Meeting of the Horizon 2020 Expert Group on Cultural Heritage
17 December, 2014

Operational minutes

The objective of the final meeting of the Horizon 2020 Expert Group on Cultural Heritage chaired by Mr Philippe Busquin was to continue the in-depth discussion in cultural heritage research and innovation, to propose and develop future strategic R&I actions for cultural heritage and to decide on the structure and delivery of the report. Nine experts participated.

Director Kurt Vandenberghe (Directorate I – Climate Action and Resource Efficiency, DG RTD) referred to the adoption of the Commission Work Programme for 2015 and noted that the challenge would be to bring cultural heritage forward to the political agenda. In this context, the Horizon 2020 Expert Group Report would be used as a reference document across the different services of the Commission and beyond to other European Institutes and Member States.

In the discussion that followed, the narrative of the draft paper was agreed to be satisfactory. It was stressed that concrete actions for innovation oriented research and concrete examples, facts and figures had to be included. The specific actions discussed and agreed on were: 1. Heritage-led Urban Regeneration, 2. Sustaining cultural landscapes, 3. Inclusive Governance for cultural heritage and 4. Innovative Business models for cultural heritage.

Conclusions / Action Points:

- The Rapporteur Professor Simon Thurley will provide a consolidated draft text and circulate to the members of the ExG for comments and further input by 19 December 2014.

- All ExG members are to provide their comments including relevant case studies, facts and figures in writing to the Rapporteur by 9 January 2015 who will then submit the final report with executive summary by 16 January 2015.

- For this exchange of information the ExG members and the functional mailbox RTD-ENV-H2020-CH-EXPERT-GROUP@ec.europa.eu will be in copy.