

European Partnership for Resilient Cultural Heritage

Summary

What is a European Partnership?

European Partnerships are funding instruments in which the European Commission and private and/or public partners commit themselves to jointly support the development and implementation of a research and innovation program. The aim is to tackle societal problems that no single country could solve on its own, through transnational research projects involving not only researchers, but also practitioners, public administration, and civil society.

The European Partnership for Resilient Cultural Heritage (RCH)

The two main **challenges** that RCH aims at addressing are:

- The limited research and evidence regarding adaptation strategies and the impact of climate and environmental change on cultural heritage.
- The need for enhanced understanding, use and recognition of how cultural heritage can inform policies and guide implementation measures, including the role of traditional and local knowledge.

The activities within RCH will follow the directions of the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) and of its three priority areas.

Cultural Heritage and Environment:

Strengthening resilience by improving risk mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Safeguarding and sustaining cultural heritage, bringing together cultural heritage and climate research, to promote the development of diverse adaptive solutions.

Cultural Heritage and Society: Enhancing the resilience of society.

Analysing complex dynamics and interconnected challenges at the intersection of society and cultural heritage, focusing on the primary role of communities.

Cultural Heritage and Governance:

Seizing opportunities for sustainable development.

Strengthening cultural heritage governance and management to better harness cultural heritage for a just, resilient, and climate neutral future.



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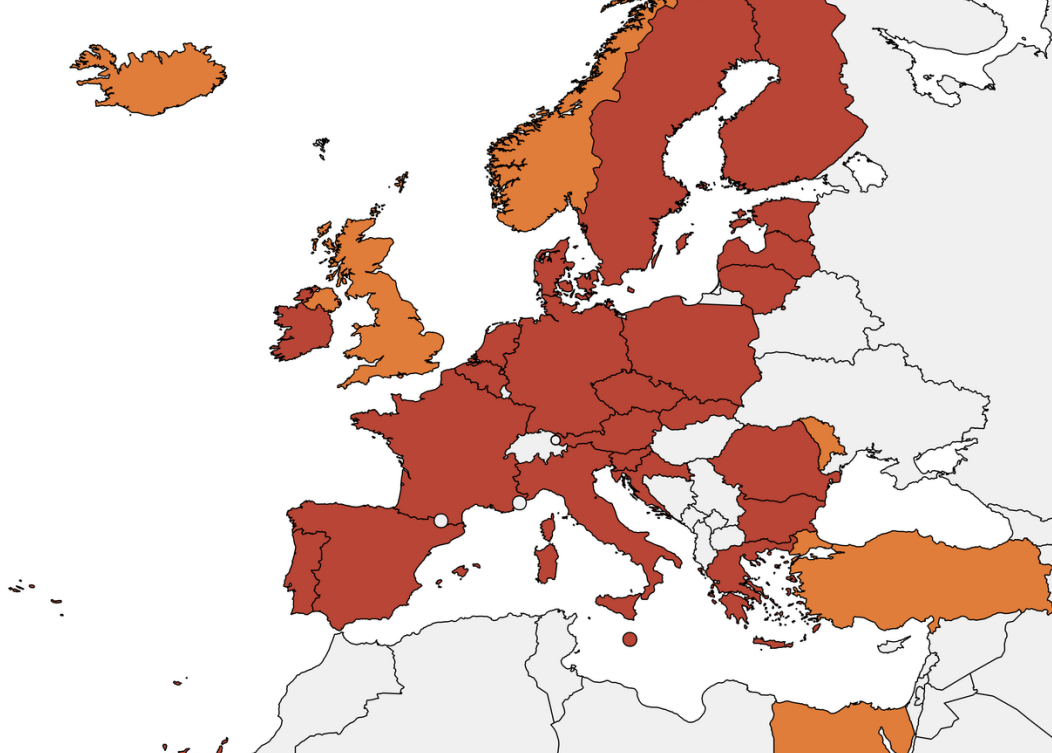
Ministries, funding organisations, universities, cultural institutions, etc

30 countries

24 EU Member States and
6 Horizon Europe Associated
Countries

Coordinator

Fondation des Sciences du
Patrimoine (France)



Global operating framework

Co-funded by the European Union and 30 EU Member States/Horizon Europe Associated Countries, the RCH Partnership is set to last **10 years** (2026 - 2035). The estimated budget of **215M€** will be allocated to :

- The **launch of 7 joint transnational calls** (JTC) for research projects.
- The **implementation of a set of “additional activities”** that aim at valorising and disseminating research results:
 - Mapping and strengthening regional, national and transnational ecosystems
 - Engaging interdisciplinary communities
 - Building capacities
 - Accelerating transfer to policy and society (pilot living labs)
 - Strategic Foresight and SRIA updates
 - Monitoring results and assessing impact
 - Fostering international collaboration
 - Communication, dissemination and exploitation

Save the dates!

- **29 September 2026** – Kick-off event in Marseille at the Mucem
- **Autumn 2026** – Launch of the first JTC “Laying the foundations: risk and impact assessment and management” (temporary title)
- **5-15 October 2026** – First capacity building activity (Athens and online)



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