'Towards a new EU Agenda for Cultural Heritage Research and Innovation'
Workshop and Meeting of the Horizon 2020 Expert Group on Cultural Heritage
27 November, 2014

Draft Operational minutes

A workshop followed by a Horizon 2020 Expert Group on Cultural Heritage meeting were organised on 27 November.

The main objective of the workshop was to bring together experts and stakeholders from academia and public and private sectors with the aim to discuss future research and innovation policy agenda and priorities in cultural heritage based on the draft working paper of the Horizon 2020 Expert Group in Cultural Heritage (ExG) in view of the Group's final report for further input to the Commission.

The workshop was structured in three main sessions:

• Session 1 aimed at presenting the work done so far by the ExG proposing a new agenda on the promotion of innovative use of cultural heritage for economic growth and jobs, social cohesion and environmental sustainability.

• Session 2 was a thematic parallel session on Economy, Society and Environment where the floor was given to the participants in order to give their recommendations on the proposed agenda by the ExG, propose additional actionable recommendations and encourage a discussion in order to enrich and refine findings as well as better define and frame future activities in this area.

• Session 3 included the reporting back from the thematic sessions, discussions open to participants in order to address issues not addressed so far and contribute with best practice and good examples as well as conclusions.

The outcome of the workshop is subject to a separate report.

The objective of the follow-up meeting of the Horizon 2020 ExG on Cultural Heritage chaired by Mr Philippe Busquin was to continue the in-depth discussion on future strategic priorities for cultural heritage research and innovation in light of the recommendations and contributions received at the Workshop and to plan the structure and delivery of the final report of the ExG.

Conclusions / Action Points:
1. All ExG members are to provide input (including actions and examples of impact proposing also inducement prizes) in writing to the Rapporteur, Professor Simon Thurley
by December 5 (putting in copy all the ExG members and the functional mailbox RTD-ENV-H2020-CH-EXPERT-GROUP@ec.europa.eu).

2. A Workshop report will be established with the support of the ExG members. The debrief will be circulated to the ExG members for comments.

3. The Commission will send information on Inducement prizes to the members of the ExG.

4. Professor Simon Thurley will provide a consolidated draft text and circulate to the members of the ExG for comments and further input before the final meeting.

5. Final meeting on December 17, from 9:45 to 18:00.