

The University Network of the European Capitals of Culture UNeECC

The European Culture Capitals and Months
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What is UNEECC?

- A group of Universities and Higher Education Institutions in cities which have been, are, or have been appointed to be European Capitals of Culture
- www.uneecc.co

The President & Board



- 40 member universities from 20 countries,
- North to South; East to West Europe
- ‘old’ and ‘new’ EU Member States and Candidate countries.
- New & old universities
- Secretariat Pecs, Hungary

Members

- 1. Lessius Hogeschool, Antwerpen
<http://www.lessius-ho.be/>
- 2. Universiteit Antwerpen, Antwerpen
<http://www.ua.ac.be>
- 3. University of Athens, Athen
<http://www.uoa.gr>
- 4. University of Avignon, Avignon
<http://www.univ-avignon.fr>
- 5. University degli Studi Bologna, Bologna
<http://www.unibo.it>
- 6. College of Europe, Bruges and Warsaw
<http://www.coleurop.be>
- 7. ICHEC Brussels Management School, Bruxelles
<http://www.ichec.be>
- 8. Cork Institute of Technology, Cork
<http://www.cit.ie>
- 9. University College Cork, Cork
<http://www.ucc.ie>
- 10. University degli Studi Genova, Genova
<http://www.unige.it>
- 11. Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow
<http://www.caledonian.ac.uk>
- 12. FH Joanneum - University of Applied Sciences, Graz
<http://www.fh-joanneum.at>
- 13. Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki
<http://www.haaga-helia.fi/en>
- 14. Bahcesehir University, Istanbul
<http://www.bahcesehir.edu.tr>
- 15. Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul
<http://www.itu.edu.tr>
- 16. Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul
<http://www.bilgi.edu.tr/>
- 17. Isik University, Istanbul
<http://www.isikun.edu.tr>
- 18. Fatih University, Istanbul
<http://www.fatih.edu.tr>
- 19. Agricultural University of Krakow, Krakow
<http://www.ar.krakow.pl>
- 20. Cracow University of Economics, Krakow
<http://janek.ae.krakow.pl>
- 21. The Pontifical Academy of Theology in Krakow
<http://www.pat.krakow.pl>
- 22. Lille 2 Université du Droit et de la Santé, Lille
<http://www.univ-lille2.fr>
- 23. Lille Catholic University, Lille
<http://www.univ-catholille.fr>
- 24. University of Lille 1, Science and Technology, Lille
<http://www.univ-lille1.fr>
- 25. Kunstuniversität Linz, Linz
<http://www.khs-linz.ac.at>
- 26. Johannes Kepler Universität, Linz
<http://www.jku.at>
- 27. Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool
<http://www.hope.ac.uk>
- 28. The University of Liverpool, Liverpool
<http://www.liv.ac.uk>
- 29. Université du Luxembourg, Luxembourg
<http://www.uni.lu>
- 30. Universidad Alfonso X el Sabio, Madrid
<http://www.uax.es>
- 31. Universidad Complutense Madrid, Madrid
<http://www.ucm.es>
- 32. University of Patras, Patras
<http://www.upatras.gr>
- 33. University of Pécs, Pécs
<http://www.pte.hu>
- 34. University Fernando Pessoa, Porto
<http://www.ufp.pt>
- 35. Erasmus University Rotterdam, Rotterdam
<http://www.eur.nl>
- 36. Universidad de Salamanca, Salamanca
<http://www.usal.es>
- 37. "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Sibiu
<http://www.ulbsibiu.ro>
- 38. University of Stavanger, Stavanger
<http://www.uis.no>
- 39. Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Vilnius
<http://www.vgtu.lt>
- 40. Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius
<http://www.mruni.lt>



Cities

- Antwerp (2)
- Athens
- Avignon
- Bologna
- Bruges
- Brussels
- Cork (2)
- Genoa
- Glasgow
- Graz
- Helsinki
- Istanbul (5)
- Krakow (3)
- Lille (3)
- Linz (2)
- Liverpool (2)
- Luxembourg
- Madrid
- Patras
- Pecs
- Porto
- Rotterdam
- Salamanca
- Sibiu
- Stavanager
- Vilnius



Aims

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- to ensure the recognition of the role and contribution of universities to the success of the cities conferred the title "European Capital of Culture"
- to provide the member universities with a possibility of a continuous and full participation in the European Capitals of Culture movement enhanced by "Universities of the Year"
- to foster inter-university cooperation to develop and reshape the universities' regional position to create new activities for city and university collaboration
- *To contribute to the success of the Capital of Culture years?*
- *To contribute to the overall aims of the Capital of Culture movement?*

Activities

- the development of cultural identities for “Cities of Culture and Education” through cooperation of universities, cities and regions
- coordination of the ideas and actions of its members through regular exchange of information on issues of common interest
- promotion of cooperation in the organization of conferences and festivals
- the preparation of common educational programs (e.g. joint degree projects, summer universities, internships, placements)
- the furthering of cultural, higher educational and community research
- encouraging mobility network for students and staff



History?

