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Free Photography > Free Content > Community

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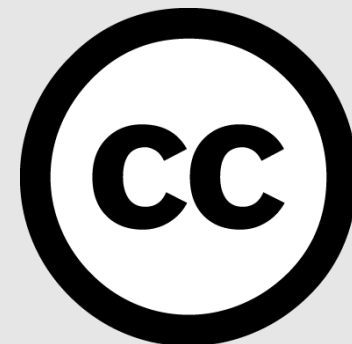
What?



Wiki Loves Monuments is a photography contest for **Freely licensed** pictures of historical monuments organized by the Wikimedia foundation and various Wikipedia contributors around the world. Everything is released under a Wikipedia compatible license, the images are available on the Commons (commons.wikimedia.org)



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The Free Encyclopedia



Why?



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- A presentation about Free **content** at a Free **graphics** conference;
- **Free Culture** is equally important as **Free software**;
- Free software **developers** can make use of the Free content;
- An useful asset for **designers**;
- We are all **community**.





Netherlands 2010



- Pilot run;
- Around 12,500 images gathered;
- A solid base to build upon



Europe 2011



Image from <http://wikilovesmonuments.eu>

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bei 36 und 66 Grad Nord

- 17 participating countries (Andorra, Austria, Belgium + Luxembourg, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland);
- 172,444 images in a single month (September 2011)!
- Enormous, success, beyond any expectation



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World 2011



Image from <http://wikilovesmonuments.eu>

- 31 countries confirmed participation;
- 16 are announced intention;
- The list is open... How about **YOU**?

Organization (2011)



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A **federative** contest: each country hold its own contest with its own jury, prizes, budget and sponsors, the top 10 images, as voted by the local jury, then the winners go in the final and be judged by an International jury (composed by photographers, wikipedians, culture people).

Judging criteria:

- Technical quality (Sharpness, use of light, perspective etc.)
- Originality / setting
- Usefulness of the image on Wikipedia

Prizes:

- A full scholarship to Wikimania 2012 in Washington, D.C.
- Aiptek P8 3D digital Photoframe 20,3 cm (8") & the respective photo on aluminium (40 cm x 60 cm), offered by Europeana
- A 20 minute touring flight over the most western point of Europe, Cabo da Roca in Portugal (travel to Portugal not included), offered by Air Nimbus
- A one-year subscription to www.guygowan.com, a website with course material on photo editing, and a Guy Gowan DVD.
- A week stay in the St Petersburg (Russia) art-hotel "Rachmaninoff" (travel not included)

