

Project
International reflexion group
‘EU and cultural heritage’

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Cultural heritage: a resource for Europe

The benefits of interaction

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Background

- Conference 'Cultural heritage: a resource for Europe' (9/12) → Declaration of Bruges
- Intergovernmental initiative
- Concrete plan on how to optimise the interaction between the cultural heritage sector's interests/concerns and EU policies

Challenges EU level

Generally: there is a perceived and growing need for the broad heritage sector to engage with the EU as the sector is increasingly affected by EU policies (legal regulations, funding, research and policies)

More specifically

- A large number of EU activities have an impact on cultural heritage.
- The horizontal integration of cultural heritage is not fully implemented.
- The broad cultural heritage sector lacks organisation at EU-level.
- EC DG Culture treats culture in an interdisciplinary manner – European Agenda for Culture and its work plan – Cultural Affairs Committee.

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