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Our heritage: where the past meets the future.

If you don't recognise the title of this ~~post~~ article, I can explain it: it is the slogan of the European Year of Cultural Heritage.

Now, I want you to think of everything that cultural heritage consists of. I am not only talking about the most easily recognisable material or natural objects, but also about ^a less tangible expression; the so-called "immaterial cultural heritage" which in most cases isn't physical, but still pervades in our day-to-day lives.

In Spain, all you need to do is move from one region to the next, to appreciate, for example, our great linguistic variety, which appeared as a result of historical evolution and the passing of different ~~peoples~~ groups of people. Or the gastronomy, when we try small pieces of heritage without stopping to realize that a heritage

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...that is passed down from generation to generation...
 ...is hidden behind them. That is not to mention...
 ...the festivities, the perfect time to relive historical...
 ...events, continue hundred-year-old rites, ~~recreate~~
 ...~~regional~~ remember ~~the~~ regional dances and...
 ...dresses that connect us to our ancestors...

...Obviously, there is more out there than our own...
 ...country, and thanks to the open borders that...
 ...we have in the European Union, we are open to...
 ...a world of possibilities, starting from...
 ...Lapland and ending with the Mediterranean, ...
 ...all there for us to explore a heritage that is...
 ...expressed in a thousand and one different ways...

...But why should we celebrate it? So that we...
 ...don't forget that it is about the collection...
 ...of "assets" that we have all been constructing...
 ...for a long time and because of this, it...
 ...belongs to all of us. It is one of the few...
 ...things that, while being of incalculable value,

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we receive for free; this is not so that it is
~~wasted~~ thrown away, but so that it is conserved,
 enriched, and passed on. Besides, the explanation
 for who we are and where we come from is
 found to a large extent in cultural heritage,
 and this explanation puts us on the right track
 to decide where we want to be heading.

In these times of a loss of unity, when many
 use differences to defend division, I suggest that
 we celebrate the Year of Cultural Heritage by
 travelling and being interested in our heritage
 and that of others. I suggest that we look more
 closely into immaterial heritage, which comes
 out when we connect when we connect with
 people and partake in their traditions and their
 everyday life; that at the end of the day, ~~we~~
 we discover that there are more badges than nuts
 on our paths. And as the saying goes, "There is
 no worse blind man than the one who doesn't
 want to see", to which I add: neither is there

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a worse ignorant man than the one who
refuses to learn.