CitizenHeritage, citizen science and participation in cultural heritage

CitizenHeritage, funded within the Erasmus+ programme of European Commission, takes the Citizen Science approach to the world of cultural heritage, where the digital realm creates new opportunities to reach out to broader audiences and facilitate community building.

The project encourages **Citizen Science in cultural heritage through the application of crowdsourcing and co-creation tools leveraging open digital collections of European heritage**. CitizenHeritage includes three universities (KU Leuven, National Technical University of Athens and Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam), two Europeana domain aggregators (Photoconsortium and European Fashion Heritage Association) and one specialized SME (Web2Learn).

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The project will deliver **a full cycle of Citizen Science activities across two years** (2021-2023), that will allow citizens to contribute both on a short and middle to long-term period to participate in higher education and scientific open access outputs. The activities will be coordinated by the universities through their scientific networks and integrated with the university training of students.

These events are planned online for 2021 but hopefully in physical venues later, if that will be possible according to the development of covid-19 situation in Europe. The events are realized in collaboration with a network of European partners, and comprise:

workshops to enable citizen participation and citizen science activities with digital cultural heritage collections
seminars and outreach events to disseminate the project's methodology, resources, tools and results and enable further replication and uptake by others, thus multiplying the project's impactto a larger community of stakeholders

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