

EU newflash

The European Commission has presented [ideas for a more efficient European Union](#) and backs the 'Spitzenkandidat' process.

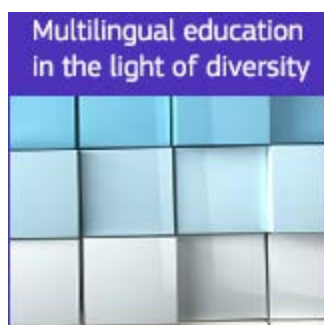
Spotlight on European cultural diversity

2018 is the [European Year of Cultural Heritage](#). This is a welcome occasion for celebrating the great range of diverse and yet closely connected cultures among the countries of Europe.

For the EU, cultural pluralism is an approach inherent to its entire range of activities. In fact, the European institutions have a supportive role towards Member States' cultural policies, protection of cultural heritage, promotion of culture and cultural cooperation. This is why they work to preserve [cultural heritage](#) both in Europe and around the world, and in particular in areas such as education, social policy and regional development. The EU also promotes the arts via targeted programmes, for example [Creative Europe](#).

With a wide variety of activities and events across the continent, especially in this year's two [European capitals of culture](#) Leeuwarden and Valletta, the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 is already off to a good start.

This Newsletter brings you a selection of titles that will provide more insight into the topic.



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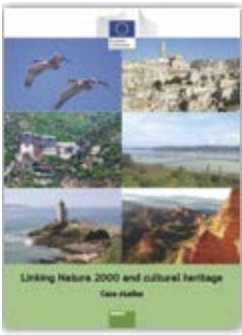
Spotlight on the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018

Cultural heritage shapes our everyday lives. It surrounds us in Europe's towns and cities, natural landscapes and archaeological sites. It is not only found in literature, art and objects, but also in the crafts we learn from our ancestors, the stories we tell our children, the food we enjoy and the films we watch and recognise ourselves in. Cultural heritage binds Europe together through our common history and values. It represents the richness and diversity of our cultural traditions, but also helps us forge the way ahead and design our future. 2018 sees an unparalleled series of initiatives and events across Europe to get people closer to and more involved in their cultural heritage, to encourage the sharing and appreciation of Europe's rich heritage and to reinforce a sense of belonging to a common European space.

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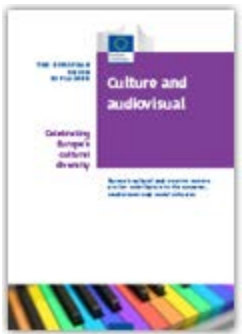


Linking Natura 2000 and cultural heritage

Case studies

There is an increasing recognition on the international scale of the strong connection between cultural and natural heritage. This publication illustrates this connection through a number of examples connected to the ecosystem services delivered by Natura 2000, from the limestone pavements in the Burren in the west of Ireland to the Meteora rock formations in Greece, from the Danube Delta National Park in Romania to the Douro river vineyards in Portugal. These case studies highlight sites with an equally high aesthetic and cultural value related to traditional human activities such as natural environments, historic monuments, archaeological sites and stunning landscapes and seascapes.

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Culture and audiovisual

Celebrating Europe's cultural diversity

Europe's cultural and creative sectors are key contributors to the economy, employment and social cohesion. This publication explains what the EU does in this policy area, why the EU is involved and what the results are.

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What it is and what it does

This publication describes what the EU is doing in 35 different areas to improve the lives of people in Europe and further afield. It also explains the nature of the EU and how it makes decisions, describing the institutions at the heart of the EU's decision-making process and how their decisions are translated into actions.

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Ten issues to watch in 2018

In-depth analysis

This is the second edition of an annual publication designed to identify key issues and policy areas that are likely to feature prominently on the political agenda of the EU over the coming year. Topics presented include the implications for the EU of the terrorism threat, the North Korean issue, security challenges posed by disinformation, fake news and cybercrime, the ongoing migration crisis and rising inequalities. Other important policy areas covered are youth empowerment, the EU budget, the future of the euro area, the 2019 European elections and Brexit.

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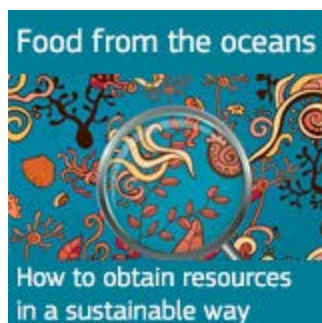
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