

Meeting with S.E. Mgr Lebeaupin, Apostolic Nuncio to the EU Brussels, 23 January 2019

Steering note

Description of the context

S.E. Mgr Lebeaupin, Apostolic Nuncio, Head of Mission of the Holy See to the EU, requested a meeting.

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In addition, Adrienn Kiraly met the Nuncio on 2 October 2018 but this meeting was about a cultural project that the Holy See was organising in Strasbourg, and about the Creative Europe and the European Year of Cultural Heritage.

Our objective:

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The organiser's objective:

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Line to take

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EYCH 2018 and European Framework for Action on Cultural Heritage

- Highlight the success of the European Year of Cultural Heritage and recall the different initiatives implemented in the field of religious heritage: from sharing good practice on the adaptive re-use of religious buildings to awareness-raising activities highlighting its value.
- Acknowledge the **contributions of the Holy See** to the EYCH:
 - a 2 euro coin commemorating the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, the high-level Conference by the Catholic Church in the European Union (COMECE) in January 2018,
 - a conference on 'Shrines and pilgrim-routes' by six Central-European countries' Embassies to the Holy See,
 - a concert to commemorate the end of the First World War held by the EU Delegation to the Holy See and the Czech and French Embassies to the Holy See last October,

- a conference on "Decommissioning Places of Worship and Integrated Management of Ecclesiastical Cultural Heritage" organised by the Pontifical Council for Culture on 29-30 November 2018 in Rome.
- Highlight the **European Framework for Action on Cultural Heritage** adopted on 7 December 2018 to ensure that the European Year has a lasting impact beyond 2018. Initiatives include actions aimed at integrating cultural heritage into environmental, architectural and planning policies, including by promoting the transformation of Europe's industrial, religious and military heritage for new use.
- The adoption of the **Leeuwarden Declaration** "Preserving and enhancing the values of our built heritage for future generations" contributes to the Framework for Action, as it lists a number of agreed principles to ensure quality in adaptive re-use operations (including for decommissioned churches).

Difficulties to expect

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- You may be asked what the Commission can do to support the request of the Future for Religious Heritage (FRH) **to launch a mapping** of Europe's remarkable religious heritage.

Defensive points are provided in a separate document.

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