

# Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

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## Launching of the new website

The Cultural Routes programme has a brand new website on the Council of Europe portal! We invite you to explore all the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe by theme or by country and discover the role of the EPA and its activities. Short links: [www.coe.int/itineraires](http://www.coe.int/itineraires) (FR) and [www.coe.int/routes](http://www.coe.int/routes) (EN)



## EPA Governing Board 2017

On 27-28 April, the Annual Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes (EPA), which brings together the Members States and Observers of the EPA, met at the Ministry of Culture of Luxembourg. Among the topics discussed by the EPA Governing Board, the regular evaluation cycle 2016-17 and the audition of new candidates routes as well as the Annual Advisory Forum - 30th Anniversary (27-29 September, Lucca, Italy). [Read more](#)



## Visit of His Majesty the King of Spain to the Council of Europe

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of [Spain's](#) accession to the Council of Europe, His Majesty Felipe VI, King of Spain, offered to the Council of Europe, represented by the Secretary General Mr Thorbjørn Jagland (see photo) a gift commemorating "The Santiago de Compostela Pilgrim Routes", first Cultural Route of the Council of Europe, certified in 1987. [Read more](#)



## From the routes

Symposium on Digital Technologies, Ljubljana, Slovenia

On 6-7 April, the European Cemeteries route, certified in 2010, organized a symposium on Digital Technologies in Ljubljana on how new technologies (as Artificial Intelligence, 3D printing and Virtual Reality) will impact cemeteries' management in the future. The EPA on Cultural Routes was represented by Špela Spanžel (Slovenian Ministry of Culture), who presented the Cultural Routes programme, with a focus on routes crossing [Slovenia](#).  
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## Danube Culture Platform

Kick-off meeting, Vienna, Austria

On 20 April was held in Vienna the kick-off meeting of the "Danube Culture Platform", Interreg project lead by the Federal Chancellery of [Austria](#), EPA member state since 2011. As an associated partner, the European Institute of Cultural Routes presented the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme during the workshop "Discovering hidden heritage".  
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## April in brief

- [Saint Olav Ways meeting at the Neimenster Abbey](#) (05-06 April, Luxembourg)
- [Visit of the Ambassador of Austria in Luxembourg](#) (24 April, Luxembourg)
- [Presentation of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme during the UNWTO 1st International Western Silk Road Workshop](#) (26-27 April, Greece)

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