

# Year report.

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# Funds. Financial instruments.

- Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). large sums of funding are available for rural heritage and there are strong interests wishing to reduce this.
- Cohesion Fund. growth and jobs ("Europe 2020").
- Regional Fund. It is a question of how much reduction in cultural heritage relevant funding, esp. in the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) will take place
  - articles 5, 7, 10.
  - urban", " tourism" and "culture"
  - funding for ERDF 2014-2020 to the architectural heritage of the cities in every Member State should also be required
- Difficult for EHLF members to influence negotiations?

## 8th EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (HORIZON 2020): Cultural Heritage Research.

- cultural heritage has been omitted completely
  - whole basis for the cultural heritage conservation research
- argue strongly for the inclusion of cultural heritage research in HORIZON 2020
- the European Commission?

# Transformation of EU Law into the National legislation.

- Illegal trade with archaeological products based on the 2009 revised “Council Directive 93/7/EC of March 15<sup>th</sup>”
- Questions on taxation and VAT

# POLICY and COOPERATIVE ISSUES

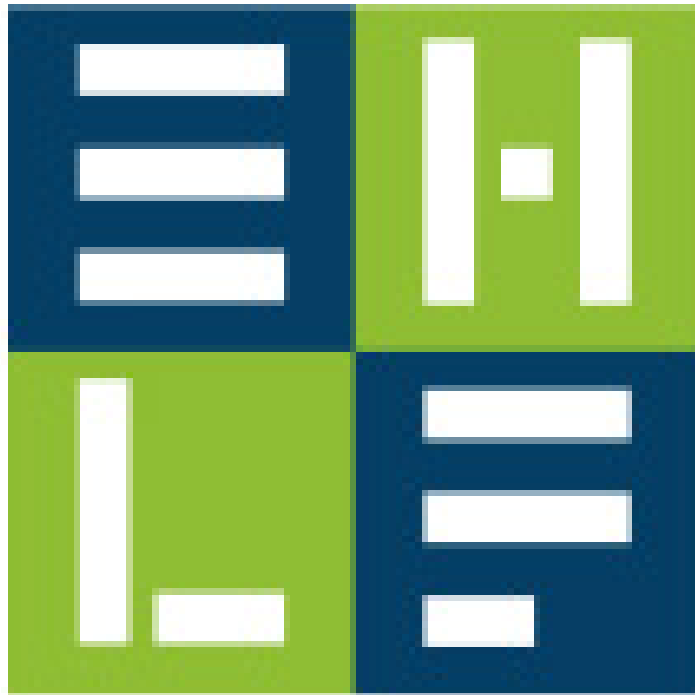
- through the Belgian Reflection group a dialogue partner DG Education and Culture strategy
  - also issues of early warning of relevant legislation.
- Affiliated with the “3.3 Alliance”
- EU Transparency Register

# Organisational and internal events.

- Full meet took place in Wroclaw on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 during Polish Presidency.
- Next Full meeting in Nicosia on October 12<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 under the Cypriote Presidency.
- Changes in Secretariat:
  - Change of chairmanship: Germany (Wolfgang Karl Göhner, Munich) from October.
  - The Netherlands (Jacques Akerboom) leaves the Secretariat.
  - Poland (Jacek Brudnicki) is new member.
  - Other Secretariat members; France, UK / England, Norway.

- most important work-load for the EHLF is to follow up the legislative developments at the national level.
- The observatory function relatively well to legal policy matters.
- Contact and dialogue with the EU Commission
- Supporting and developing the cross-sector policy work ?





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