- 2006 1-2 December Founding Assembly Pecs Hungary
- 2007 28-30 January Antwerp, Belgium Board Meeting
- 2007 20-22 June Krakow, Poland Miniconference '*Benefits of Being the European Capital of Culture*'
- 2007 25-26 October Sibiu, Romania Conference '*Town & Gown*'



Town & Gown

- One welcome and business day
- One scientific day
- am and pm sessions with 2 parallel sessions
- 23 presentations
- 15 by member organisations



Town and Gown

- The meaning of cultural politics: How does being a ECC affect local cultural traditions? Why does a city want to be a ECC in the first place? Why is it good for a university to be located in a ECC town? 5
- The relationship between local traditions and European culture: How can a city/region with its local identity define/re-invent itself as a European Capital of Culture? 9
- The importance of the European Capital of Culture movement: Place branding, local culture vs. European vocation 5
- The geography of European Capitals of Culture: Are ECC European cultural 'capitals'? A Joint session with Herodot Network 4



Stavanger 2008

IRSI/UiS Study

- involvement of inhabitants in the Capital of Culture events
- effect of Capital of Culture participation on attitudes towards cultural life
- Effect of the Capital of Culture events, vision and values on the beliefs and attitudes of the population

Summit (Nobel Peace) 10-12 September: Annan, Geldof, Gorbachev, Tutu:

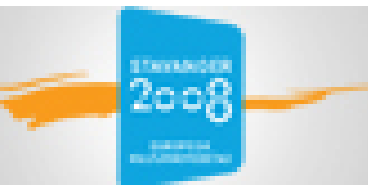
- Free Media in international and local conflicts and peace processes.
- Cultural dialogue and free media
Limited Energy resources as source to conflicts
- Media and youth/ students & children in conflict and reconciliation

Youth Summit 1-14 September

- autumn 2007 to September 2008: groups of 25-30 youth: The role of media and youth/ students & children in conflict and reconciliation
- 2 to 4 participants from the groups meet at the Youth Summit in Norway
- Reporting to their homegroups when coming back

Songs Across Borders

- Large scale concert - filling the harbour
- National and international musicians
- Music that will change our thinking



Liverpool Hope 2008

- The Big Hope: World Youth Congress
- Capital of Culture
- Year of Intercultural Dialogue
- 1000 (UK 250; Europe 250; world 500)
- 18-35 year-olds
- Leaders
- Faith
- www.hope.ac.uk/thebighope

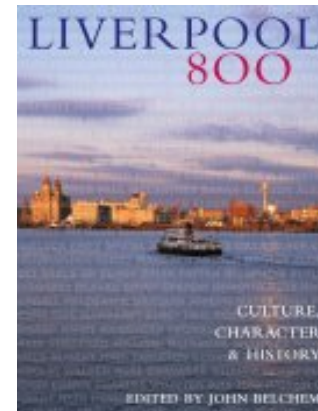
- Integrity and Public Life
- Humane Global Society
- Role of Individuals

Through

- Arts, Sport & Culture
- Business
- Education
- Environment
- Human Rights & Reconciliation

University of Liverpool 2008

- Drummond Bone Vice Chancellor and Capital of Culture Board
- John Belchem Pro Vice Chancellor *Liverpool 800*
- Victoria Gallery & Museum
- Impact08 Study
- British Association for the Arts & Sciences



John Moores University 2008

- Roscoe Capital of Culture Lecture Series
- Public Art Commission
- Art & Design Academy £24m



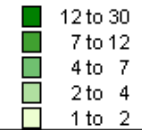
Success?

