

European Heritage Heads Forum

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Reflection group "EU and Cultural Heritage"

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- Declaration of Bruges, 9 December 2010, Bruges

„If we are to arrive at an optimal management and preservation of the European cultural heritage it is important that we play a proactive role vis-à-vis the developments, challenges and opportunities which present themselves within European policy. It would be advisable to prepare a specific, long-term plan which searches for possibilities to ensure that the potential of cultural heritage is better incorporated in the general policy of the European Union. Interaction with the European Union policy-making level is central. An international study group will be formed for the purpose.“

- Chairmanship:

- BE 2010-2011
- PL 2012
- New members joined the RG in 2013: Italy, Sweden, Luxembourg



Meeting in Brussels, 2010

Objectives of the RG

- To increase cooperation and join forces: to achieve higher synergies between on-going initiatives in the cultural heritage field vis-à-vis the EU
- To reinforce the dialogue with the EU
- To develop a specific approach on the cross-sectorial added value of cultural heritage at EU-level
- To achieve real mainstreaming of cultural heritage at EU-level



Actions of the RG

- 1.To exploit synergy through collaboration between governmental networks such as EAC, HEREIN aisbl, EHLF and EHHF.
- 2.To open up to a more structured dialogue with the principal civil society organizations in the field of cultural heritage at EU-level.
- 3.To make contact with education sector and professionals.
- 4.On-going analysis of actors, their roles and duties and information flows at EU-level in order to detect what is really necessary to defend the concerns of heritage at EU-level (in collaboration with HEREIN aisbl).
- 5.To act as contact point and facilitator between all parties concerned (governments, civil society, professionals, research sector, members of European Parliament, European Commission, ...) and especially between the governmental cultural heritage sector and EU.
- 6.To provide advice and support to the Lithuanian EU-Presidency for the preparation and organisation of the conference “Cultural heritage and EU-2020 strategy-towards an integrated approach” in November 2013. Expected result: a final statement with recommendations on how to put the mainstreaming principle into practice.
- 7.To formulate topics and issues in the field of cultural heritage for the next Work Plan of Culture 2014-2019 (with e.g. two or three OMC themes/topics).
- 8.To reflect on a proposal for Council Conclusions during the next EU-Presidencies (e.g. Greek or Italian Presidency) on cultural heritage in a strategic perspective, providing a long term mandate to work on cultural heritage.

Lithuanian Chairmanship of the RG

Conference in Vilnius during Lithuanian presidency to the Council of the EU

- Starting point and framework:
 - Declaration of Bruges
 - Lisbon Treaty, article 3.3: “The Union shall respect its rich cultural and linguistic diversity, and shall ensure that Europe’s cultural heritage is safeguarded and enhanced”;
 - Lisbon Treaty article 167, especially 4: “The Union shall take cultural heritage aspects into account in its action under other provisions of the Treaties, in particular in order to respect and to promote the diversity of its cultures”.

In collaboration with: EC/DG EAC, CoE, Reflection Group, Alliance 3.3, future presidencies.

- Theme: **“Cultural heritage and the EU-2020 strategy – towards an integrated approach”**
- Date: November 13th-14th, 2013, Vilnius
- Concept:
 - 1,5 days; 200-250 participants
 - Plenary sessions and 3 workshops, a final Statement
 - Organized by the Lithuanian Department of Cultural Heritage under the Ministry of Culture



RG meeting in Vilnius, LT, 2013
(Belgium, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy,
Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Norway,
Spain, Sweden, UK, CoE, EC)

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- **Aims of the conference**

- To underline the transversal dimension of cultural heritage and taking into account cultural heritage in the decision making process of other policy fields
- To inform and create awareness about the contribution of cultural heritage to achieve the objectives of the EU-2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth
- Cultural heritage as a source of inspiration for present day developments: to promote spill-over effects for other sectors
- For the cultural heritage sector, to learn about the challenges, aims and trends in other policy domains
- To achieve better integration of cultural heritage objectives into other policy fields and legislative framework (by mainstreaming)

- **Target audience:** representatives of Member States acting in the different Council Working Groups (Committee on Cultural Affairs and others), Representatives of the EU-Member States (Ministries of Agriculture, Environment, Regional Development, Education, Foreign Affairs, etc.), Members of European Parliament, Representatives of relevant DG's of the EC, Broad heritage sector (governmental heritage sector, civil society, professionals, research sector, ...)

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- **Expected results**

- ***A final statement with recommendations on how to put the mainstreaming principle into practice.*** On the basis of the results of the conference, the Lithuanian Presidency will present a ***proposal relating to future Council Conclusions during the following EU-Presidencies on cultural heritage*** in a strategic perspective, providing a long term mandate to work on cultural heritage issues.
- To reflect on issues in the field of cultural heritage for the ***next Work Plan for Culture (with e.g. two or three OMC themes/topics)***
- ***Awareness of interaction between cultural heritage and other sectors, good practices, developing networks***
- Long-term results: ***mainstreaming of cultural heritage in other policy areas.***



Template:

The experts are asked to identify good or bad practices in their respective Member State, responding to the following questions:

1. **A short description of the case** (basic data, goals of the initiative)
2. **Main actors of the initiative** (who took the initiative: national, regional, municipal, business or civil society, sectors?)
3. **Cooperation** (links with Universities and Research Institutes, collaborative networks and global relationships)
4. **Specific elements** of the initiative that could provide a good or a bad practices related to the synergy of different policies (environment, agriculture, regional development or other)
5. **Financial aspects:** size of the budget involved and type of money (e.g. subsidies, capitalisation of tax breaks, cost of investment, etc.)
6. **Estimate of the economic effects** (positive or, in case of bad practice, negative), preferably in quantitative terms (including impacts in the territory and urban environments and creation of employment)
7. **Description of effects** in cultural heritage, regional development, environment, agriculture or other sectors of society
8. **Lessons to be learned.** Future perspectives of evolution, critical strengths and weaknesses.
9. **Illustration** (picture, 300 dpi)

Thank you!