Tools: MediaWiki and Commons



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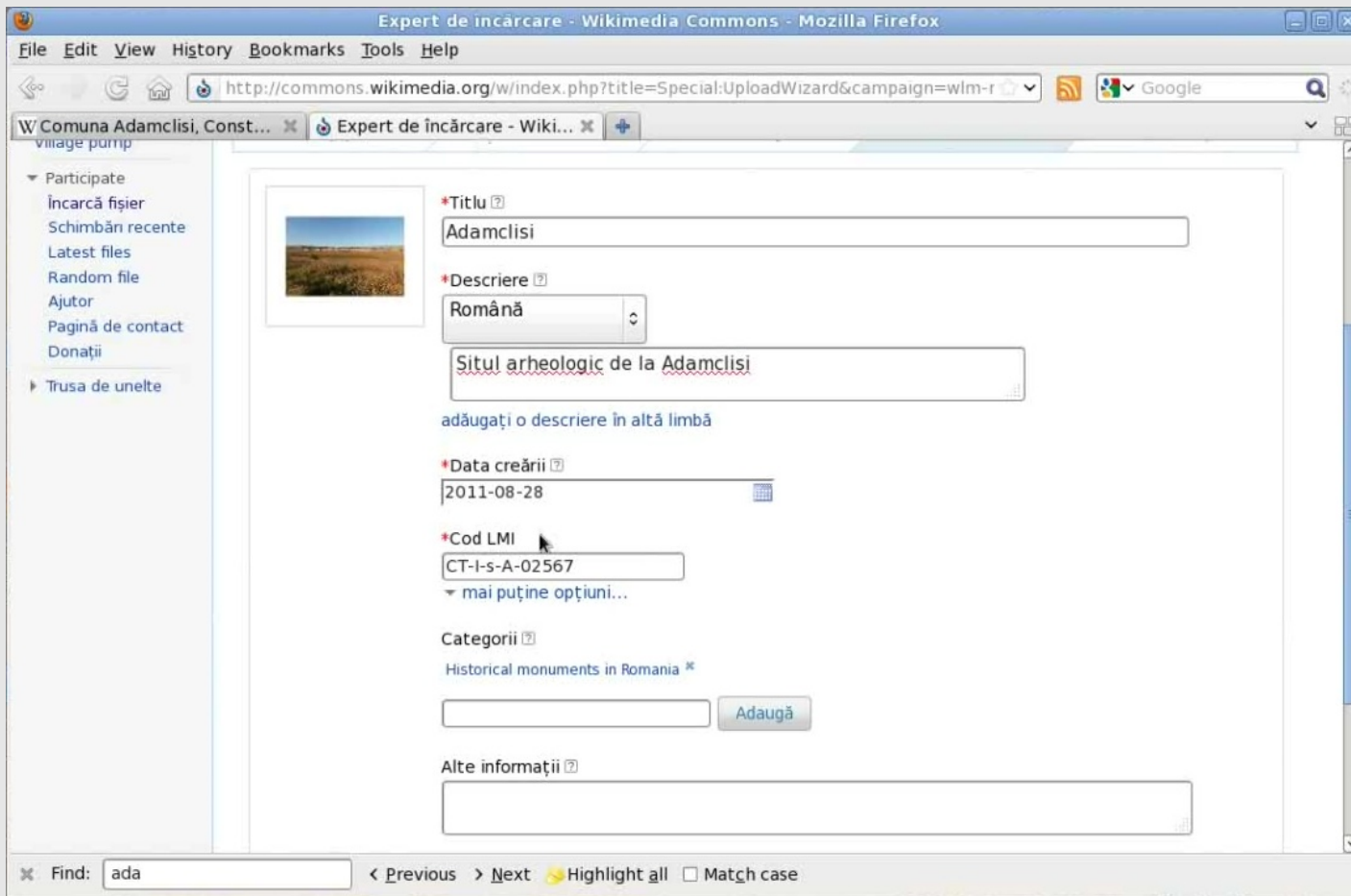
A screenshot of a Mozilla Firefox browser window showing the Commons:Wiki Loves Monuments 2012 page. The browser's address bar shows the URL commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wiki_Loves_Monuments_2012. The page title is "Commons:Wiki Loves Monuments 2012" and it is noted as being redirected from "Wiki Loves Monuments 2012". The page features a navigation menu with options like "Main page", "Countries", "Timeline", "Progress", "Documentation", "Tools", "FAQ", "Media", "Sponsors", "Contact", and "Discuss". A large central graphic displays the Wiki Loves Monuments logo. Below the logo, a text box states: "This is a Wikimedia Commons portal page. If you want to contribute photographs now you can go to the Commons upload page directly. If you want your photographs to participate in the contest you will have to wait until September 2012." Further down, a paragraph explains that the contest is a global public photo contest around monuments, organized by Wikimedia chapters and groups, and mentions that in 2010 it was first organized in the Netherlands and in 2011 it was organized in 18 European countries. A final line states that more than 167,000 pictures of European monuments were uploaded in 2011. A "Contents" section is visible at the bottom left of the main content area, listing "1 Concept", "2 Participating countries", and "3 Timeline".

Is Wikimedia: Wiki tools everywhere

Tools: Customization



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Heavy customization and additional scripting

