RICHES websites and blog

http://riches-project.eu/index.html
Home Page

The RICHES resources website has been developed in the framework of RICHES, a project co-funded by the European Union’s Seventh Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration. It has been designed to make available to the public the main results of the RICHES project.

The aim of this website is to present an overview of the most important results achieved so far in RICHES.

RICHES' research fields and activities produce a series of outcomes, which can be classified in the following two main areas:

- Resources related to RESEARCH, which include: scientific publications; co-creation practices and toolkits; a taxonomy aimed at outlining the conceptual field of digital technologies applied to cultural heritage; an interactive showcase presenting case studies related to the status of digital heritage mediated by memory institutions, such as libraries and museums, allowing interested users to contribute other relevant suggestions; other case study reports such as virtual performances; data and statistics.

- Resources related to POLICIES, which include: policy reports and recommendations to support the development of new policy for enhancing cultural heritage; foresight studies to support the development of strategic agendas and joint programming in Europe; reports of the Policy Seminars organised by the project; information about the networking activities and how to join the RICHES network; list of useful links to European, National and International policies on cultural heritage.

RICHES Resources Home Page

http://resources.riches-project.eu/
RICHES blog – snapshot of the home page
http://www.digitalmeetsculture.net/projects/riches/
Image of project partners taken at the end of the Kick-off meeting
Development of the RICHES Cultural Heritage taxonomy

Taxonomy discussion captured during the Barcelona Workshop
Final panel session at the workshop to Build the Project’s Foundation

Image from the RICHES Taxonomy flyer
Transformation of building/district; part of the research on the context of change.

Image of the building before its transformation

A transformed image of the Frieda 23 building
3D Animation of the future school of Media and Art – Frieda 23
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FaZ91JML15g

Hamamönü District of Ankara before and after the restoration

Identity, belonging, territorial and social cohesion

Figure: Floral procession, Zundert (source: traditie.nl)
Research on the history of Flamenco as a form of identity

A week-long series of events celebrating flamenco culture

¡FLAMENKO COVENTRY!

Nov 3rd - 7th Coventry University Ellen Terry
Workshop of Food experts in Pisa, June 2015
Co-creation imagined as an iterative and creative process between heritage institutions and stakeholders.

Drawing by Douwe-Sjoerd Boschman, Waag Society.
Testing the co-creation toolkit

From DIY to studio craft skills. A continuum (Woolley 2007)
DECOLONIZE THE MUSEUM

an intervention project

The Tropenmuseum is a museum for people and about people. Therefore, it is important to us to be in direct contact with our visitors. Over the past year we have held several conversations with young people from across Amsterdam. Our aim was to hear their opinions about our exhibitions. It became clear that young people with cultural-diverse backgrounds were critical of a number of aspects of our museum presentation. For example: our depiction of the colonial period was too positive, minimizing its negative impact, and our approach on history is too much from a western perspective.

We value the criticism of this group of young people because we want to be a museum where people from all cultural backgrounds feel welcome. They have made us rethink what could be changed, or should be changed. It is through these conversations that the project Decolonize the Museum emerged.

As part of this project you will find text panels in the museum with uncensored personal experiences, reactions and criticisms from the young people. We would like to stimulate your responds and reflections on our perspective on today’s world and on the history that created the world we live in.

We will gladly take your remarks and suggestions into account in developing new museum presentations.

Via #DecolonizetheMuseum you can respond directly to the text of the young people. You can also mail to info@wereldculturen.nl for general remarks on our presentations.

Management Tropenmuseum, Afrika Museum and Museum Volkenkunde

New text in place at the Tropenmuseum
Economic factors for Cultural Heritage

3D restitutions visualisations with AR advanced technology used at the Empúries archaeological site

Publication of institutions digitised collections online per country
Explore the Showcase

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Here below is the list of examples and best practices which have been collected so far. It is possible to filter the list by clicking on one of the keywords on the top. The examples labelled with "(ext)") have been suggested by people outside the RICHES consortium. RICHES does not endorse their content in any way.

Image of the RICHES interactive showcase
A representation of virtual performance, recorded simultaneously in two locations

RICHES literature

RICHES Policy Briefs: 8 were written
RICHES Think Papers: 8 were written
European cultural heritage is of exceptional economic importance and has the power to support economic growth and regional development. The potential of Europe's cultural heritage became even greater with the onset of digital technology which has revolutionised societies and transformed the way in which cultural heritage is produced, accessed, communicated, participated in and disseminated. Engaging with digital technologies and adopting collaborative working practices can result in many new forms of access, interpretation, social inclusion and enhanced visitor experience. This has many benefits for the creative economy such as the potential to increase consumption, attract new audiences and to improve revenue.

Within the RICHES project we investigate fiscal and economic aspects of cultural consumption in the European Union. One of the available and yet underappreciated tools in cultural policy at the national level is the reduction of VAT rates for cultural goods and services. We explore the potential of fiscal incentives by introducing a theoretical model, which is then tested using data for all EU countries in the period of the last two decades.
DIGITAL LIBRARIES, COLLECTIONS, EXHIBITIONS AND USERS. EXPLORING THE STATUS OF DIGITAL HERITAGE MEDIATED BY MEMORY INSTITUTIONS.

Digital technologies are deeply transforming the ways in which heritage institutions mediate their collections and interact with their audiences. Responding to a growing and persistent demand for digital content, institutions make available large amounts of curated digital resources for study and scholarly research, for discovery and creative reuse, for enjoyment, education and learning.

This study explores the status of digital heritage mediated by libraries and museums by means of five case studies, in which the results of the research will be illustrated and validated through evaluation with end-users.

DIGITAL LIBRARIES, COLLECTIONS, EXHIBITIONS: WHAT DO USERS ENJOY AND WHAT CONSTRAINTS HOLD USERS BACK?

Re-using the content aggregated in digital libraries, memory institutions are experimenting with the creation of digital collections and digital exhibitions, where they show precious objects and complement the digital records with, for example, stories, contextual information and interactive features. Three case studies investigate applications in the domain of digital libraries, digital collections and digital exhibitions developed by cultural heritage institutions in Germany and Turkey. They focus on the users in terms of needs, expectations and required skills. Interviews with library and museum professionals involved in the development of the selected applications will give valuable insights into the institutional choices that shape the mediation and communication of digital heritage. The evidence collected will support the outline of best practices, with the
Food has played a vital role in the formation of European cultural heritage. The production of food has shaped Europe's rural landscapes, whilst spaces for buying and eating food shape cityscapes, ranging from distinctive restaurant quarters and local food markets, to anonymous peri-urban hypermarkets. Food is integral to everyday behaviours as well as moments of special celebration. It shapes individual and collective identities in a multitude of ways, symbolising nations and evoking individual memories of home.

In many European cities and regions, local food movements aim to recover the 'true' meaning of food, restoring it to a more central role in the social and cultural lives of people and communities. In the context of rapid urbanization and the emergence of convenience culture, many local food movements have a strong commitment to reviving or defending traditional food cultures that are
RICHES project events

Image of the video made by I2CAT of the first project Workshop in Barcelona; available on the RICHES YouTube channel

RICHES International conference website page
The busy conference room in Pisa, December 2014

Co-creation presentation at the Pisa Conference (photo by Rudy Pessina)
The Poster Session at the Pisa conference (photo by Rudy Pessina)

Workshop introductions from the Project Coordinator in Ankara, May 2015
Project Coordinators Neil Forbes and Mauro Fazio at the launch of the Berlin Charter

Amsterdam conference Identity Matters booklet, April 2016