

**Question for written answer E-005298/2018  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject:      Necessity for free and free of charge access by European citizens to museums and archaeological sites

The EU has, aptly, declared 2018 to be the Year of Cultural Heritage. Europe means Culture and Culture means Europe; we are proud to be European citizens.

The EU is, rightly, sensitive to matters of culture and must take constant action to reinforce the European cultural background.

The culture of the EU is inexhaustible, huge and priceless. Museums and archaeological sites are the only way to bring European citizens and foreigners in touch with European culture; we must, therefore, promote them and make them available to our citizens.

I believe that culture must be neither a marketable object nor a way of making money, but it must belong to all European citizens; this is why access to all EU museums and archaeological sites should be free of charge. I believe that this is a cultural obligation of the EU to its citizens, while, at the same time, the citizens of the EU have the right to enjoy their own culture free of charge.

1. How does the EU intend to make the best use of my proposal for free and free of charge access to European culture sites for European citizens?
2. How does the EU support the desire of European citizens to be able to access all European cultural points free of charge?