

**EU_CUL at ESREA Triennial Conference in Belgrade, Serbia
September 19-22, 2019**



On September 19 to 22, 2019 the EU_CUL partners organized a symposium in the framework of the triennial conference of ESREA, held in Belgrade, Serbia. The aim of the symposium was to contribute to the discussion on the third mission of the European universities, especially in terms of addressing current social challenges, using cultural heritage as a medium evoking and opening critical discussion on the very nature of its challenges in different countries (and specific communities).

The Symposium focused on the discussion around the preliminary results of the first project output, comparative research report on mapping the cooperation of universities and local partners. Researchers from Poland, Sweden, Spain and Cyprus presented and discussed their findings on how different communities perceive the role of the university in the local environment and what is the state of the art in mapping relationships and modes of cooperation between universities, social actors, institutions involved in the fostering cultural heritage and addressing social challenges of local communities.

The presentations of each partner:

Researching cultural heritage and European Universities. Educational benefits of comparative inquiry, Ewa Kurantowicz (Poland)

From interdisciplinary research to public engagement. Case of Centre for Critical Heritage Study of Gothenburg University, Adrianna Nizinska (Sweden)

Arts and academia – joint efforts for social inclusion and participation. Case of Malaga, Clotilde Lechuga-Jimenez and Carmen Cortés-Zaborras (Spain)

Mapping the cooperation of universities and social partners aimed at educational and social exploration of Cultural Heritage (CH) in Cyprus, Maria N. Gravani (Cyprus)

Overall, the Symposium was a great opportunity for sharing the very interesting preliminary results of the EU_CUL project, and to trigger creative discussions among the conference participants.