

BEST PRACTICE MEMORIES OF TRAVEL – THE EUROPEAN MIGRATION PROJECT IN ROMANIA



Short description

Looking at migration to and from Europe historically, Europeana aims to show that the geographical moving of people makes culture richer. Our cultural heritage shows us that the Europe we inhabit today is the result of a flow of people and ideas and that migration is woven through and enriches our everyday lives in many ways.

Throughout 2018, the European Year of Cultural Heritage, Europeana ran a series of collection days and events involving museums, libraries, archives, and audiovisual collections across Europe that specialize in or are interested in the theme of migration.

People young and old were invited to join in online - contributing to and exploring a migration thematic collection on the Europeana Collections website - and at cultural heritage organisations - by participating at museum events where they shared their personal migration stories, with material such as pictures, diaries, videos, and letters.

A short video about Europeana Migration: <https://youtu.be/l2E0GJycWOc>

In the frame of the Europeana Migration project, Europeana organized 18 collection days in 12 countries collaborating with several museums, galleries, libraries, and archives across Europe.

The paper describes the outcomes of the Europeana Migration campaign in Romania, organized in partnership with the Library of the 'Lucian Blaga' University in Sibiu in July 2018.

Here people have shared their migration stories and have brought also pictures, postcards, embroideries, or other objects that had a particular significance to them. Their stories, memories, and 'the values they have brought with them' in the new territories and sometimes back home, illustrate the richness of our cultural heritage and common history. They also emphasize the fact that Europe today is the result of a rich flow of people, ideas, and values, and in fact migration enriches our everyday lives in many ways.

Title of the practice

Paper title: Memories of Travel – The Europeana Migration project in Romania

Event title: Roads of Remembrance and Identity – Migration Stories from Romania

Target group

Migrants from 20 to 90 years old from Romania

Institutions involved

Library of the "Lucian Blaga" University, Sibiu
Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Romanian Academy in Sibiu

Goals / objectives

The Europe we inhabit today is the result of migration, as generation after generation of people spread across the continent and beyond and carried their ideas, values and traditions with them.

The goal of the project was to use people's objects and memorabilia, ranging from family photographs to letters and postcards or recipes to create a digital archive that tells the story of Europe and the people who live here. These objects and stories are harvested alongside items from museums across Europe, the digital archive being available for all to discover and use for education, research, inspiration or pleasure.

Success factors

The video and presentation below summarise the campaign, its objectives, outcomes, and our insights. - <https://youtu.be/kRjXIM8tuPs>

Europeana Migration collection days in numbers:

- More than 600 stories were shared, with nearly 1,000 objects digitized at museums, galleries, libraries, and archives throughout Europe
- 18 collection day events took place in 12 countries
- More than 3,000 people attended
- Stories are available in 16 languages, from 100 countries across the world

The Europeana Migration event in Romania has been held on 13-14 July 2018 at the University Library 'Lucian Blaga' in Sibiu, in cooperation with the Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Romanian Academy in Sibiu. At this event, entitled Roads of Remembrance and Identity – Migration Stories from Romania, contributors of different ages (from 20 to 90 years old) took part and shared their personal or their family's migration story.

Stories of the migrants from the event which took place in Sibiu, Romania:
www.shorturl.at/grP19

Links of the source

<http://library.ifla.org/id/eprint/2694/1/s06-2019-roiu-en.pdf>

<https://pro.europeana.eu/page/europeana-migration>

