

	<p>Doris MATERNE also reported on an informal discussion with Alan CLARKE who had proposed a cooperation on benchmarks in cultural tourism. The sub-committee members agreed to this proceeding.</p>	<p>and submit them to the secretariat to be included in database</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Public Consultation on Rainbow Paper II (Recommendations to civil society organisations and the European Union on how to practice respect for cultural diversity)</u></p> <p>Doris MATERNE informed the participants about the content of the paper which gives recommendations on how to engage in intercultural dialogue and to foster integration. Intercultural dialogue is only one aspect of what should be the wider concept, i.e. intercultural cooperation.</p> <p>Whereas part 1 of the paper suggests a commitment for administrations, businesses as well as civil society and its entities to review their structures and procedures and to incorporate and respect integrative and participative measures, part 2 contains related policy recommendations to the EU. These recommendations propose notably to introduce an intercultural approach into the different policy areas (youth, social, education, media, research, foreign policy etc.) and that part of the respective budget lines be reserved for corresponding activities.</p> <p>Saxon SPENCE wished for the AER Bureau, once the Rainbow Paper II being adopted, to subscribe to its principles and to make the suggested commitment.</p> <p>Considering the close deadline for the public consultation (16 May), participants asked for more time to be able to study the Rainbow Paper.</p> <p>Doris MATERNE said that, according to her, the Paper seemed very comprehensive, thoroughful and detailed. She thought nevertheless that integrative measures starting at school level, as suggested, come to late and proposed for the Committee to recommend inclusion of the kindergarten and pre-school level.</p> <p>It was agreed to resume the discussion the next day during the Committee plenary.</p>	<p>Plenary meeting on 16 May to discuss the Rainbow Paper</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Outlook concerning the « European agenda for culture in a globalizing world »</u></p> <p>Doris MATERNE gave an overview on the latest developments regarding the European agenda for culture which had been endorsed by the European Council in November. The EU Parliament had passed in this context a resolution on 10th April 2008, in which it notably regretted the absence of a reference to</p>	

	<p>the role of partnerships between regions and local authorities as well as the fact that culture is not incorporated as a value in itself. On the other hand, it included a series of proposals asking notably for a specific programmes in order to foster artistic creativity.</p> <p>Doris MATERNE said furthermore, that in an information meeting in February the European Commission, to the general surprise, had suggested the creation of two civil society platforms. One would deal with the access to culture (multilingualism, education). The second would be dedicated to the cultural industries and the creatives. Following a call for expression of interest, the platforms are supposed to be constituted in June.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Update concerning cultural heritage policies and projects</u></p> <p>Excusing the absence of Dr Eugen SCHERER who would have chaired a meeting of the corresponding Working Group, Doris MATERNE informed the members that this year's topic of the Conference on cultural heritage and new technologies (Vienna, 3 - 5 November) will be "Basics". Details as well as online registration are available at: www.stadtarcheologie.at.</p> <p>Doris MATERNE also informed the participants about the results of the "European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards" which had rewarded six projects in the fields of conservation, research, dedicated service and education, training and awareness-raising.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Culture and Health</u></p> <p>The Region of Västerbotten introduced a proposal (document available from the Committee secretariat) for a conference on Culture and Health in the autumn of 2009 or spring of 2010 to exchange best practices (both projects and research) how culture can impact on health (both in the field of prevention and recovery).</p> <p>The Sub-Committee accepted the proposal and agreed both to set up a working group (Hampshire, Västernorrland, Gävleborg, Västerbotten; one region from the south to be found) and to involve Committee 2 (Health and Social affairs). Regions are invited to send their best practices to the Committee 3 secretariat.</p>	<p>Working Group to prepare conference.</p> <p>Cooperation to be sought with Committee 2.</p> <p>Regions to send in best practice examples.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Best practices and projects in relation to intercultural dialogue – preparing for the AER General Assembly on « Migration and Integration »</u></p> <p>Doris MATERNE informed that this year's GA in Tampere (12-15th of November) will be on the topic "From Migration to Integration: Regional solutions to a European challenge". The</p>	

<p>programme will in particular include an "open space session" (afternoon of 13th November; compare also: General Assembly 2007) during which workshops and debates will be organised on the above mentioned general topic and for which the AER relies on the regions to come forward with proposals for speakers, workshop moderators, topics and best practices.</p> <p>The official invitations will be sent soon, but members are free to send their contributions as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Members are invited to send their proposals for speakers, workshop moderators, topics and best practices</p>
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