing, Europeana makes more culture available to more people, so it can be used in education, research and the creative industries.

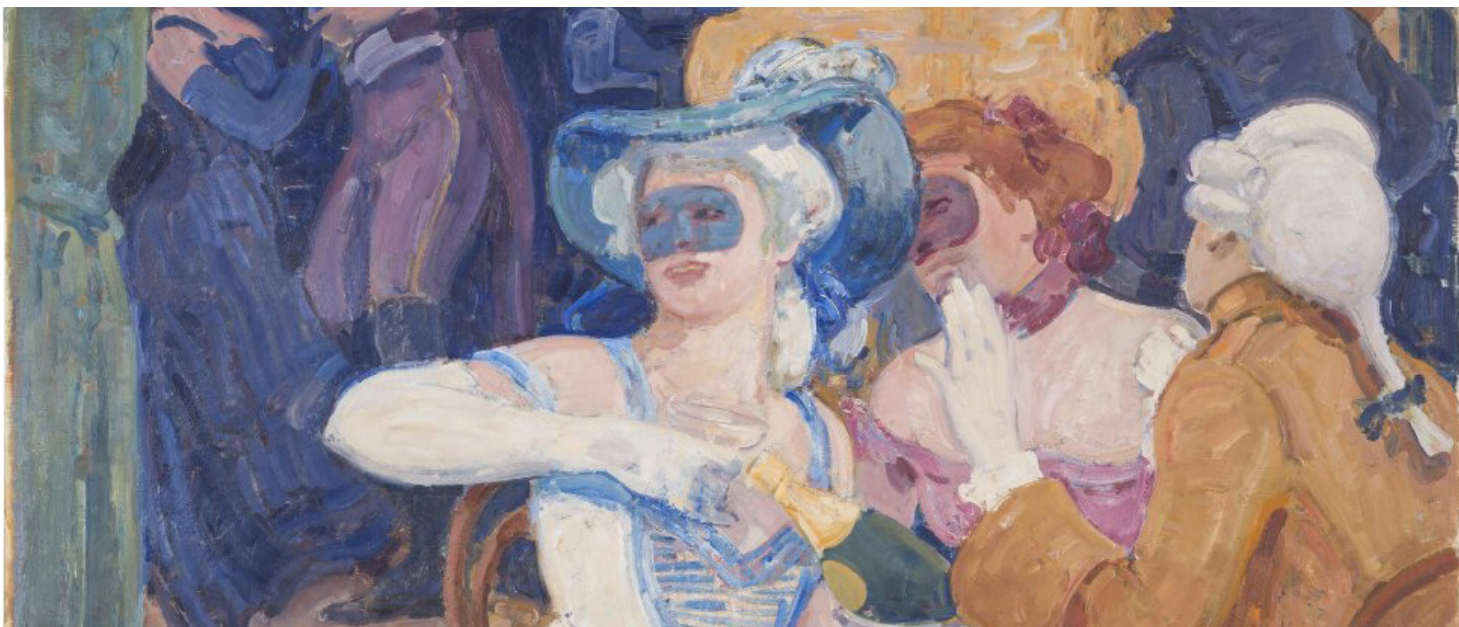


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Presidency of the Council of the European Union

The Spanish Presidency Europeana conference - October 2023

The Spanish Presidency Europeana conference 'Accelerating 3D in the common European data space for cultural heritage: Building capacity for 3D' on 17 Oct was co-organised in collaboration with the Spanish Ministry of Culture and Sports. The conference aimed to contribute to a greater awareness of the EU's ambition for 3D, how cultural heritage institutions in the Member States can prepare for and benefit from it, and the collective efforts that are needed to advance the targets for 3D content in the data space for cultural heritage. [Explore the recordings and presentations.](#)

Europeana Conference under the Swedish Presidency - April 2023

Europeana and the Swedish National Heritage Board co-hosted the conference '[Accelerating 3D in the common European data space for cultural heritage: Why 3D matters](#)' on 18 Apr 2023 at the Museum of Ethnography in Stockholm. The conference explored three-dimensional digitisation of cultural heritage as one of the main aspects of the common European data space for cultural heritage: how to source and make available high-quality, usable and accessible 3D cultural data. Speakers and participants discussed why 3D is important; diversity and variety of content suitable for 3D digitisation; and, some of the opportunities and best practices. Over 400 cultural heritage professionals participated in person and online. Under the Bulgarian Presidency, Bulgaria co-funded the Varna meeting in May 2018.

