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Ministry of Culture
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Ms Heidy Purga
Minister for Culture
Estonia

Invitation to a Nordic-Baltic meeting of Ministers for Culture 2–3 May 2024 in Stockholm

Dear Ms Heidy Purga,

In 2024 Sweden holds the presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers. As a part of the Swedish program, I am honoured to invite you as Minister for Culture in Estonia, to join me and our fellow Ministers for Culture in a Nordic-Baltic meeting on the 2nd and 3rd of May in Stockholm.

The cultural cooperation between the Nordic and Baltic countries is of great importance to us all. In recent years, the world around us has changed drastically, where culture and cultural heritage are put under pressure. Considering this development, I wish to gather my Nordic and Baltic colleagues to share knowledge and discuss preparedness for the cultural sector in the event of crisis and war.

On the evening of the 2nd of May, we will start with a dinner together and continue with a ministerial meeting in the morning of the 3rd of May. The dinner will preliminarily start at 18:30 and the ministerial meeting is scheduled to take place between 08:30-10:00 (subject to minor changes).

The Nordic-Baltic Cultural minister meeting will be in connection with the formal meeting for the Nordic Cultural ministers in the Nordic Council of Ministers, held on the 2nd of May.

The meeting will be held in English without interpretation. An updated program will be sent as soon as possible, including questions for the discussion, prepared in cooperation with the civil servants in each country.

Finally, I'd like to inform you that Sweden is preparing for a Nordic-Baltic expert conference on the same topic to be held in June.

To confirm your attendance, please **RSVP** by **9th of February 2024** to Ms Christina Nylén, Deputy Director at the Ministry of Culture (christina.nylen@gov.se phone +46 702717227).

I look forward to welcoming you in Stockholm,

Yours sincerely,



Parisa Liljestrand
Minister for Culture