Tools: Image gathering - Commons

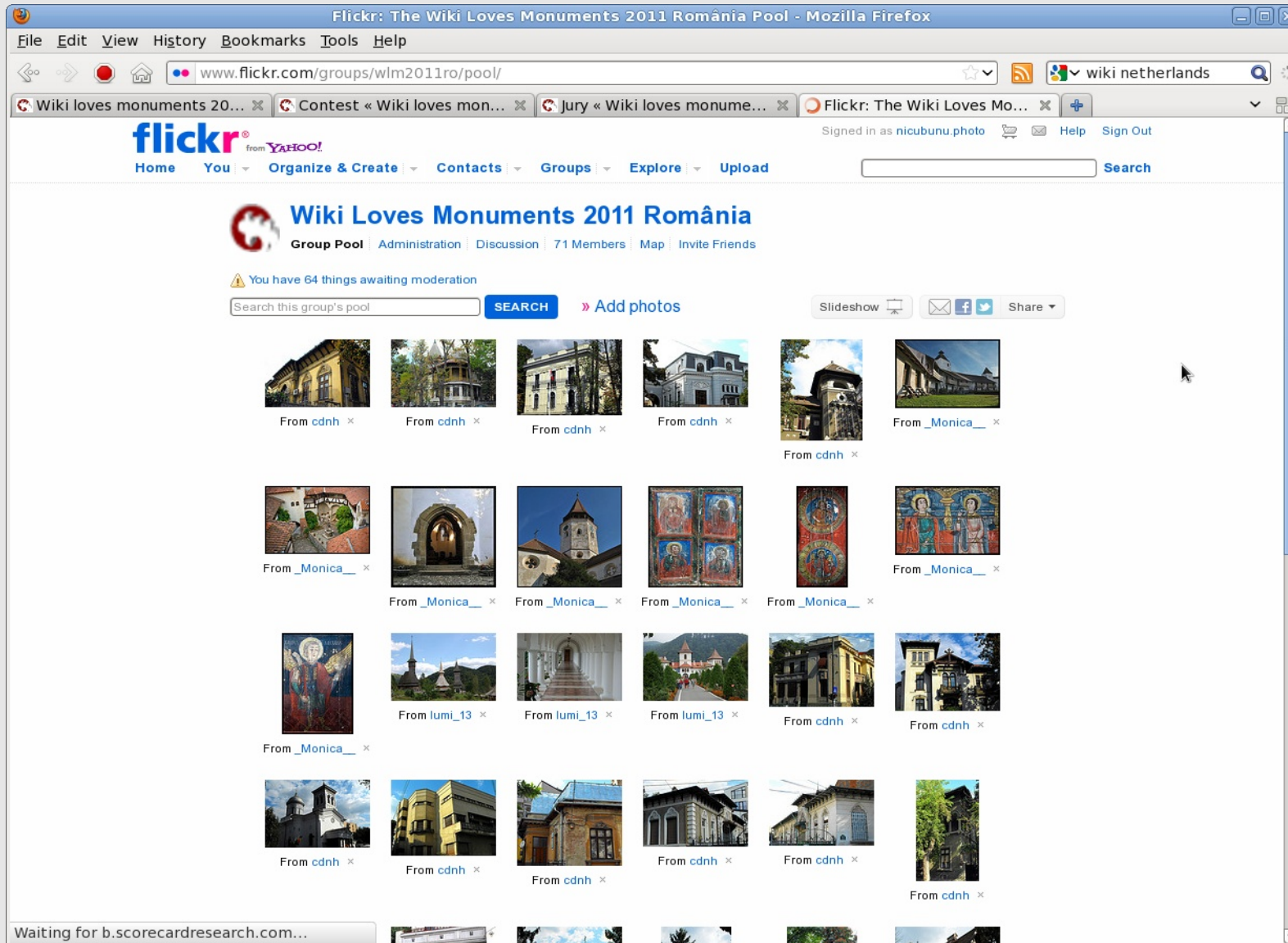


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A screenshot of a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the Wikimedia Commons page for the category "Category:Images from Wiki Loves Monuments 2011 in Romania". The browser's address bar shows the URL "commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Images_from_Wiki_Loves_Monuments_2011_in_Romania". The page features a sidebar on the left with navigation links like "Main Page", "Welcome", and "Participate". The main content area includes a header for the category, a notice about image uploads, a list of languages for translation, a warning about manual category additions, a "Contents" table, a "Subcategories" section listing subcategories like "Flickr images from Wiki Loves Monuments 2011 in Romania" and "Winners of Wiki Loves Monuments 2011 in Romania", and a "Media in category" section showing a grid of image thumbnails.

