

- The European Commission has declared **2008** the **European Year of Intercultural Dialogue**.
- Support to culture under the 9th EDF is estimated to be worth about **EUR 39 million**.
- Apart from some bilateral and regional cultural programmes, a central budget of **EUR 50 million** is earmarked for the period 2007-2013 for the promotion of culture in all developing regions, while the 10th EDF contains a culture budget of **EUR 30 million** specifically for the ACP countries during the same period.
- **58%** of the Europeans are positive about the effects of globalisation on European culture, as it gives new dynamism to European culture.



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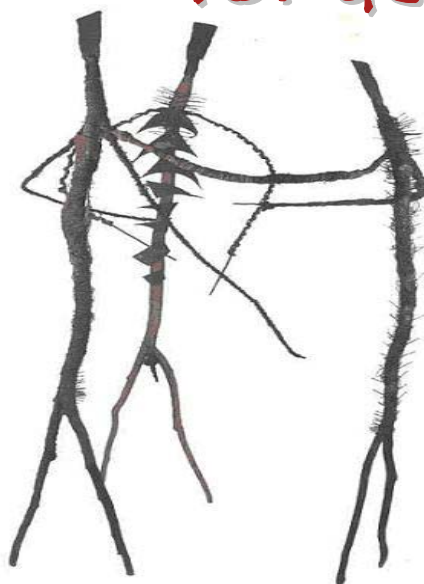
Conference

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Rue de la Loi 41, Ground floor

Tuesday, January 15, 13.00 – 14.30

Culture: a new pillar for development ?



Speakers

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DG Education and Culture

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DG Development

Ms Nathalie Legrand

DG EuropeAid

Chairman Mr Gilles Fontaine

"Culture is not a luxury, but a necessity"

Gao Xingjian

The adoption by the European Commission on 10 May 2007 of a Communication for a European agenda for culture in a globalizing world represents the recognition of the vital role of culture in the European development policies and actions.

So far, culture, while being taken into account in many EU's cooperation programmes and instruments, and in the Union's bilateral agreements with third countries, was not been given a strategic role.

At a time the international community is celebrating cultural diversity through a specific UNESCO convention, this conference will explore the new challenges of integrating culture as a transversal dimension in development policy and actions as well as supporting cultural expressions in developing countries.

! Conference will be given in English,
but questions can be raised both in English and French

Limited seats

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