

Programme

Conference of the Ministers of Culture of the Euro-Mediterranean region Culture Ministerial meeting of the EU-Southern Partnership

Naples, Palazzo Reale, 16-17 June 2022

All times are CEST

All events have hybrid live/remote presence format

Thursday, June 16

Arrival of Delegations, welcome at Capodichino airport or Napoli Centrale railway station according to arrival time and transfer to the hotels (located in the city centre), check-in and guest registration.

High-level discussion panels with international experts (*Palazzo Reale*)

- 14:00 – 15:00 Peace and Security. *Joint response mechanisms and regional coordinated action to safeguard cultural heritage in disasters and crisis scenarios.*
Peace and Security. *Fighting illicit trafficking of cultural goods: cross-sector actions in the Euro-Mediterranean region.*
- 15:30 – 16:30 Green transition: climate resilience, energy, and environment. *A cultural agenda for the green deal. From Glasgow to Sharm El-Sheikh.*
Human development, good governance and the rule of law. *Culture at the heart of human development and the SDGs.*
- 17:00 – 18:00 Strengthening resilience, building prosperity and seize the digital transition. *Harnessing the power of culture for resilience, prosperity and the digital shift.*
Migration and mobility. *Fostering the mobility, upskill and reskill of artists and culture professionals in the Euro Mediterranean region.*

Ministerial meeting (*Palazzo Reale*)

- 18:30 Welcome
- 19:00 Inaugural session

Message by the Prime Minister of the Italian Republic, Mario Draghi,

Keynote Addresses

Dario Franceschini, Minister of Culture of the Italian Republic

Luigi Di Maio, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Italian Republic

Cecilia Alemani, Artistic Director of the 59th International Art Exhibition, Venice Biennale

- 19:45 Family photo
- 20:00 Cultural programme (*San Carlo Theatre*)
Welcome address
Mayor of Naples, Gaetano Manfredi

21:00 Gala Dinner (*Palazzo Reale Terrace*)
22:00 End of programme and return to hotels

Friday, June 17

10:00 Transfer of delegations to Palazzo Reale

10.30-11.00 Opening session

Introduction

Dario Franceschini, Minister of Culture of the Italian Republic

Opening addresses

Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament (*video message*)

Marya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth (*remote*)

Rima Abdul-Malak, Minister of Culture of the Republic of France

Stefano Sannino, Secretary General of the European External Action Service (*remote*)

Maciej Popowski, Acting Director-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (*remote*)

Haifa Najjar, Minister of Culture of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Co-Chair of the Union for the Mediterranean

Nasser Kamel, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean

11:00-12:20 -I Plenary session - **Culture, an asset for Peace and Security**

This session focuses on joint response mechanisms and regional coordinated action to safeguard cultural heritage in disasters and crisis scenarios and on fight illicit trafficking of cultural goods in the Euro-Mediterranean region

- Atanas Atanasov, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria
- Rima Abdul-Malak, Minister of Culture of the Republic of France
- Atef AbuSaif, Minister of Culture of the Palestinian National Authority
- Sarkis El Khoury, Director General of Antiquities of the Lebanese Ministry of Culture
- Irmgard Maria Fellner, Director for Cultural Relations Policy and Deputy Head of the Directorate-General for Culture and Society of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- Bjorn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe (*videomessage*)
- Gennaro Migliore, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean
- Alberto Garlandini, President of the International Council of Museums (ICOM)
- Mariya Polner, Senior Policy Advisor, World Customs Organization
- Tess Davis, Executive Director of the Antiquities Coalition
- Valéry Freland Executive Director of the International alliance for the protection of heritage in conflict areas (ALIPH)

Open discussion

12.20 13.40 - II Plenary session - **Culture, driver and enabler for sustainable development and the green transition**

This session focuses on regional strategies and actions to maximise culture's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and the Green Deal, building on the New European Bauhaus and in light of the COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh

- Ankica Gudeljevic, Minister of Civil Affairs of Bosnia e Herzegovina
- Nina Obuljen Koržinek, Minister of Culture and Media of the Republic of Croatia
- Owen Bonnici, Minister for The National Heritage, The Arts And Local Government of the Republic of Malta
- Asta Vrečko, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia
- Miquel Iceta, Minister of Culture of the Kingdom of Spain
- Vatroslav Belan, State Secretary in the Ministry of Culture and Media of Montenegro
- Georgios Didaskalou General Secretary of Culture of the Hellenic Republic
- Riitta Kaivosoja, Director General of the Ministry of Science and Culture of the Republic of Finland
- Isabel Cordeiro, Secretary of State for Culture of the Republic of Portugal (*remote*)
- Teresa Patricio, President of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)
- HRH Princess Dana Firas, President of the Board of Directors of Petra National Trust
- Sneška Quaedvlieg – Mihailovic, Secretary General of Europa Nostra

Open discussion

13:40 Working Lunch

Simultaneously - Time reserved for bilateral meetings

14.40 – 16.00 - III Plenary Session **Culture and a world in transition**

This session focuses on regional strategies and actions to strengthen resilience, build prosperity and seize the digital transition in the cultural and creative sectors, including by fostering the mobility, upskill and reskill of artists and culture professionals in the Euro Mediterranean region.

- Haifa Najjar Minister of Culture of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Ines Abdeldayem, Minister of Culture of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- Josep Ferré, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation

Open discussion

16:00 Closing of the Conference and adoption of the Declaration of the Ministers of Culture of the Mediterranean (*Hercules Hall*)

16:30 Press Conference

17:00-17:45 Farewell Cocktail (*Terrace*).