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Dear Colleagues,

I hope you all had a relaxing and inspiring summer.

As discussed at the EUNIC Heads meeting last June, the deadline for comments on the draft Standard Charter for EUNIC Clusters is expiring. We can report that so far, we have only received one request concerning minor changes (modalities of end of membership, opening of common bank accounts of clusters). We will circulate the final version of the recommended Standard Charter for EUNIC Clusters by early September. The document will also be available at the official EUNIC homepage.

Concerning new clusters, we may announce that the constituent meeting of EUNIC Zagreb will take place in early October.

The European Commission is preparing calls for proposals on cultural cooperation regarding India and China. This provides EUNIC with the chance to consider common activities in the framework of these programmes. Initial proposals from Heads or Clusters are welcome.

Regarding our common project "Alter Ego" for the EU Year of Intercultural Dialogue we are now waiting for a hopefully positive reaction of the Commission. My special thanks go to Lone Leth Larsen and her colleagues in Brussels for all the mental and "manly" strength they put into the preparation.

EUNIC will be represented by members of the EUNIC Presidency team at the Culture Forum and the informal meeting of Ministers of Culture in Lisbon in late September, organised by the Portuguese Presidency as well as at the conference on the Northern Dimension and Culture in Kajaani, Finland, in October.

Yours sincerely,



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