Challenges and opportunities for culture and the sustainable development goals

The report "**Culture and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: Challenges and Opportunities**" is the result of **Brainstorming Meetings** organized to allow the debate between the European Commission and the cultural sector, represented by a group of experienced professionals in Europe.

The meetings were organised by **Voices of Culture** on the 2nd and 3rd December 2020 and the report was presented to the European Commission in a dialogue meeting on the 11th February 2021.

The purpose of the report is to explore the challenges and opportunities for the sector of culture within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) identified in the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

While insisting that all SDGs are relevant to culture, the report focuses, in particular, on four of the SDGs most relevant to culture:

- SDG4 Quality Education,
- SDG8 Decent Work, Growth and Employment,
- SDG11 Sustainable Cities and Communities,
- SDG13 Climate Action.

Recommendations for the European Commission are provided on the individual SDGs presented in the document, as well as, for

each of these, short presentations of cases studies are included to exemplify the recommendations.

The report also shows, throught the many case studies and best practices listed, the huge opportunities and achievements offered by recent SDG-related cultural projects and programmes.

You can access the brainstorming report here.

Further information:

Voices Of Culture is the structured dialogue between the EU cultural sector and the European Commission.
This dialogue allows exchanging views and information, and ensures that the voice of civil society representatives of the cultural sector is heard and can give input to the European Commission.

A call is launched for participation in a **Brainstorming Meeting** on a given topic which is important in the policy making process of the European Commission.

Through this open call participants can propose their candidacies, and successful applicants are invited to a Brainstorming Meeting after which a Report is produced by participants to be presented to and discussed with the European Commission.
Calls for applications are launched regular by Voices Of Culture on different topics.