

# Showcasing Ireland's success in European Research Programmes



**Research Area:**  
Environmental Technologies  
including Cultural Heritage

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta  
The Heritage Council



## Joint Programme Initiative Cultural Heritage and Global Change: A new challenge for Europe



'The Heritage Council Strategic Plan for 2012-2016 pin-points involvement in international projects as a key focus area.

Our participation in the JPICH will showcase the importance of our heritage, promote the skills of our people and provide opportunities for learning, innovation and collaboration.

The Heritage Council looks forward to continuing to work with our European partners over the coming years.'

### Michael Starrett

Chief Executive, the Heritage Council of Ireland



Uragh Stone Circle (megaliths),  
Co. Kerry, Ireland

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The protection of Europe's unique cultural heritage resource in an era of unprecedented global change is an issue of major concern for decision-makers, stakeholders and citizens in Europe. The JPI on Cultural Heritage and Global Change considers the tangible, intangible and digital cultural heritage of Europe in the context of numerous contemporary drivers for change, including – but not limited to – climate change, environmental change, technological change, economic and financial change, social and demographic change, and changing patterns of use.

A co-ordinated approach at European Level is needed in order that effective strategies, methodologies and tools for safeguarding and adapting cultural heritage resources can be developed and put in place, based on excellent research, sound science and a coherent European philosophy. The JPI Cultural Heritage provides such a framework, allowing member states to jointly address areas where public research programmes can respond to some of the major challenges facing cultural heritage in the 21st century.

The JPI Cultural Heritage currently includes some 24 member states and associated countries and has recently launched its first Pilot Call for joint research proposals.

The vision and activities of the JPI Cultural Heritage are implemented by the members of the FP7-funded JHEP Co-ordination Action, which will run for 36 months, from October 2011-October 2014.

For further information, please see:

[www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu](http://www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu)

[www.heritageportal.eu](http://www.heritageportal.eu)

## Contribution from Ireland

The Heritage Council of Ireland – An Chomhairle Oidhreachta – manages Ireland’s contribution to the JPI Cultural Heritage, in conjunction with the Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

The Heritage Council is a full participating member of the JHEP Coordination Action, set up in order to implement the aims and objectives of the JPI Cultural Heritage, and has direct responsibility for Work Package 6 – Communications and Dissemination. This includes management of the JPI’s outreach website [www.heritageportal.eu](http://www.heritageportal.eu)

Our participation ensures that Ireland is directly involved in shaping and implementing the Strategic Research Agenda for Cultural Heritage in Europe, and we are pleased to be taking part in the first pilot call launched by the JPI Cultural Heritage, which is currently open to international submissions.

## Project Details

**Title:** JHEP [Coordination Action in support of the JPI Cultural Heritage and Global Change]

**Area:** FP7-JPROG-2011-RTD

**Start Date:** October 2011

**Duration:** 36 months

**Project Cost:** €2,242,800

**Funding:** €1,999,830

**Coordinator:** MIBAC, Italy

## PROJECT PARTNERS

### ✓ Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities (Italy) (Co-ordinator)

● Ministry of Education, University and Research (Italy)

● Belgian Science Policy Office (Belgium)

● Planning Bureau (Cyprus)

● Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic

● Danish Agency for Science Technology and Innovation

● Ministry of Science Technology and Innovation (Denmark)

● Ministry of Culture and Communication (France)

● Ministry of Higher Education and Research (France)

### ● Heritage Council of Ireland (Ireland)

### ● Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht (Ireland)

● The Netherlands Cultural Heritage Agency

● Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (the Netherlands)

● Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania

● The Research Council of Norway

● Ministry Of Science and Higher Education (Poland)

● National Authority for Scientific Research (Romania)

● Ministerul Culturii si Patrimoniului National (Romania)

● Ministry of Education of The Slovak Republik (Slovakia)

● Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (Slovenia)

● Ministry of Science and Innovation (Spain)

● Ministry of Culture (Spain)

● Swedish National Heritage Board (Sweden)

● Department for Business Innovation and Skills (United Kingdom)

● Arts and Humanities Research Council (United Kingdom)

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