



CULTURE AND THE GREEN AGENDA

Introducing Global, European and Cypriot Frameworks

Thursday 17 March 2022, 6 - 8pm EEST

This event will introduce the overarching global, European and Cypriot frameworks for the role of culture in supporting environmental and social sustainability.

WEBINAR PROGRAMME	
Clymene Christoforou (CY / UK) Director D6:EU / D6: Culture in Transit	Welcome and introduction to the webinar.
Panayiotis Sentonas (CY) Commissioner for the Citizen	Introduction to the Commission for the Citizen, the opportunities and practices for citizens' engagement, and plans for enhancing its work in social and environmental sustainability.
Xavier Troussard (BE) Head of the New European Bauhaus Unit	Find out how the New European Bauhaus will bring about an "innovative and aesthetic" approach to fully realise the Green New Deal in people's lives through transforming environmental, economic, and cultural goals.
Marta Llobet (ES) United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)	Learn about the value of culture in support of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Culture Committee's recent report, The Role of Culture in Climate Resilient Development.
Argyro Toumazou (CY) Director D6:EU	Moderated discussion and concluding remarks.



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Clymene Christoforou

Clymene has a long history of international cultural development, working with artists, cultural organisations, communities and policy makers. She has led a number of European cultural programmes including CONTESTED DESIRES, a Creative Europe programme that explores perspectives on European colonisation. Clymene is an active member of Culture Action Europe, the political platform for culture based in Brussels, and a Board Member of Res Artis, the global network of artist residencies. She is currently navigating a deferred cultural programme with colleagues in Ukraine, and starting a collaboration with studios in Istanbul and Irbid, Jordan. As a Lead Expert for UCLG's Pilot Cities, she has helped European cities develop their cultural policies to support sustainable development.



Marta Llobet

Since 2017, as a Learning and Advocacy Officer of the Committee on Culture of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Marta promotes the advocacy task of the Committee locally and globally to foster the relationship between local cultural policies and sustainable development. She works closely with cities committed to culture as a pillar of sustainable development through peer-learning and capacity building programmes. Working at a regional level she is a consultant for the Centre for Cultural Studies and Resources (CERC) of the Barcelona Regional Council. Currently, Marta is especially interested in the role of culture in addressing major global and local challenges, such as gender equality and climate change.



Panayiotis Sentonas

Panayiotis is a graduate of the University of Cyprus, and holds an MA in Social and Political Sciences and Business Administration. He served as Deputy Government Spokesman, Chairman of the Board of the Cyprus Youth Organisation and was Vice President of the Cyprus Addiction Treatment Authority. He has been the Legal Representative in Cyprus and Head of the Erasmus+ Youth program, the European Solidarity Corps, and has represented the Republic of Cyprus in European and international conferences. With his appointment as Citizen's Commissioner by the President of the Republic, his aim is to focus on strengthening participatory governance and promoting active citizenship.



Xavier Troussard

Since December 2020, Xavier has led the New European Bauhaus Unit created at the Joint Research Centre (JRC) at the European Commission. He joined the JRC in 2014 to create and lead the development of the EU Policy Lab at the crossroads of anticipation disciplines, behavioural sciences and design. Before that, he worked at the Directorate General for Information, Communication, Culture and Audiovisual where he contributed to the establishment and development of the EU audiovisual policy before representing the European Commission and leading the EU coordination in the negotiation of the 2005 UNESCO Convention on the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions.