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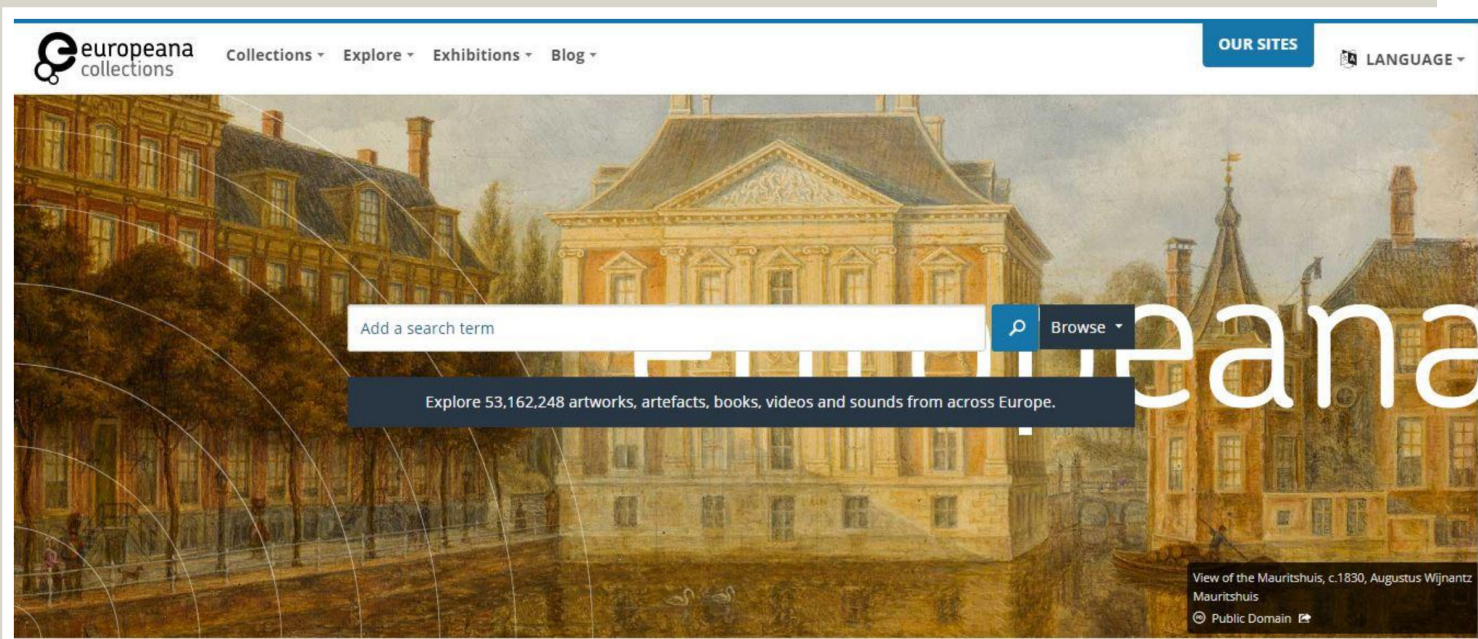
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Intro

The Europeana Initiative drives digital transformation and is responsible for Europeana Collections - Europe's platform for digital cultural heritage. It is financed by the European Union's Connecting Europe Facility and European Union Member States.

Cyprus and its cultural heritage institutions are indispensable partners, supporting the Europeana Initiative and Europeana Foundation financially, and contributing to the diversity of content

available through Europeana Collections. 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 Collections is the only place that offers up Europe's treasure trove of cultural heritage to the world. By encouraging open licensing, the Europeana Initiative makes more culture available to more people, so it can be used in education, research and the creative industries.



Europeana Collections, Europeana, 2018, Public Domain

Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Due to concerns around the coronavirus COVID-19, and for the health and safety of our colleagues, partners and network, the Croatian Ministry of Culture and Europeana decided to cancel the Europeana meeting on the theme of 'impact' planned on 21-22 April 2020 in Zagreb. Despite the event cancellation, our work on developing a practice of impact assessment for the cultural heritage sector continues. Follow updates on the [Europeana Impact community's work](#)¹ on Europeana Pro.

Under the German Presidency of the Council, Europeana's digital conference '[The role of copyright in the digital transformation of the cultural heritage sector](#)²' explores the sector's need for capacity building in this area. Taking place on 5 and 6 October 2020, the event is aimed at EU member states' cultural policymakers, copyright experts and advocates. This online event is structured to ensure a rich interactive experience - encouraging participants to dig deeper into ideas, to share new perspectives and directions, and to offer up valuable insight. The Europeana conference is organised in collaboration with the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek and under the auspices of the German Presidency of the Council of the EU. The event is followed on 7 October by the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek's conference '[Rethinking Culture and Science - Opportunities & challenges of digital transformation in Europe](#)³'.

Highlights

[Discovering Europe](#)⁴

While cultural tourism has been badly affected by the COVID-19 crisis, cultural heritage continues to act as inspiration for individuals across Europe to explore the continent's history, sites and art. In this post, we introduce our '[Discovering Europe](#)⁵' season, which will highlight Europe's rich natural beauty and cultural heritage to inspire travel to local and alternative destinations.

