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Dear Colleagues,

at the meeting of Directors for Foreign Cultural and Educational Policy of the EU Member States from 9 to 12 May 2007 in Dresden, Mr. Knopp, General Secretary of the Goethe-Institut and I had the possibility to present EUNIC in detail. Mr. Knopp's remarkable keynote speech is attached for information. It was encouraging to see how much interest our network received: EUNIC's role in the field of European culture and of international cultural relations was widely appreciated. Several participants (Romania, Cyprus, French Community Belgium) expressed their interest in joining EUNIC and in this respect, it is my special pleasure to welcome the European Integration and International Cultural Cooperation Directorate of the Ministry of Culture of Bulgaria and its Director Ms Deyana Danailova as new EUNIC member.

Moreover, I have attended preparative meetings to form EUNIC Clusters in New York as well as London. I am optimistic that these Clusters will soon be formally established, alongside with EUNIC Athens.

Preparations for the EUNIC Heads Meeting on 14 until 15 June 2007 are in full activity. Draft Papers covering EUNIC priority areas are being finalised by the respective leaders of each area. The final agenda will be circulated in due time.

We are especially looking forward to welcoming Mr. Vladimir Sucha, Director for Education and Culture to the EUNIC Heads meeting who will speak about the recently issued "Commission Communication on a European agenda for culture in a globalizing world" which is also of special interest for EUNIC as it emphasises the role of culture in the framework of international relations. This communication will also provide a sound basis for the EU China Culture Forum which is planned to take place in autumn 2007.

For discussion at our Heads Meeting EUNIC Brussels has prepared an interesting project proposal ("miss understanding") for the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008.

Let me finally draw your attention to the new website EUNIC-BERLIN has officially launched on 4 May 2007. At [www.eunic-berlin.eu](http://www.eunic-berlin.eu), information about members, as well as activities and current projects are available.

Hoping to see you at the EUNIC Heads Meeting on 14 until 15 May I remain

Yours sincerely,



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