

The Economic Taskforce (TF) held three working sessions since the last EHHF meeting in Dublin in 2015. The TF agreed on a work procedure and on the two most informative indicators to map the impact of the physical cultural heritage. The TF could agree on a procedure to calculate impact and decided to investigate the relevant and available data for impact sector by sector, starting with the construction sector. The objective is to start a reporting system on the selected indicators on a yearly basis using available statistics.

The indicators are Gross Value Added (GVA¹) created and FTE (full time employment or man years) sustained. Based on these figures the EHHF will be able to make statements like:

- > Physical cultural heritage contributes to € X billion to the EU GVA of non-financial business economy² or Y % of the generated EU GVA of the non-financial business economy.
- > Physical cultural heritage sustains Z million persons (FTE - full time employment) or W % of the EU employment of the non-financial business economy.

A model study has been carried out but the figures are not sufficiently reliable to be reported at this time. The TF is currently working on it.

The TF took the initiative, in cooperation with Herein (Council of Europe), to collect national baseline data on the physical cultural heritage because they were not available yet. These data will be summarily presented at the EHHF annual meeting.

During the EU Consultation on the statistical system ESS-nett Culture from EUROSTAT (October 2015) the TF produced a *Core Script* for the 8 EHHF Member States who participated in the EU Consultation. The participation made a major impression on EUROSTAT and our concerns will be followed through.

To secure professional assistance and data access needed to progress, the TF recommends that EHHF members join in an ESPON EU funded trans-national cooperative venture. The member partner resource use is low while EU financing is liberal. A separate memo on ESPON Targeted Analysis will be presented at the EHHF annual meeting.

EHHF members must appoint a TF chair for 2016-17 and nominate an institution to be responsible for the period after this too.

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Annex: List of members in the Economic Taskforce

¹ Gross value added (GVA) is the measure of the value of goods and services produced in an area, industry or sector of an economy, in economics. $GVA + \text{taxes on products} - \text{subsidies on products} = \text{GDP}$

² The non-financial business economy includes the sectors of industry, construction and distributive trades and services.