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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE
MEMBERS OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Subject: Invitation to nominate experts for an Open Method of Coordination (OMC) group on " Stimulate the green transition of the cultural and creative sectors, with a specific focus on the energy crisis " under the EU Work Plan for Culture 2023-2026 – Priority A

On 30 November 2022, the Council adopted a Resolution on the EU Work Plan for Culture 2023-2026¹, which focuses on four key priorities where EU level action can deliver clear added value: (A) Artists and cultural professionals: empowering the cultural and creative sectors; (B) Culture for the people: enhancing cultural participation and the role of culture in society; (C) Culture for the planet: unleashing the power of culture; (D) Culture for co-creative partnerships: strengthening the cultural dimension of EU external relations.

Under priority A, the EU Work Plan provides for the establishment of an Open Method of Coordination (OMC) **expert group "Stimulate the green transition of the cultural and creative sectors, with a specific focus on the energy crisis"** in the first half of 2024.

As for all OMC groups under the EU Work Plan for Culture, participation in the work of this group is strongly encouraged but remains **voluntary** and Member States can join at any time.

If your Member State is interested in participating in this group, I would be grateful if you could nominate **two experts by 29 February 2024** respectively from the field of culture and from the field of environment or climate related policies (see profile below),.

The first meeting of the group is foreseen to take place in Brussels 23-24 April 2024.

To inform the nomination process, please find below a few practical indications as to the timing, profile of experts and reimbursements of their costs.

¹ Official Journal C466/1 of 7.12.2022, link: [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022G1207\(01\)&from=EN](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022G1207(01)&from=EN)

Frequency of meetings

Following the first meeting of this OMC group late March 2024 in Brussels, the group will meet approximately 5-6 times until mid-2025. Some of these meetings will be held online.

Mandate for the group

According to the procedure laid down in the EU Work Plan for Culture 2023-2026, the mandate of this OMC group was finalised in the Cultural Affairs Committee based on a draft mandate proposed by the Commission. The mandate, as agreed on 12 January, is at Annex 1 to this letter.

Profile of the experts

The OMC Group should be composed of experts – policymakers and practitioners –appointed by Member States from the relevant government entities responsible for cultural policies and environmental, climate and sustainability related policies.

The two experts should preferably have **field experience**, be involved in implementing relevant actions on the ground and/or currently hold a function directly linked with the subject.

Member States may appoint experts from NGOs or cultural organisations, as well as from regional and local governments or institutions.

Experts are expected to **actively participate** in the work of the group, by contributing to the meetings with substantial oral and written input and presentations, as well with drafting texts related to the group's deliverables and committing to disseminate its results to policy makers and relevant stakeholders.

Experts should be able to contribute effectively to the discussions and fulfilment of the group's mandate. They should therefore have a good knowledge of the relevant public policies, practices and initiatives implemented by their country and/or by the EU in the field of culture, cultural heritage, sustainability and green practices or policies impacting on the cultural and creative sectors, including in connection with the energy crisis and challenges. The group will assess how the green transition either affects the cultural sector and its organisations, or is influenced by the input from and experiences made by the cultural institutions and creative professionals to address the climate crisis, leveraging environmental-friendly attitudes, practices and behaviours.

Transparency

Publication of the names and positions of the members of the group in the published reports in Publications Office of the EU, available to the general public, is subject to their prior freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous consent, in compliance with Article 3(15) and Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

For the sake of transparency, documents related to OMC meetings including agendas and minutes may be made available online on the European Commission Culture website.

Reimbursement

The Commission will reimburse **travel expenses** (for any physical meetings) for the maximum of two participants per Member State, one from the cultural policy field and the other from the environmental policy field. No accommodation costs will be covered and there will be no daily allowance neither.

Chairperson(s)

The nomination letter from your institution or agency should indicate whether an expert would be willing to chair or co-chair the working group. Candidates for this/these position(s) should be made fully aware of the time investment that such a position requires, particularly with regard to steering the preparation of the OMC group's expected output and coordinating the drafting process. Good IT skills would also be desirable for any candidate(s) interested in the(se) position(s). The expression of interest to serve as chair/co-chair should be accompanied by a CV and a letter of motivation, which will be shared with all OMC group members prior to the election of the chair(s). The election of the chair(s) will take place at the first meeting of the OMC group.

Working language

The working language for the OMC group will be English only due to current budget limitations for translation/interpretation, and in order to use resources in the most effective way. The Commission will cover costs of translation of the executive summary of the group's final report into the 24 official EU languages. The group's final report will be published in English only. Member States are encouraged to organise for the translation of the report in their language, and to make it available on relevant websites.

I would be grateful if you could complete the attached nomination form (Annex 2) and send it to Ms Florence Baeke (Florence.Baeke@ec.europa.eu) by 29 February 2024 and put EAC-UNITE-D1@ec.europa.eu in copy.

My colleagues and I will be happy to answer any further queries you may have about the nomination procedure.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Unit

Annexes: 1. Mandate of the group
2. Template for nomination