The European Year of Cultural Heritage in 2018 provides a moment to take stock of Europe’s shared history and values and reflect on how to build on these for the future. On the occasion of the high-level conference on cultural heritage on 26 June 2018, the following publications of the European Parliament’s Research Service and its Policy Departments provide background information and analysis.

**Cultural heritage in EU policies**
Briefing by Magdalena Pasikowska-Schnass, European Parliamentary Research Service, May 2018
2018 is devoted to the European Union’s cultural heritage. This paper focuses on the evolution of the very notion of cultural heritage, its role and place in society, as well as its understanding and interpretation in the context of EU prerogatives in this matter. The European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 is a result of this evolution which allows for a broad understanding of cultural heritage in all its aspects, for the democratic sharing of responsibility for it, celebrating it and benefiting from the creation it inspires.

**Research for CULT Committee – European Identity**
Study by the European Parliament’s Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies, April 2017
This study seeks to examine the concept, challenges and prospects of ‘collective identity’ in a European context. The text acknowledges the complex nature of collective identities in general and a common ‘European identity’ in particular.

**Arts, culture, and cultural awareness in education**
Briefing by Magdalena Pasikowska-Schnass, European Parliamentary Research Service, November 2017
Cultural and educational policies can contribute to the development of skills that help people to cope with the complexity of contemporary multicultural societies, and to qualify for jobs in the fast-growing creative and cultural industries.

**Research for the CULT Committee – Creative Europe: Towards the Next Programme Generation**
Study by the European Parliament’s Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies, June 2018
The aim of this study is to provide the Parliament’s CULT Committee with research input and recommendations for its deliberations on the next multiannual programme in support of cultural and creative industries.

**Celebrating European cultural heritage in 2018**
‘At a glance’ note by Magdalena Pasikowska-Schnass, European Parliamentary Research Service, September 2017
A Commission proposal paving the way for the designation of 2018 as the European Year of Cultural Heritage was adopted by the European Parliament and Council last year. Following Parliament’s recommendation, 2018 is dedicated to European cultural heritage and its role in the continent’s shared history and values.

**Access to culture in the European Union**
In-depth analysis by Magdalena Pasikowska-Schnass, European Parliamentary Research Service, July 2017
Culture, a broad term with a variety of interpretations, is a Member State competence. However, the EU Treaties envisage EU support for Member States’ cultural policies, protection of cultural heritage, and promotion of culture and cultural cooperation.
Further reading

**Barriers to accessing culture**

'At a glance' note by Magdalena Pasikowska-Schnass, European Parliamentary Research Service, June 2018

**The Audiovisual Media Services Directive**

'EU Legislation in Progress' briefing by Ivana Katsarova, European Parliamentary Research Service, June 2018

**Research for CULT Committee – Creative Europe - Media: Implementation, First Experiences**


**Creative Europe Programme**

'How the EU budget is spent' briefing, by Matthew Parry and Magdalena Pasikowska-Schnass, EPRS, September 2015

**European Capitals of Culture broaden their reach**

'At a glance' note by Magdalena Pasikowska-Schnass, European Parliamentary Research Service, June 2016

**Crowdsourcing and crowdfunding in the cultural and creative sectors**

'At a glance' note by Magdalena Pasikowska-Schnass, European Parliamentary Research Service, February 2016

**Integration of refugees and migrants: Participation in cultural activities**

'At a glance' note by Magdalena Pasikowska-Schnass, European Parliamentary Research Service, February 2017

**Protection of cultural heritage in armed conflicts**

Briefing by Magdalena Pasikowska-Schnass, European Parliamentary Research Service, March 2016

**Illicit trade in cultural goods**

Briefing by Anna Zygierewicz with Marta Méndez Juez, European Parliamentary Research Service, July 2017

**Regulating imports of cultural goods**

Briefing by Krisztina Binder, European Parliamentary Research Service, February 2018

**EU strategy for international cultural relations**

'At a glance' note by Magdalena Pasikowska-Schnass, European Parliamentary Research Service, July 2017

**Perspectives on transatlantic cooperation: Culture in EU-US relations**

Briefing by Ivana Katsarova, European Parliamentary Research Service, July 2017

**Major challenges for EU tourism and policy responses**

Briefing by Vasilis Margaras, European Parliamentary Research Service, May 2017

**Sustainable tourism: The environmental dimension**

Briefing by Vivienne Halleux, European Parliamentary Research Service, March 2017

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