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Cultural Affairs Committee

Friday, April 5th 2024





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Informal Working Dinner - Ministers of Culture

Antwerp, May 13th 2024

Programme

May 13th, 2024

12:00 – 16:00	Meet/pick-up Liaison Officer & travel to Antwerp	
16:00 – 16:30	Handshake & Welcome Reception	Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp (KMSKA)
16:30 – 17:00	Opening Speech by the Minister-President and Minister for Culture – Flanders	
17:00 – 17:15	Family Photo	
17:15 – 18:00	Guided Tour through the museum	
18:00 – 20:00	Informal Working Dinner	
20:00 – 20:30	Escorted bus transport to Elisabeth Center Antwerp	
20:30 – 22:00	Concert “A Call for Peace” – Concert Olympique	Royal Elisabeth Hall



Accreditation and Access

- **BE Presidency Accreditation Platform**
Registration open from April 1st – May 1st
- **Delegation Accreditation Officer**
(deadline April 17th)
- Size of the delegation:
 - 1 Head of Delegation (HoD)** - access with pin
 - 2 delegates** – access with blue badges
- **Driver and/or security officers** (if applicable):
access with vehicle pass and security pin + badges
- **Deadline for registration of the delegation: May 1st**



Transportation to the venue



James Ensor - Bathing Hut on the Beach (detail)
KMSKA collection

Delegations are kindly asked to make their own travel arrangements from the airport/hotel to the KMSKA and from the Elisabeth Center Antwerp back to Brussels

- Practice informal and formal councils, diplomatic missions have been briefed
- Travel details are requested through the Accreditation Platform

Transfer between dinner location @ KMSKA and concert @ Elisabeth Center will be provided by the Presidency.

One **parking** spot (15:00 – 23:59) will be provided for each delegation via registration link.

- This link will be delivered to the Delegation Accreditation Officer and the accredited drivers of the delegations.
- More spots can be requested



Discussion Informal Working Dinner

“The Role of Culture and Heritage in Fostering European Identity in Diversity. How culture can help address geopolitical challenges”

- What are your thoughts on strengthening the European identity in the context of the current geopolitical challenges and while respecting diversity in Europe?
- How can cultural policies and cultural institutions contribute to this?



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Concert “A Call for Peace”

Concert Olympique – Royal Elisabeth Hall

- 200th anniversary of Beethovens 9th Symphony & birth of the European Hymn
- Conductor Jan Caeyers (Concert Olympique), Vienna Arnold Schoenberg Choir & pianist Kit Armstrong (USA)
- Kick-off [Beethoven27 project](#): concert tour of the 27 most important works of Beethoven in the 27 EU capitals by 2027.

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Checklist and Deadlines

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April 1st – April 17th	Opening of the Accreditation Platform Registration of the Delegation Accreditation Officer (DAO)
April 1st – May 1st	Registration of the delegation (1 HoD + 2 delegates)
May 5th – May 10th	Liaison Officers contact each registered delegation (MICHEL IRS)
May 13th – 16:00	Handshake and Opening Words @ Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp (KMSKA)



Practical Information Note and Questions

The Practical Information Note (PIN) is available on the Accreditation Platform and will be delivered to all Delegation Accreditation Officers via e-mail.

Questions?

Mail to eu2024.cultuur@vlaanderen.be



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INFORMATION

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Cultural Affairs Committee
Subject:	Informal Working Dinner - Ministers of Culture - Presentation by the Presidency

Delegations will find attached a presentation by the Presidency for the meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee of 5th April 2024.