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Dear Colleagues,

the EUNIC Heads Meeting took successfully place on 14 until 15 June in Vienna: Cultural organisations from 20 EU countries were represented as well as the European Commission and the President of EUNIC Brussels. A comprehensive agenda was discussed, ranging from reports on EUNIC priority areas, the proposal for a EU-China Culture Forum, the projected conference on "Cultural Policy and International Relations" under Slovenian Presidency, the relation EUNIC Heads-EUNIC Clusters including the Standard Charter for EUNIC Clusters, the proposed EUNIC Summer Academy as well as a proposal for a EUNIC workshop for improved planning and implementation, not to mention various other items.

Vladimir Sucha, Director for Culture and Communication, outlined the main features of the "Commission Communication for a European agenda for culture in a globalizing world" and stressed the importance of EUNIC. It was concluded that EUNIC should take up an active role and support the implementation of this groundbreaking document.

In regard to EUNIC Cluster issues, the Standard Charter for EUNIC Clusters is subject to further amendments and recommendations, which may be submitted to the EUNIC Presidency until 1 September 2007.

Overall, it was considered a successful meeting with a remarkable increase in content and added value. Main issues of the meeting will be discussed by Presidency representatives with DG Odile Quintin on 10 July in Brussels.

In the follow-up process of the Vienna Meeting, the Presidency has received an official membership confirmation of the organisation for Slovak Cultural Institutes. We are delighted to welcome the Slovak Cultural Institutes officially as new EUNIC member. In regard to membership, the EUNIC Presidency stays in contact with organisations from all remaining EU countries (except Malta) and hopes to welcome these institutions soon as official members to EUNIC.

The next Meeting of EUNIC Cluster Heads with the EUNIC Presidency Team will take place in autumn in Belgrade. Official invitations will be sent out in due time.

Yours sincerely,



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