



DYNAMICS OF THE DURABLE. A History of Making Things Last in the Visual and Decorative Arts.

Fact Sheet

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DURARE

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Project description

Studying the history of durability in art

Many materials are affected by age. Some stand the test of time a lot better than others. What about historical artefacts? Artisans have worked stone and metal and created dyes and pigments that never fade. They have also made surface coatings to protect more brittle materials. The EU-funded DURARE project will investigate the impact of the artisan and patron's ambitions to craft durable objects in the realm of

visual and decorative arts. The project will also map the social practices influencing durability and how humans learned about the stability and behaviour of materials over time. The findings will help advance methods of cultural heritage conservation.

Fields of science (EuroSciVoc)

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