

Youth.Heritage.Europe. Press Release

ESACH Transitions into Youth.Heritage.Europe: A New Chapter for Youth Engagement in Cultural Heritage

Madrid, Spain - The European Students' Association for Cultural Heritage (ESACH) is proud to announce a significant milestone in its evolution. After more than a year of reflection, growth, and transition, ESACH now moves forward under a renewed name and vision: Youth.Heritage.Europe.

Founded in 2017 as an informal, youth-led network ahead of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, ESACH emerged with a clear mission: to place young voices at the heart of Europe's cultural heritage dialogue. What began as a grassroots initiative has since grown into a dynamic and increasingly structured organisation, bringing together students and young professionals passionate about safeguarding, promoting, and reimagining Europe's shared heritage.

Today, the organisation is supported by a dedicated [Coordination Committee of 14 members](#), reflecting both its diversity and its pan-European reach. This growth has paved the way for a natural next step in its development.

With the valued and continuous support of its partners, [Europa Nostra](#), [Hispania Nostra](#) and [Asociatia Culturala „Patrimoniul pentru Viitor”](#), the organisation has officially registered as a legal entity in Madrid, Spain. This achievement marks a turning point, providing Youth.Heritage.Europe. with a solid institutional foundation to enhance its impact, expand its activities, and ensure long-term sustainability across Europe.

Importantly, the transition to Youth.Heritage.Europe. builds on strong and well-established foundations. Flagship programmes such as **The Talks! series** and the organisation's various **Publications** will continue to thrive and evolve, remaining central platforms for debate, knowledge exchange, and youth perspectives on cultural heritage. At the same time, **ESACH's Position Paper** is entering a new phase of development, reflecting the organisation's growing experience, expanding membership, and evolving policy engagement. In parallel, Youth.Heritage.Europe. is strengthening its role and visibility under the auspices of the [European Heritage Hub](#), contributing actively to broader European cooperation and dialogue in the heritage field.

The transition to Youth.Heritage.Europe. represents more than a change of name. It reflects an expanded vision: one that embraces inclusivity, intergenerational dialogue, and the active role of young people in shaping the future of cultural heritage at local, national, and European levels.

Further information about Youth.Heritage.Europe and its ongoing initiatives can be found at www.youth-heritage-europe.org.

About Youth.Heritage.Europe

Youth.Heritage.Europe is a youth-led European network bringing together students and young professionals engaged in cultural heritage. The organisation advocates for youth participation, innovation, and sustainability in heritage-related fields across Europe.

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