RESILIENT ROMA HERITAGE
REACH PILOT IN HUNGARY BY ELTE
2017–2020

OBJECTIVES

Analysing and contextualising the cultural heritage of marginalised minorities, focusing on Roma heritage in Hungary and showing how the institutionalisation of their (re)appropriated cultural heritage can result in the economic and social revival of their communities

Collecting examples of participatory activities and good examples of community-led heritage management and re-use

Familiarising and canonising a mostly ignored culture, and also reaching out to Roma communities by allowing them to rediscover their own cultural history

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METHODS

Theoretical research on Roma cultural heritage

Observation of participatory approaches & community-involvement

Building cross-collaborations through local encounters, meetings and interviews

RESULTS

Approximately 30 meetings were held with a wide-range of stakeholders, leading to a number of good practice cases being identified

Connecting organisations that would never have come into contact, having been isolated and even unaware of each other (geographically, socially and professionally)

Proactive role in the design of the pilot activities which meant a fundamental change in the observer/researcher role into one with multiple roles of researcher, initiator, facilitator and organiser of local encounters, events, meetings, conferences, museum visits, excursions, interviews and exhibitions

Intensifying participatory practices, promoting a marginalised and often hidden cultural heritage to a wider public, accentuating educational channeling

Recognition and amplification of the importance of Roma cultural heritage in Hungary by increasing the visibility of the existing Roma cultural organisations and by creating a network for collaboration and cross-fertilization

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RESILIENT CULTURAL HERITAGE & COMMUNITIES

Practices to engage and mobilise inhabitants and build connectedness among them through cultural heritage

Fostering certain forms of heritage practices which can serve as reserves to achieve social cohesion

Understanding resilience as a process allows conceptualisation of the democratization process of heritage ownership, its impact on social cohesion, the preservation of local identity through time and the strategic thinking behind that

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