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Location : Timișoara, Province of Timiș, Romania
Date: November 15th

Cultural Catalysts: Local Intermediate Authorities Nurturing Heritage, Collaboration, and Funding for the Arts

Framework

European Local Intermediate Authorities are instrumental in the promotion of local cultural heritage and initiatives.

They manage libraries, both in historical buildings and mobile ones that can reach citizens in remote areas. They bolster artistic creation, finance exhibitions and give increased visibility to local stakeholders involved in cultural activities.

They are key actors of the European cultural scene in that their proximity to the inhabitants of their respective territories enables them to unearth local talents and support local structures, initiatives and artists.

Judets, Départements, provincias, province, Kreis, Powiats also have a pivotal role in the relevant use of European funds allocated to the field of culture as they combine their know-how in terms of European funds management and participation in European projects with a deep knowledge of local talents and opportunities for cultural creation. Indeed, as a few examples of their concrete actions, they are most aware of which filming locations are best suited to the specific needs of movies, series and documentaries, they possess and manage various cultural centres that can be put at the disposal of local exhibitors and can help the citizens from their territory navigate the various possibilities of obtaining EU funding for their projects. They are also pioneering countless initiatives to preserve the local heritage of their respective territories.

As the European Capital of Culture for the year 2023, the capital of the Judet of Timiș, a member of Partenalia, Timișoara will welcome representatives from Local Intermediate Authorities from various other Member States to showcase the long-standing efforts of this level of administration in favour of cultural promotion and heritage preservation throughout the EU. The conference will also seek to explore new paths of collaboration between LIAs and civil society culture-related organisations and associations and how EU institutions can best support cultural heritage preservation and cultural creation at every scale possible.

Europe's vibrant cultural scene and heritage are some of the main elements of the appeal of EU territories and contributes a great deal to their prestige and their capacity to attract both new inhabitants and investments and to ensure that their citizens have access to quality enjoyable activities to develop personally and professionally and as well as to the possibility to expose their children to positive cultural influences that have no doubt a crucial effect on their development and their future choices of a career path.



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09:45 – 17:30

Welcome (09:45-10:00)

Opening (10:00-10:20)

Alin-Adrian Nica – President of the Judet of Timis

Luis Menor – President of Partenalia – President of the Provincial Council of Ourense –
– Vice President of the European Confederation of Local Intermediate Authorities (CEPLI)

Panel 1 – Brussels, Patron of the arts: a European perspective (10:20 - 12:00)

European Parliament – MEP CULT Committee (TBC)

European Commission – DG EAC Creative Europe Unit

Representative – Romanian Ministry of Culture

Tanya Hristova – Mayor of Gabrovo and Chair of the CoR SEDEC Commission

Questions and answers

****Pause****

Panel 2 – Empowering Europe's Cultural Tapestry:

**Local Intermediate Authorities Leading Heritage Preservation and promotion,
Collaboration, and Cultural Sector Investment (12:00–13:30)**

UPI representative – President of an Italian province (Union of the provinces of Italy) (tbc)

Vicente José Mompó Aledo – President of the Diputación de Valencia

Alin-Adrian Nica – President of the Judet of Timis

Bartolomé Nofuentes – Vice-president of Partenalia – Councilor of the Mancomunitat de L'horta Sud–
Senior advisor of the European Commission on EU funds for Eastern Europe

Representative from a European Cultural Cooperation network

Questions and answers





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Networking Lunch (13:30 - 15:00)

Panel 3 – Culture and Cohesion in rural and semi-rural areas (15:00-16:30)

Francisco Buenavista García – Provincial Deputy of the Diputación de Badajoz (Rural development, demographic challenge and tourism)

Member of Partenia

ZPP representative – Association of Polish Counties

DLT Representative – German Counties Association (tbc)

Workshop – Pathways to an EU-funded project led by Local Intermediate Authorities (16:30 – 17:30)

Questions and answers

Conclusion

Moderation: Nicolas Reynès – Coordinator of Partenia

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