[Working with and for you in the time of COVID-19](#)⁶

Europeana Foundation is exploring innovative and inspiring examples of how the cultural heritage sector is harnessing digital cultural heritage to respond to these challenging times caused by COVID-19, to provide information, support and

Funding and projects

guidance in areas that reflect wider work across the sector.

Since 2008, Cyprus has contributed **€20,000**.

To date, **€398,590** from the budget provided by the EU to fund Europeana Initiative projects has contributed to activities in Cyprus.

Europeana Initiative projects with partial EU funding in Cyprus since 2008 are listed below. 3 partners from Cyprus are currently contributing to ongoing projects, which directly support content, knowledge and technology sharing between libraries, museums, archives, software agencies, university research departments and the Europeana Initiative.

PARTNER	PROJECT	FUNDING (Euro)	ONGOING/ COMPLETED PROJECT
Cyprus Food and Nutrition Museum Somateio	Europeana Food & Drink	60,691	Completed
Cyprus Research and Educational Foundation	Local	142,196	Completed
Ministry of Education and Culture, Cyprus	Europeana Awareness, Common Culture	44,111	Common Ongoing
Cyprus University of Technology	Common Culture	91,646	Ongoing
ThinkCode	Europeana XX	59,947	Ongoing

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, 20 people from Cyprus 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 34 people, including Robert Davies from Cyprus University of Technology.

Cyprus's culture showcased in Europeana Collections

Europeana Collections features over 58 million objects of which **42,675** are provided by Cypriot institutions.

Aggregation

All objects aggregated by Cyprus can be found [here](#)⁷. The main point of contact for Cyprus is Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture (CMOEC).

Cultural heritage institutions

8 cultural heritage institutions in Cyprus contribute collections to Europeana. The partners are listed in the following table.

DATA PARTNERS	OBJECTS ON EUROPEANA COLLECTION
Βιβλιοθήκη του Τεχνολογικού Πανεπιστημίου Κύπρου / Library of Cyprus University of Technology	24,634
Πανεπιστήμιο Κύπρου / University of Cyprus	7,128
Γραφείο Τύπου και Πληροφοριών / Press and Information Office, Republic of Cyprus	5,120
The Cyprus Institute - STARC	4,806
Μουσείο Κυπριακών Τροφίμων και Διατροφής / Cyprus Food and Nutrition Museum	505
Κυπριακή Βιβλιοθήκη / Cyprus Library	471
Υπουργείου Παιδείας και Πολιτισμού της Κύπρου / Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture	10
Byzantine Cyprus	1

Openly licensed data

Openly licensed material can be promoted widely, reaching millions more people, and can be used in innovative products, apps and services that bring culture to the classroom, the newsroom, the science lab and the kickstarters.

0.02% of the **42,675** objects in Europeana provided by Cyprus are [openly licensed](#)⁸. All of these objects are licenced under [CC BY-SA](#)⁹.

Cyprus in Europeana Collections

	2018	2019	2020
Visits to Europeana Collections from Cyprus	3,774	4,608	3,800
Total views of objects from Cyprus worldwide	4,504 ¹⁰	7,343	4,146
Most-viewed object from Cyprus worldwide	Χαλλουμωτή	Χαλλουμωτή ¹¹	Mayor of Limassol presented the Museum with a carnival mask ¹²

70% of visits from Cyprus browsed Europeana Collections in English, 26% in Greek and 4% used other languages.

Objects on thematic Collections:
 Migration: 437
 Art: 1,858
 Sport: 12

End notes

¹ <https://pro.europeana.eu/page/europeana-impact-community>

² <https://pro.europeana.eu/post/digital-conference-for-germany-s-presidency-of-the-council-of-the-european-union-to-explore-copyright>

³ <https://www.dnb.de/EN/Ueber-uns/EU-Ratspraesidentschaft/rethinkingcultureandscience.html>

⁴ <https://pro.europeana.eu/post/introducing-europeana-s-discovering-europe-season>

⁵ <https://www.europeana.eu/en/discovering-europe>

⁶ <https://pro.europeana.eu/page/working-with-you-and-for-you-in-the-time-of-covid-19>

⁷ [http://www.europeana.eu/portal/nl/search?q=%3A*&f\[COUNTRY\]\[\]=cyprus](http://www.europeana.eu/portal/nl/search?q=%3A*&f[COUNTRY][]=cyprus)

⁸ Open data and content can be freely used, modified, and shared by anyone for any purpose - <http://opendefinition.org/>

⁹ You are free to:

Share — copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format

Adapt — remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially. - <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/>

¹⁰ Due to a technical error in our systems we are unfortunately unable to provide data for the period of October 2018 to December 2018. The issue has been resolved, and we will report accurate data from January 2019 onwards

¹¹ https://www.europeana.eu/portal/el/record/2059506/data_foodanddrink_1632.html

¹² https://www.europeana.eu/en/item/2058601/object_CUT_18988173?q=-cyprus



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