

Committee on Culture and Education
The Chair

To the Chairs of the Committees concerned

Dear colleagues,

With a view to fostering a common debate, discussing legislation and sharing experiences at national level, as well as strategic action and ideas for the way forward at European level, the European Parliament would like to bring together European and National Parliamentarians on the following theme:

"Cultural and Creative Sectors in the EU".

To this end, the Committee on Culture and Education invites Members of National Parliaments of the EU Member States to attend an interparliamentary committee meeting scheduled for:

Tuesday, 11 October 2016, from 15.00 to 18.30, at the European Parliament in Brussels.

The introductory panel will focus on the challenges that cultural and creative sectors in the EU are facing today. This will be followed by two thematic panels: "Strategies for promoting the cultural and creative sectors" and "Fostering citizens' engagement in culture", during which Members of National Parliaments in particular are welcome to share their experiences and best practices (see attached preliminary programme).

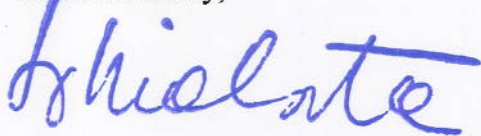
We are very pleased to invite up to four Members of the competent committee(s) of each National Parliament – two from each chamber in the case of bicameral Parliaments – to attend this event.

In order to prepare for this meeting, a short questionnaire will be made available to you at a later stage, notably to guide the discussions. Should you and/or your Members be unable to attend, we would welcome any written contributions, which would be distributed to the participants. We would appreciate it if volunteers from among the Members of National Parliaments planning to come to Brussels were willing to give short 5-minute presentations at the beginning of the two thematic panels on policies and good practices in the area concerned, in order to spark a broader debate with their colleagues.

Practical details regarding the meeting and a more detailed draft programme will be forwarded in due course to your Parliaments' representatives/services responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept our invitation and we are looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 11 October 2016.

Yours sincerely,



Silvia COSTA



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INTERPARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING

"Cultural and Creative Sectors in the EU"

Tuesday, 11 October 2016, 15:00 - 18:30

European Parliament, Brussels
Room TBC

15:00 - 15:10

Welcome and opening remarks by **Silvia COSTA**, Chair of the Committee on Culture and Education of the European Parliament

Introductory Panel

15:10 - 16:00

Slovak Presidency of the Council

European Commission

Key stakeholder and/or distinguished academic expert

Debate with MEPs and Members of National Parliaments

Thematic Panel 1 – Strategies for Promoting the Cultural and Creative Sectors

16:00 - 17:00

Presentation I (Member of National Parliament)

Presentation II (Member of National Parliament)

Presentation III (Member of National Parliament)

Presentation IV (MEP)

Debate with MEPs and Members of National Parliaments

Thematic Panel 2 – Fostering Citizens' Engagement in Culture

17:00 - 18:00

Presentation I (Member of National Parliament)

Presentation II (Member of National Parliament)

Presentation III (Member of National Parliament)

Presentation IV (MEP)

Debate with MEPs and Members of National Parliaments

Conclusions

18:00 - 18:30

Key stakeholder and/or distinguished academic expert

Silvia COSTA, Chair of the Committee on Culture and Education of the European Parliament

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