- Greater involvement of Universities in CoC
- Published research
- Conferences
- Teaching on CoC
- New curricula (Masters & Undergraduate)
- More and better staff and student mobility
- More and better collaboration and mutual support between universities
- Sibiu: 23 sessions 15 members 4 city links

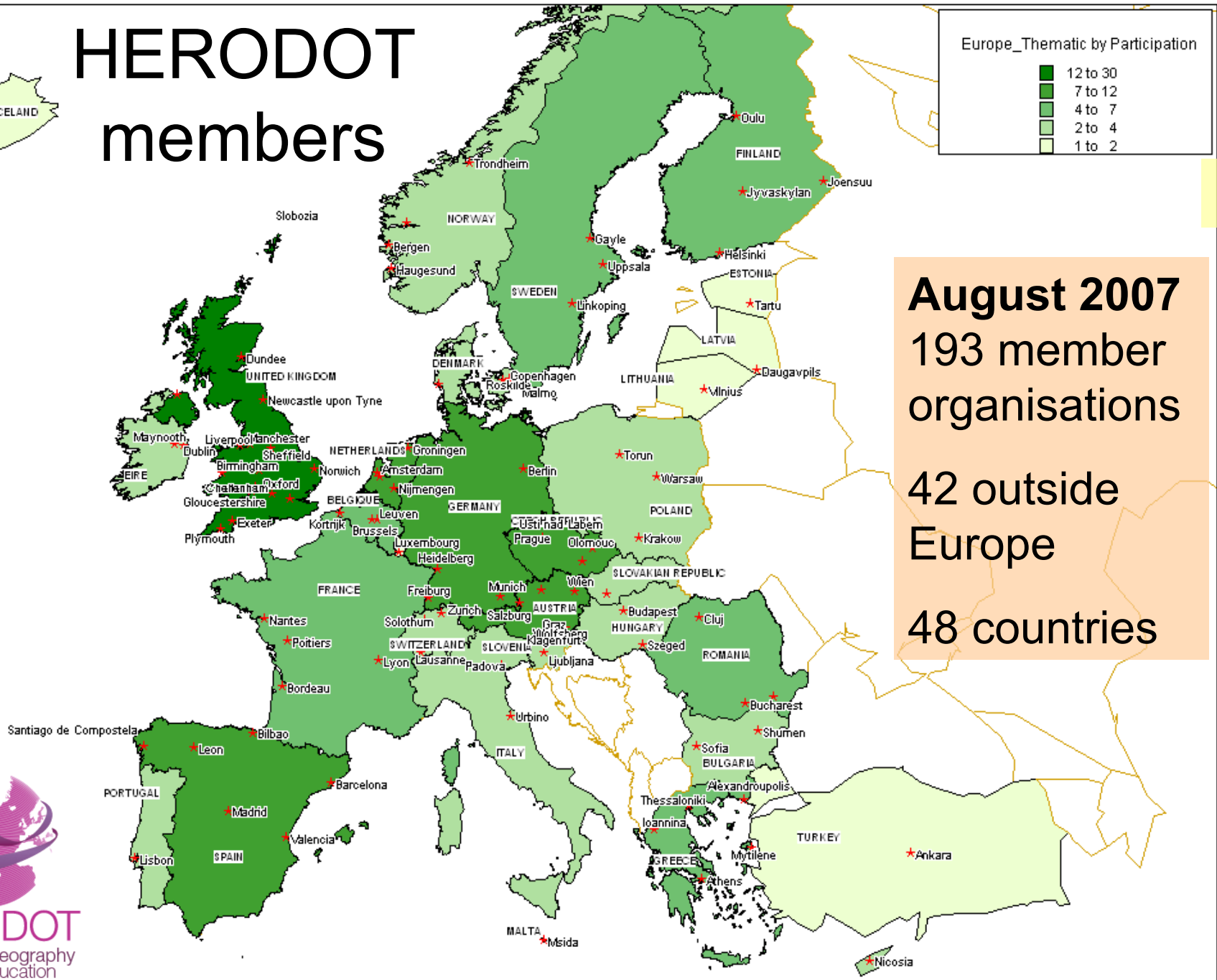


HERODOT members

Europe_Thematic by Participation



August 2007
193 member organisations
42 outside Europe
48 countries





Since 2004

<http://www.herodot.net>

- Socrates thematic network
- Promotes good practise, professional development
- Connects many international academic organisations (including students)
- 5 books + 2 in press
- 2 proceedings
- 2 CDs + 1 in press
- 2 major European reports
- 15 e-newsletters (3 or 4 a year)
- 4 large conferences
- 4 large events with other organisations
- 10 workshops/seminars
- 7 other meetings
- 4 Steering group meetings (in 5 years) - try to minimise this and tend to have focus groups to plan the future or do specific work, rather than meetings
- dissemination of activities at c. 25 other events across Europe and beyond (Asia, US, Argentina)

Challenges?

- Gravy train: pleasant cities, good conversation, tasty food and ????
- Exist to exist
- Benefits for individuals v universities v cities v European culture
- Sense of purpose, achievement and value added
- Sustainability

Thank You!

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