Funding and projects

To date, **€315,547** from the budget provided by the EU to fund Europeana Initiative projects has contributed to activities in Bulgaria.

No partners from Bulgaria are currently contributing to an ongoing project, which directly support content, knowledge and technology sharing between libraries, museums, archives, software agencies, university research departments and the Europeana Initiative.

Professional participation - Europeana Network Association

The Europeana Network Association is a strong and democratic community of experts working in the field of digital heritage, united by a shared mission to expand and improve access to Europe's digital cultural heritage.

Currently, 44 people from Bulgaria are a Europeana Network Association member, and as such are involved in a range of activities, sharing best practices, learning and collaborating within the cultural heritage sector.

The Europeana Network Association elects a Members Council which plays a crucial role across all the Europeana Initiative's activities. The Members Council is made up of 36 people, including Alexandra Milanova from Institute of Balkan Studies & Centre of Thracology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Bulgaria's culture showcased in Europeana.eu

Europeana.eu features over 53 million objects of which **182,030** are provided by Bulgarian institutions.

Aggregation

All objects aggregated by Bulgaria can be found [here](#). The main point of contact for Bulgaria is Pencho Slaveykov Public Library Varna.

Cultural heritage institutions

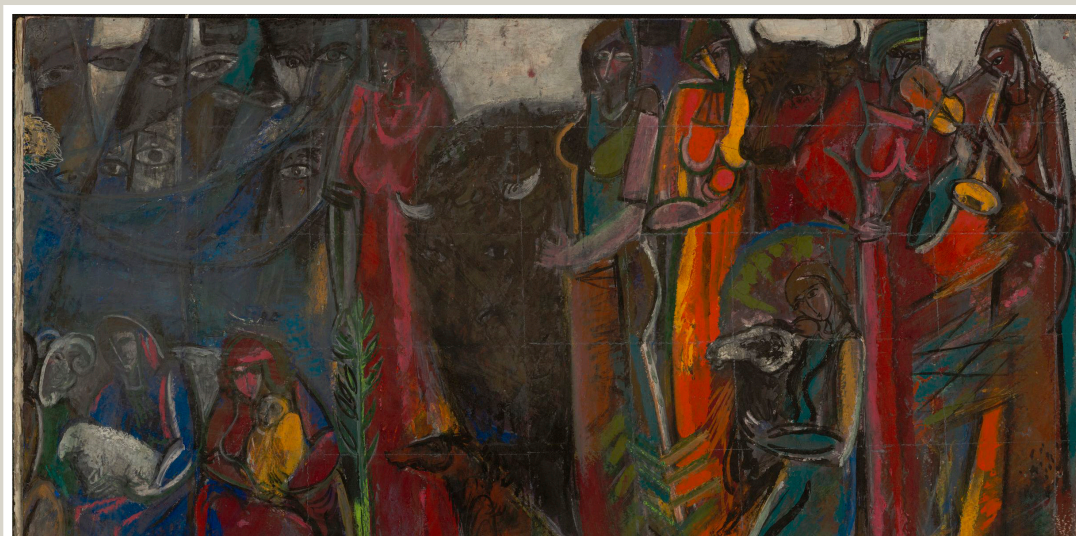
11 cultural heritage institutions in Bulgaria contribute collections to Europeana. The largest partners are listed in the following table. A full breakdown of institutions and objects can be found [here](#).

DATA PARTNERS	OBJECTS ON THE PORTAL
Public Library Pencho Slaveykov, Varna	148,140
National Academic Library and Information System Foundation	15,926
St. St. Cyril and Methodius National Library	2,405
Public Library Stara Zagora	1,004
Institute of Balkan Studies with Center for Thracology	488

Openly licensed data

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