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Invitation

Informal Meeting of NB8 and Ukrainian Ministers of Culture

Under Estonia's NB8 Chairmanship and in cooperation with the

Danish and Faroese Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers

Tallinn 6-7 October 2026

14. September 2026

Dear Ministers, dear colleagues,

Europe is facing both profound geopolitical and technological changes.

Russia's aggression against Ukraine is not only an attack on the country's territory and people, but also on its cultural identity, heritage, and sense of belonging. At the same time, the rapid development of artificial intelligence is raising new questions about culture, identity and creative freedom.

Against the backdrop of these significant challenges we, the ministers for Culture of Estonia, Denmark and the Faroe Islands, are pleased to invite you to a joint meeting in Tallinn on 6-7 October.

The joint meeting takes place in the context of Estonia's **NB8 Chairmanship** and the Danish and Faroese **Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers** in 2026. We believe that combining the two occasions provides an excellent opportunity to emphasize and to further strengthen the dialogue and the close collaboration between NB8, The Nordic Council of Ministers and Ukraine.

The meeting will offer an opportunity to take forward the discussions launched during the informal meetings in Stockholm in 2024 and continued in Helsinki in 2025 during the Swedish and Finnish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers.

Our gathering also provides an opportunity to help in shaping priorities for resilience, recovery, and long-term development. Taking place a few months before the *Ukraine Recovery Conference 2027*, which is scheduled to take place in Tallinn in January 2027, it can also help to strengthen recognition of culture not only as a sector of recovery, but as a strategic contributor to democratic resilience, cultural security, and long-term societal stability.



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On this basis, we would like to give particular priority to two areas of common interest:

1. Creative Freedom, Artificial Intelligence and Future Competitiveness

In a time of rapidly advancing artificial intelligence, technological change is reshaping the creative and cultural sectors, creating both new opportunities and important challenges for creative freedom, innovation and competitiveness. The discussion will explore how we can safeguard the culture and cultural sectors, hereby human creativity and creative freedom. Furthermore, it will also examine how to ensure the visibility of smaller languages, cultures and narratives in digital environments, as well as creators' rights and fair remuneration in the age of AI.

2. Culture as a Foundation of Democratic Resilience and Cultural Security

In a time of increasing geopolitical uncertainty, culture plays an important role in strengthening democratic resilience, social cohesion and a shared sense of identity. Russia's war against Ukraine has further underlined the strategic importance of culture, as cultural heritage, institutions and identities have become targets of deliberate destruction. The discussion will explore how the Nordic-Baltic countries and Ukraine can further collaborate on cultural matters to strengthen democratic resilience, preparedness and cultural security, as well as how to further support the visibility of Ukrainian culture across the region.

We very much hope that you will be able to join us and would be delighted to welcome you to what we hope will be a warm and constructive exchange between our countries. We greatly look forward to continuing our dialogue and to spending this time together.

In the attached document, you will find all relevant practical information concerning the meeting, including the preliminary program, details on accommodation, the meeting venue and transportation.

Further information, including the concept notes for the discussion, will be provided closer to the date of the meeting.

We kindly ask that you confirm your participation by the following mail birgit.pohlak@kul.ee, lstn@kum.dk and aldaj@mmr.fo at your earliest convenience, but no later than 25 September 2026.

We would be honored to host and welcome you in Tallinn.

Yours sincerely,

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