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Dear Colleagues,

The network of EUNIC clusters has already attained an impressive reach: Besides the already existing clusters EUNIC Amsterdam, EUNIC Belgrade, EUNIC Berlin, EUNIC Brussels, EUNIC Dublin, EUNIC Helsinki, EUNIC New York and EUNIC Portugal, four new clusters have been established officially: EUNIC Budapest, EUNIC London, EUNIC New Delhi and EUNIC Stockholm.

Furthermore, the following clusters are being formed:

EUNIC Athens, EUNIC Beijing, EUNIC Brasilia, EUNIC Bratislava, EUNIC Bucharest, EUNIC Ljubljana, EUNIC Milano, EUNIC Moscow, EUNIC Polska, EUNIC Prague, EUNIC Rome, EUNIC Vienna and EUNIC Zagreb.

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

On EUNIC Heads level, the Presidency has received a membership confirmation of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus. We are delighted to welcome the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus and its cultural delegations to EUNIC.

As already announced recently, EUNIC Brussels has offered to prepare a proposal for EUNIC concerning the organisation and implementation of the "European Prize for Literature 2008". The EUNIC Presidency team fully supports the application due to the high visibility of such a project and therefore I kindly invite all EUNIC members to consider supporting this important project.

As soon as a draft for our application - including financial implications - is available, all EUNIC heads will be contacted again. Our application for a project in the framework of the Year of Intercultural Dialogue is currently evaluated. We may expect that the EU-Commission will decide in November.

The preparations for the "EU - China Culture Forum", supposed to take place in the context of the EU-China Summit on 28 and 29 November 2007 are underway (see attachment). I had the chance to discuss the issue during the Lisbon "Cultural Forum for Europe" with Odile Quintin and a cabinet member of the President of the Commission who confirmed the interest of President Barroso in the event.

The "Cultural Forum for Europe" and the following informal meeting of the Ministers for Culture (27/28 September) showed a strong support for the "Communication on Culture".

Yours sincerely,



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