Commons: the canonical place for uploading photos, making Heavy use of MediaWiki categories

Tools: Image gathering - what teams need



- Teams have a choice of tools, also flickr was used by some
- In Romania, the Commons : Flickr ratio about 5 : 1

Tools: websites - blogs (WordPress)



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Wiki loves monuments 2011 European Website - Mozilla Firefox

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The Wikipedia photo contest around European monuments

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PARTICIPATE! CONTEST AWARDS JURY PARTNERS

Wiki Loves Monuments 2012

Wiki Loves Monuments is an international photo contest around cultural heritage monuments in September. Starting from the Netherlands in 2010 and organized on a European level in 2011, we go global in 2012!

Everybody can participate and improve Wikipedia in their local and regional neighbourhood. Cultural heritage is everywhere around you, you just need to look and learn!

In every participating country you can win awards, and the best photos in each country continues to the international jury – which will select the best monument photos in 2012.

Make sure to keep track of this blog for more information, updates and glimpses how things are going in other countries!

posted 01-01-2012 by Lodewijk

Welcome Barbara!

With an increasing number of participating countries for Wiki Loves Monuments this year (30 countries indicated their interest and counting!) we have an international coordination team of four Wiki Loves Monuments 2012 organizers. However, even with four

Photo counter
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Photos have been uploaded for Wiki Loves Monuments all over Europe!

Recent articles

- Welcome Barbara!
- WLM travels to Ukraine & the Czech Republic
- Layar Monuments App for your Smartphone
- Monumental videos
- Wiki Loves Monuments 2012

Finalists

- All country finalists

Local WLM Websites

- Andorra
- Austria
- Belgium + Luxembourg
- Denmark
- Estonia
- France

- International contest: WordPress
- The choice of every local team
- Most used WordPress (templates provided)

Tools: communication - mailing list (Mailman)



WikiLovesMonuments Info Page - Mozilla Firefox

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wikimedia.org https://lists.wikimedia.org/mailman/listinfo/wikilovesmonuments

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WikiLovesMonuments -- Wiki Loves Monuments Photograph Competition

About WikiLovesMonuments

View this page in
English (USA)

This is the mailing list for coordination between the people, groups, and chapters organizing the [international Wiki Loves Monuments](#) event scheduled for September 2012.

To see the collection of prior postings to the list, visit the [WikiLovesMonuments Archives](#).

Using WikiLovesMonuments

To post a message to all the list members, send email to wikilovesmonuments@lists.wikimedia.org.

You can subscribe to the list, or change your existing subscription, in the sections below.

Subscribing to WikiLovesMonuments

Subscribe to WikiLovesMonuments by filling out the following form.

You will be sent email requesting confirmation, to prevent others from gratuitously subscribing you. This is a private list, which means that the list of members is not available to non-members.

Your email address:

Your name (optional):

You may enter a privacy password below. This provides only mild security, but should prevent others from messing with your subscription. **Do not use a valuable password** as it will occasionally be emailed back to you in cleartext.

If you choose not to enter a password, one will be automatically generated for you, and it will be sent to you once you've confirmed your subscription. You can always request a mail-back of your password when you edit your personal options.

Pick a password:

- International team: Mailman mailing list
- Local teams: own choice

A variety of tools:

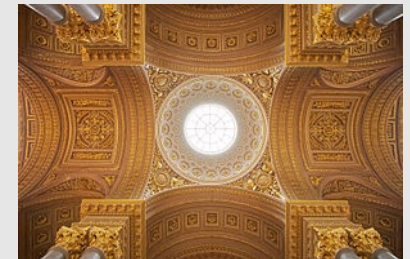
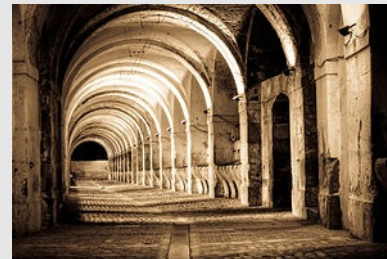
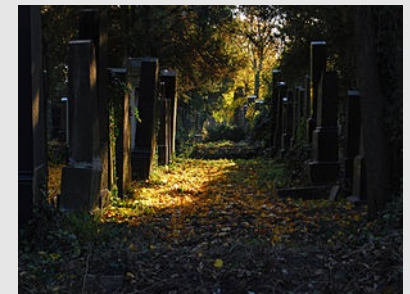
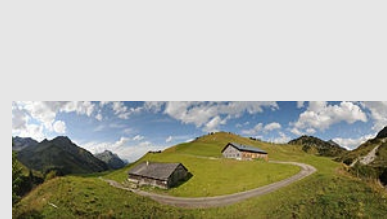
- From a custom MediaWiki interface from Portugal (sources available)
- To an USB stick containing the pictures, distributed to jury members
- In Romania: a shared spreadsheet (Google Docs)

