



# **Museum** of Byzantine Culture Innovation and Digitalisation (CHRISTA)

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## The Museum of Byzantine Culture

- Located in Thessaloniki
- Over 11.500m² museum space
- An awarded (2005) state modern, holistic, people-based museum
- Adopting a visitor-oriented strategy
- Offering edutainment

#### Since 2012, more than

- 80 temporary exhibitions
- 1,000 cultural & educational events
- 100,000 visitors every year







## Digitalisation & new technologies

- Visitor education combined with entertainment (permanent and temporary exhibitions) using digital applications, modern ICT
- An important step towards the modernisation of Greek museums and the Museum of Byzantine Culture
- The use of multimedia, digital media and internet applications
  - Brings new quality to the educational process
  - Improves the museum experience
  - Enables dialogic communication
  - Increases accessibility for all users (visitors), especially the disabled
  - Makes the cultural asset accessible, even from a distance.

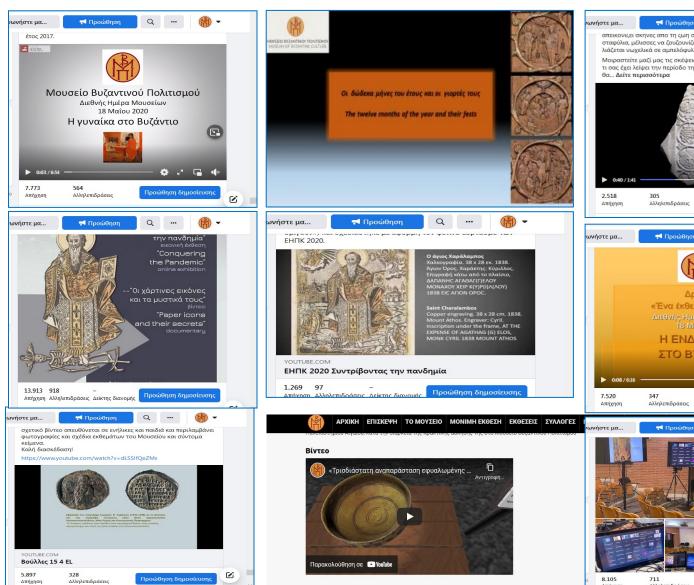


# Access to culture during COVID-19

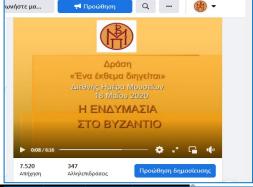
- During pandemic lockdown focus on maintaining contact with the public
- Inventing various online actions
- Aiming to educate & entertain, through interaction with children & adults, students & teachers, and families...
- Using on own funds and means of the Museum,
   offered free of charge to the public.

## New online offer













## Educational activities

#### Συνταγή για σφουγγάτο

Σας δίνουμε τη συνταγή για την πιο γνωστή βυζαντινή ομελέτα, το σφουγγάτο, για να την μαγειρέψετε στο σπίτι σας. Είναι απλή και εύκολη. Δοκιμάστε την και μην ξεχάσετε να μας πείτε τις εντυπώσεις σας!

#### Σφουγγάτο:

- 💠 τρίβετε ένα κρεμμύδι
- 💠 το τσιγαρίζετε
- προσθέτετε μυρωδικά
- χτυπάτε και προσθέτετε τα αυγά.







Ειδυνε μιὰ κοπέρο 6/ο Πεκίνο Πὰ λεμε πάνδα: "Δός μι κι ἀπ' ἐκετνο" Καί εἰν Τρι Γι δαίσην ἔρο "Ερκιδε Εἀν Λακο βιόλα Καί Τιμν κραμονε πορύ 6/ο Πεκίνο.





























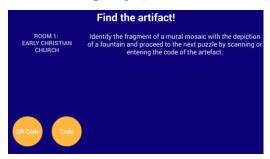
## Added value of initiatives

- Enriched Museum's relationship with the public;
- Presented the invaluable contribution of culture to helping people through the pandemic crisis;
- Illustrated social function of culture & positive impact of experimenting with cultural treasures that have a restorative power for humans;
- Contributed to promoting cultural heritage;
- Strongly enabled cultural & heritage tourism, incl. sustainable tourism, creating benefits to all sides;
- Noted culture as a means of communication & protection against stress



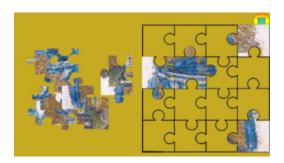
# Application 'Amusing museum'

- Educational application for android platforms (2016-2018), an interactive tour in the permanent exhibition
- Designed in the framework of the International Museum Day 2016 by the "Anaptixis Development Team", a group of graduated students for free
- Opportunity to discover the byzantine world in a new way (quizzes, puzzles and mini games)















# An inspiring example for similar projects

- Developing a simple and easy way to use app;
- Prompting museum visitors to seek and learn about the exhibits interactively;
- Testing visitors' knowledge and observation;
- Ability to upload scores and compete against other visitors;
- Statistics on the learning outputs;
- Sharing experiences at Museum (social media).



### As an Epilog:

However, the use of technology is not a "panacea" nor does it replace the experience of a lively visit to the Museum.

That is why we are currently "running" two co-financed European projects:

a) "Digital Museum of Byzantine Culture: from vision to experience. Actions to enhance interaction and the experience of visiting the Museum of Byzantine Culture" and

b) "Learning about the Byzantine seals. From the bulles to the IPs".

In this way the experience of the visitor through the contact with the authentic exhibit is enriched through modern actions and interaction with the use of technology.

The first program will be completed by the end of the year (2022), while the second during 2024.



"Digital Museum of Byzantine Culture: From Vision to Experience. Actions to enhance interaction and the experience of visiting the Museum of Byzantine Culture"

Operational Program "Central Macedonia 2014-2020"

Video guides for hearing impaired visitors

## AR App Audio Guide App (11 language





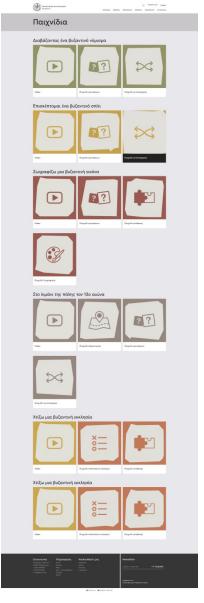


#### New Web Site with 14 Educational Games [Gr/En]













# Thank you!







