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# **RICHS Second Policy Seminar**

## **NEW HORIZONS FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE**

Recalibrating relationships: bringing cultural heritage and people together in a changing Europe

*Introduction to the selected overarching themes*

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# Citizenship and Cultural Heritage



**In the run-up to the European Year of CH in 2018, what policies should be developed in order to ensure that the celebrations are inclusive?**

- Given the diversity and heterogeneity of European citizenry, how do we work towards a sharing of CH - the breaking down of imposed or self-imposed CH silos?
- In what ways might transcultural dynamics, cultural juxtaposition, 'contact zones', be facilitated?
- In what ways should transnational and transcultural encounters and exchanges be achieved?
- How do we reconcile possible conflicts between human rights and cultural beliefs?
- To what extent should some expressions of CH and elements of cultural identity be excluded because they are incompatible with human/citizen rights?



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## How might developments in policy help to bring about an integrated approach to safeguarding CH?

- ❑ In a world in which CH is exposed to a range of threats, what new models and instruments might be developed to protect 'endangered' manifestations of CH – whether in the built environment such as industrial heritage or the practices of living heritage?
- ❑ What role can digital technologies play in this respect?
- ❑ How might the processes of protecting the natural environment join with those of protecting CH in, for example, the characterisation of a landscape?



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