Pretty pictures



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12 finalists





One “big winner”



“Winter picture of Chiajna Monastery. The monastery is situated on the outskirts of Bucharest”

By Mihai Petre, released under CC-BY-SA

Usage: enrich Wikipedia



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A screenshot of a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the Wikipedia article for 'Chiajna Monastery'. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chiajna_Monastery'. The article title is 'Chiajna Monastery' and it includes a 'Coordinates' field with the value '44°28′45″N 25°59′53″E'. The main text describes the monastery as a ruined church on the outskirts of Bucharest, known for its legends and as a national heritage site. A photograph of the stone building in a snowy landscape is included. The article has sections for 'History' and 'Legends'. The left sidebar contains navigation links for Wikipedia, and the bottom of the article shows the start of a list of legends.

Some of the content made its way on Wikipedia.
Is up to Wikipedia contributors

Usage: do whatever you want (Free license)



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The pics are here and they are Free, you can make use of them.
Example: the European calendar

Usage: society



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Cultura romana pe Intern... Europeana - Homepage

Asociația pentru Tehnologie și Internet

Susținem o lume digitală liberă prin promovarea vieții private, libertății de exprimare și a tehnologiilor deschise pe Internet.

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25 Noi 2011 Bogdan Manolea

Acasă

Cultura romana pe Internet si licentele deschise

Astazi am trimis, impreuna cu alte asociatii si persoane interesate de subiect, o **scrisoare deschisa catre Ministerul Culturii și Patrimoniului National** pe tema patrimoniului cultural romanesc aflat pe Internet și care poate fi afisat la **Europeana.eu**. Pina acum sunt vreo 36 000 de opere romanesti incarcate acolo, insa tinta stabilita de UE pentru Roamnia este de 789 000 pina in 2011. Pare mult, insa daca ne uitam doar la recentul concurs **WikiLovesMonuments** gasim aproape 6000 de imagini sub o licenta libera (deci care permit reutilizarea lor si incarcarea in Europeana.eu) ale patrimoniului cultural imobil romanesc. <!--break--> Aceasta situatie ne determina sa intrebam ce o sa faca Ministerul Culturii pentru a profita de aceste opere sub licenta libera, ca si alte cinci intrebari conexe:

1. Ce acțiuni are in vedere Ministerul Culturii și Patrimoniului National in scopul implementării recomandărilor Comisiei Europene referitoare la conținutul digital, în general, și atingerii obiectivului indicativ de 789.000 de elemente cu care România ar trebui să contribuie la alimentarea Europeana în următorii patru ani, în particular?
2. Ce atribuții/responsabilități are Ministerul Culturii și Patrimoniului National în raport cu Europeana și cu participarea României la alimentarea bibliotecii Europeana și care este entitatea/persoana din cadrul Ministerului care îndeplinește aceste atribuții?
3. Care sunt celelalte Ministerse sau entități publice și/sau private cu care Ministerul Culturii și Patrimoniului National colaborează în sensul îndeplinirii recomandărilor pentru contribuția României la Europeana?
4. În ce măsură Ministerul Culturii și Patrimoniului National întreprinde acțiuni pentru a încuraja și/sau a permite persoane(lor) fizice sau juridice deținătoare de drepturi de autor pentru materialele culturale digitalizate, să

http://apti.ro/

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europena.eu/portal/

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Featured search: Television heritage on Europeana

World War 1 family history roadshows in 5 countries, spring 2012 (opens in a new window)

Exhibitions: Yiddish Theatre in London

Exhibition: Wiki Loves Art Nouveau

From the blog

Ministers on Europeana: Alena Hanáková Velislav's Bible (Velislav biblia picta): Czech "comics" from the mid 14th Century If there is a media that suits the current time best then it is neither a ...

