

**Question for written answer E-013174/2013  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Preservation of Europe's artistic and cultural heritage

Europe has an immense cultural and artistic heritage, created throughout its history, reflecting the origins, development and present situation of our civilisation. Its preservation is, and should remain, a priority objective of the European Union and its Member States.

Unfortunately, the economic crisis that many European governments are going through is leading to less investment in this area, a situation that, if it continues, could seriously threaten the preservation of this heritage.

Could the Commission say whether it has developed any legal and financial instruments to promote and help preserve the EU's artistic and cultural heritage?