

Communiqué
from the 29th Meeting of the Ministers Responsible for Culture
of the Visegrad Group Countries,
Víglaš, 11 June 2019

The meeting of the Ministers Responsible for Culture of the V4 countries (the “Ministers”) was held in Víglaš, Slovak Republic on 11 June 2019.

The meeting of the Ministers was preceded by a working meeting of ministerial experts, which took place on 10 June 2019. During the preparation of the Experts’ Report for the meeting of the Ministers the following day, the following topics were discussed:

1. Progress on the implementation of cultural projects since the 28th Meeting of the Ministers responsible for culture of the V4 countries in Vác in 2018:
 - a. The Colloquium of Library and Information Workers from the Visegrad Group;
 - b. The Working Group for Cultural Heritage in the V4 countries;
 - c. Co-operation in the field of performing arts in the V4 countries;
 - d. Visegrad Initiative for Audio-visual Cooperation;
 - e. International Master Courses in the field of music for V4+ students;
 - f. Rings in Water – exhibition and competition;
 - g. “TRANS/MISJE” International Festival of Arts;
 - h. SEFO – Olomouc Central European Forum – co-operation;
 - i. “Active Collections” international conference on collection mobility;
 - j. International conference on open air museums in Central-Europe.
2. New project proposal:
 - a) Design: Discovering the potential of culture and creative industries;
 - b) Digitisation program on circus arts.
3. Nomination for the “2018 International Visegrad Prize”

The Ministers’ discussion focused on the topic “Folklore – new forms of support for traditional folk culture”. The ministers discussed their countries’ activities related to support for traditional folk culture. They agreed that traditional folk culture plays an important role in their countries. Future perspectives, good examples and practices at the national level were also discussed.

The following conclusions were adopted at the meeting of the Ministers:

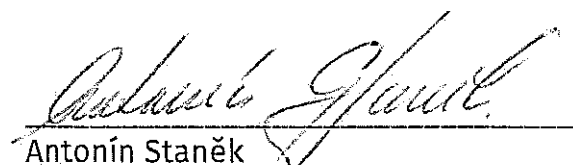
1. The Ministers accepted the joint Experts’ Report, expressed their satisfaction with the progress in the implementation of the individual projects and agreed with the experts’ recommendations.
2. The Ministers acknowledge that the International Visegrad Fund plays a crucial role in the cooperation of the V4 countries in the field of culture and express their confidence in its further contribution to the cultural achievements of these countries.
3. The Ministers thanked the Slovak Presidency for its work on the Statute of the

International Visegrad Prize which was signed at their meeting.

4. The Ministers fully supported the activities of the Working Group for Cultural Heritage in the V4 countries and look forward to the next activities in the framework of The Summer Course on the Management of UNESCO World Heritage Sites – the V4 Heritage Academy and the Heritage Forum of Central Europe.
5. The Ministers appreciated the successful continuation of co-operation in the field of performing arts in the V4 countries (EEPAP and PACE.V4) and the “TRANS/MISJE” International Festival of Arts.
6. The Ministers supported cooperation in the field of audio-visual issues.
7. The Ministers supported the continuation of the follow-up projects: the Colloquium of Library and Information Workers from the Visegrad Group, International Master Courses Project, Rings in Water - exhibition and competition, SEFO – Co-operation, “Active Collections” international conference on collection mobility and international conference “Open air museums in central Europe”.
8. The Ministers welcomed the idea of new projects aimed at cooperation in the field of cultural and creative industries and in the field of digitisation program on circus arts.
9. The Ministers approved the nomination of the Hungarian Open Air Museum for 2018 International Visegrad Prize, which will be awarded at the following meeting in 2020.

The Parties agreed that the following meeting of the Ministers will be held in the Czech Republic in 2020.


Signed in Víglaš on 11 June 2019



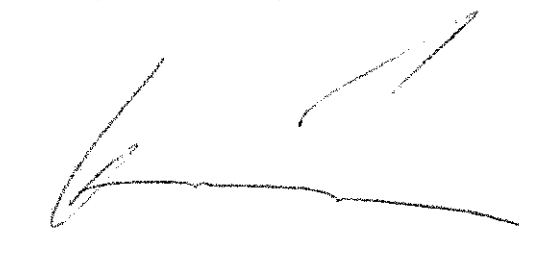
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