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The exhibition "Tallies, Pots and Costumes – Collecting and Showcasing Europe" offers a wide and varied view of European folk culture. In addition to displaying a selection of fascinating objects held in our museum's collections, representing the cultural heritage of a multifaceted Europe, we also introduce you to roughly three dozens of extraordinary collector personalities.

The establishment of the museum's European Department back in 1904 was a pioneering achievement, since, in those days, it was by no means common to collect cultural artefacts from the different parts of Europe. The 111 impressively displayed headdresses are not only a reference to the collection concept of the time, they are also evidence of Europe's cultural diversity and visually address questions such as "What is Europe?" and "Who is European?".

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