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## ISRAEL AND EUROPEANA

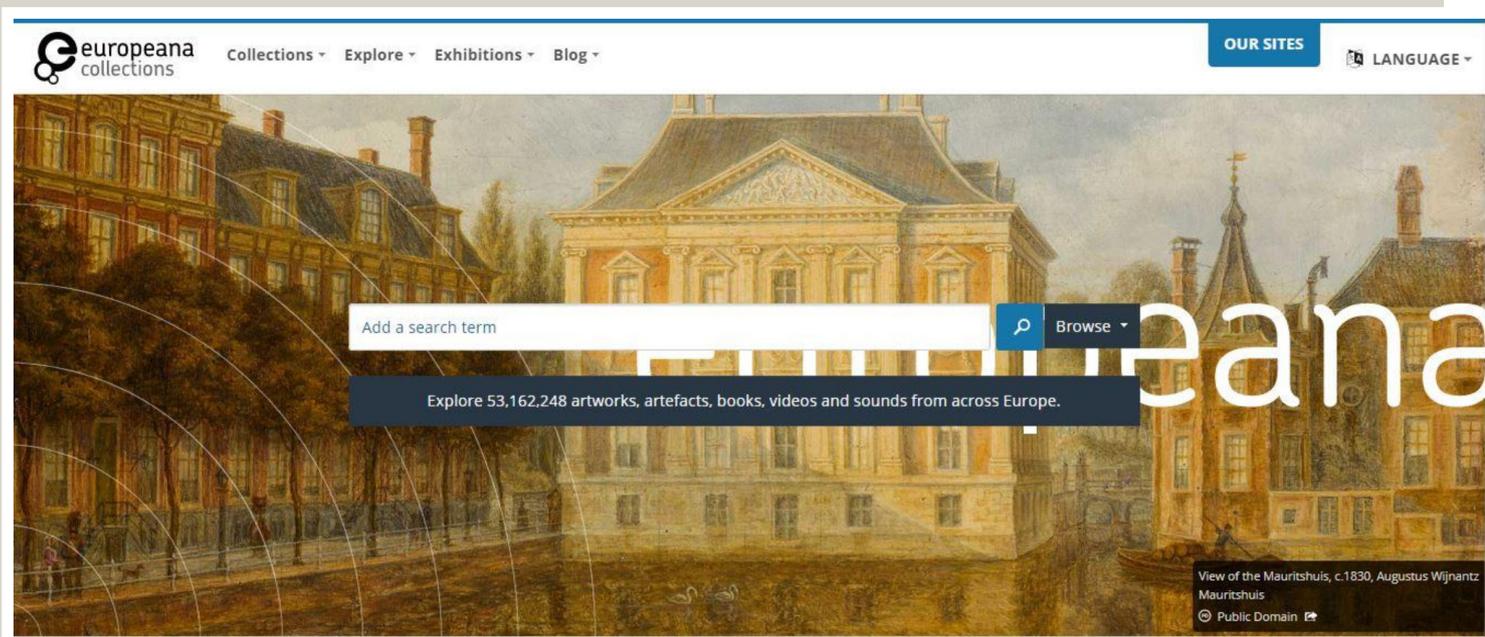
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# Intro

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.

Israel 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

The closing conference of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 was organised jointly by the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on 6 and 7 December. The Europeana Foundation contributed through an engaging co-creation transcribathon at the Austrian National Library where participants transcribed handwritten material from the First World War. The Europeana Foundation

also presented *DX 10: case studies of impact in the age of digital transformation* including Europeana Transcribe, Europeana Migration, SmartSquare, GLAM-WIKI , SMK Open within the meet-up session 'The Impact of Cultural Heritage: a case study'.

## Funding and projects

Since 2008 when Europeana initiative started, Israel has not contributed to Europeana.

To date, Israel has not participated in EU funded Europeana projects.

These projects 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, 13 people from Israel 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 Susan Hazan from The Israel Museum, Jerusalem.

# Israel's culture showcased in Europeana Collections

Europeana Collections features over 58 million objects of which **20,818** are provided by Israeli institutions.

## Aggregation

All objects aggregated by Israel can be found [here](#)<sup>1</sup>.

## Cultural heritage institutions

**3** cultural heritage institutions in Israel contribute collections to Europeana. The largest partners are listed in the following table.

DATA PARTNERS	OBJECTS ON EUROPEANA COLLECTION
National Library of Israel	11,792
The Israel Museum, Jerusalem	8,813
Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design	213

### 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.

**7.5%** of the **20,818** objects in Europeana provided by Israel are [openly licensed](#)<sup>2</sup>. All of these objects are shown with the internationally accredited [Public Domain mark](#)<sup>3</sup>.

## Israel in Europeana Collections

	2016	2017	2018
Visits to Europeana Collections from Israel	12,685	9,119	6,676
Total views of objects from Israel worldwide	6,385	8,162	7,151 <sup>4</sup>

43% of visits from Israel browsed Europeana Collections in Hebrew, 45% in English and 12% used other languages.

Objects on thematic Collections:  
 Migration: 1,118  
 Art: 2,916  
 Natural History: 63

Organic search provides an important traffic source for Europeana Collections, particularly to item pages. The amount of organic search traffic we receive depends largely on the amount of pages indexed by Google. Through 2018, we experienced a drop in the number of indexed pages which contributed to a decrease in overall traffic.

Specific countries may also have been affected by the depublishing of datasets

that don't meet the minimum requirements.

We made efforts to mitigate the issue by working on the sitemap, introducing more context to the data and making improvements in the curated content. We'll continue this work in 2019 and implement a new editorial strategy which will bring more traffic and visibility to high-quality content.

The engagement and impressions on social media, and the downloads and impressions on third-party platforms perform beyond expectations which proves the power of curation and the potential of high-quality material.

## End notes

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/search?q=\\*%3A\\*&f\[COUNTRY\]\[\]=israel](http://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/search?q=*%3A*&f[COUNTRY][]=israel)

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- <https://creativecommons.org/publicdomain/mark/1.0/>

<sup>4</sup> 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



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