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# Call for European Heritage Days Stories 2023



# Competitive Grant Award Procedure

Are you an organiser of a project involving European cultural heritage that you would like to share with the rest of Europe? Then we would like to hear your Story!

The Call for European Heritage Days Stories is open to communities who want to share their experiences of safeguarding and promoting European Heritage, with a view to developing a project based on their Story.

Stories from shortlisted eligible organisations will be invited to apply for a grant of up to €10 000 to fund an activity-focused community project.





# What Is The Call For European Heritage Days Stories?

The Call for European Heritage Days Stories is a competitive grant award initiative organised through the European Heritage Days joint action of the Council of Europe and the European Commission. The initiative aims to identify and enhance the European dimension of heritage work undertaken by heritage communities in Europe.

## The objectives of the initiative are:

- To encourage people to engage with Europe's cultural heritage and to reinforce a sense of belonging to the European common space.
- To collect testimonies/stories that give an insight into how communities interpret European dimension of local heritage.
- To identify and promote communities working with heritage in line with European values and with a long-term perspective of collaboration.
- To reward communities for their efforts.
- To motivate and encourage communities to participate in the European Heritage Days.

# Who Can Apply?

- European Heritage Days communities from the 48 countries participating in the EHD programme in 2023<sup>1</sup>
- European Heritage Award/Europa Nostra Award winners
- European Heritage Label sites.

All applicants must have hosted or organised at least one European Heritage Days event during at least one of the past four EHD seasons (that is, between 17 August 2019 and 31 October 2022).

It is also expected that applicants will plan to host or organise an EHD event during 2023.

## How Do I Apply?

You can submit your Story and brief project proposal through the online application form which will be available between **17 January 2023** and **28 February 2023**.

Visit the **European Heritage Days Stories** page for more information.

Please note that Stories and project proposals must be submitted **in English or French**.

<sup>1</sup> Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom.



# What Are The Important Dates?

The Call for European Heritage Days Stories consists of two parts - the call for Stories and the grant application procedure.

**17 January 2023:** Launch of the Call

Stories and brief project proposals can be submitted using the **online application form which will be available on the EHD website**.

**28 February 2023:** Deadline for submission of Stories and brief project proposals.

**1 - 31 March 2023:** Assessment of Stories by the Pre-selection Committee.

**5 April 2023:** Invitation of the 20 highest ranking Stories to submit a detailed grant application, consisting of a comprehensive project proposal and full budget breakdown.

**5 May 2023:** Deadline for submission of grant applications.

**9 May - 9 June 2023:** Assessment of grant applications by the European panel.

Taking into account the detailed project proposal and budget, along with the selection and award criteria, the European panel will select a minimum of 10 European Stories eligible to receive a grant.

**15 June 2023: Final selection of project proposals**

Selected Stories that have been nominated to receive a grant will be notified in June 2023.

All grant-awarded projects will be published in the EHD newsletter, as well as on the **EHD website** and through **#EuropeanHeritageDays** social media channels.

Project activities should begin between 1 July and 31 October 2023 and be completed by the end of March 2024.

**This pamphlet is intended as an introductory guide only and is not legally binding for the Council of Europe or the European Commission.**

**The comprehensive Legal Terms and Conditions of the 2023 Call for European Heritage Days Stories - including detailed information on the competitive grant award procedure, eligibility criteria, pre-selection award criteria, and final selection award criteria - are available for consultation on the EHD website: [www.europeanheritagedays.com/Story](http://www.europeanheritagedays.com/Story)**



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