Saint George's Day: The Day of the Book Today is the feast day of Saint George, celebrated in several countries, regions and cities of which he is the patron saint, including: England, Catalonia, C...

Birthday of Joan Miró "For me, a picture should be like sparks. It must dazzle like the beauty of a woman or a poem. It must have radiance; it must be like those stones which Pyre...

Featured item

Vitruvian Man The Vitruvian Man is a world-renowned drawing created by Leonardo da Vinci circa 1487. It is accompanied by notes based on the work of the famed architect, Vitruvius.

Social media activities

Requiem KV 626 | Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus 8 people recommend this.

La Joconde - Gioconda & Mona Lisa | Leonardo da Vinci 61 people recommend this.

Europeana - Homepage 4,380 people recommend this.

Saint Patrick banishing the reptiles from Ireland, Coloured 79 people recommend this.

Solar and Lunar Eclipses, in A Collection of Astronomical Treatises 88 people recommend this.

Romania: civil society ask the Ministry of Culture to use the images for **Europeana.eu** (European cultural portal)

Problems

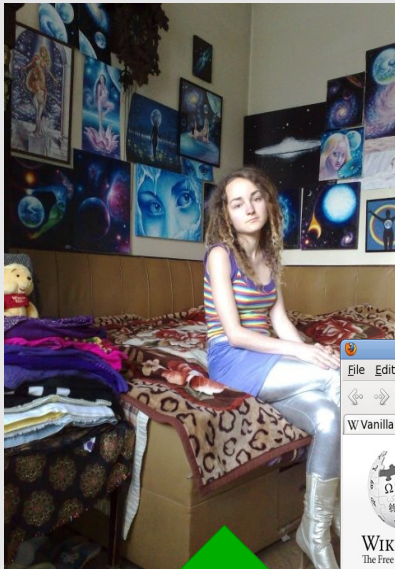


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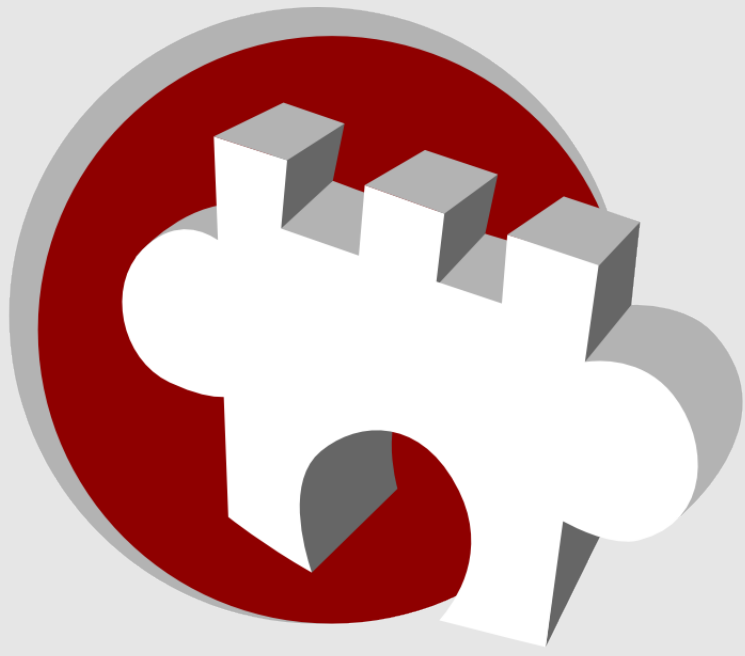
Not everything roses:

- Problems with people understanding licenses (mostly on flickr);
- Problems with monument codes;
- Some historical monuments are still protected by copyright (so unusable on Wikipedia);
- Everybody goes for low-hanging fruits (well known monuments);
- Problems with manually uploading pictures to Commons;
- Problems migrating data from other services (flickr);
- Not easy to extract statistics (needs API programming);
- Not easy to sort through huge amounts of data (for jury)





Corina is a painter, researches Wikipedia about “vanilla” and becomes the first (by number of submissions) Romanian contributor (about 640 images)



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Questions?

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