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## ECTN Cardiff Conference Declaration



The European Cultural Tourism Network (ECTN) has been asked by the UK Presidency to take forward the discussions of the conference on Cultural Tourism held by the Luxembourg Presidency.

This declaration results from ECTN's second annual conference in Cardiff 6-8 July 2005 and sets out the recommendations from the conference. Delegates attending the Cardiff conference were invited to comment on initial drafts. A copy of the declaration has been sent to the European Commission. [Click here to view the ECTN Cardiff Declaration.](#)

### Meeting with Committee of the Regions on 12th of October , 2005

Paolo Linty (Aosta Region), Cllr Constance Hanniffy (Midlands Region, Ireland) and Tomas Olssen (Region Vastra Gotaland Sweden ) attended a meeting at Committee of the Regions, organised by Vastra Gotaland Region, to present the working document about tourism and culture drafted by the Single Market, Production and Consumption of the European Economic and Social Committee ([click here to view document](#)). ECTN will be preparing an official document about tourism and culture to be presented to the Assembly of Committee of the Regions for its approval.

### Public hearing of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) 'Tourism and Culture two forces for growth' 18 November 2005, Paestum, Italy

EESC has been active in promotion various initiatives related to the tourism sector. In order to further strengthen its efforts and in particular the synergies between tourism and culture, the Committee has decided to organise a public hearing. The objective of the hearing is to take proposals and suggestions made by organisations and institutions on the impact of culture on the tourism field.

This is a public event and anyone can participate. The Committee are unable to refund any travel or other expenses; participation in the hearing is free of charge.

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### **ECTN Interreg IIIC project – Focus Group Meeting 13 September 2005 in Tullamore, Ireland**

The European Cultural Tourism Network project's first focus group was held after the 2nd project steering group meeting in Tullamore, Ireland on 13 September.

Cllr Constance Hanniffy, chairperson of the Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly opened the session and welcomed ECTN partners to Ireland. Presentations of thematic case studies were made by speakers from Wales, Italy, Finland, Spain, Sweden, Hungary and Ireland. Following discussions the group made a study tour to the ancient monastic site of Clonmacnoise, founded by St Cairan in AD 545.

Discussions from the focus groups will feed into the the final ECTN INTERREG IIIC project report.

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## ECTN INTERREG IIIC events

### ECTN at Europa Nostra Forum, 19 May 2006, Malta

Nigel Adams (Head of Policy, Wales Tourist Board, ECTN INTERREG IIIC lead partner), has been invited to represent ECTN at the Europa Nostra Congress and Cultural Heritage Forum in Malta. The theme of the Forum is 'Cultural Tourism : Its Benefits and the Need for Controls'.

**Cámara**  
Oviedo

**Thematic workshop focusing on industrial  
heritage as a catalyst for economic  
regeneration 10-11 Nov 2005 OVIEDO Spain**

## Programme of future ECTN Interreg IIIC Events

### 10-11 Nov 2005 OVIEDO Spain

Thematic workshop: focusing on industrial heritage as a catalyst for economic regeneration. Click here for [programme](#) and [study tour information](#).

### April 2006 MISKOLC Hungary

Thematic workshop: Creative culture, ethnic minority communities and development of cultural tourism.

### September 2006 TURKU Finland

Thematic workshop: cross sector working, skills training and application of IQM principles

### December 2006 VASTRA GOTALAND Sweden

ECTN Annual Conference and presentation of final report

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### **News from Turku, Finland**

Lapland Centre of Expertise for the Experience Industry (LCEEI) will publish a third collection of Experience Articles. We are pleased to invite you to submit a paper or article relating to experiences or Experience Industry. [Click here for more details.](#) Contact

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### **Value, Include, Connect 11-12 November 2005 Cardiff**

The conference will address issues of Cultural Diversity and how an expanding Europe may learn to recognise and celebrate its diverse nature rather than surrender to Walmart; and launch ENVAA - the European Network for the Voluntary and Amateur Arts.

Speakers include in no particular order; the French Minister for Culture, Glenys Kinnock MEP, The under Secretary for State, Ministry of Culture in Latvia, cultural practitioners from the accession countries, etc. [Click here for further information](#)

### **3rd International Meeting on Tourism and Co-operation to Development, 24-25th November 2005. Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain**

Organised by the Institut Europeu de la Mediterrania and Universitat de Barcelona. The subject of this year is "Cultural diversity and tourism in developing countries". The 1st International Fair on Tourism and Co-operation to Development will take place at the same place between 24-27th November 2005.

For detailed information, please contact Ms.Natalia Paricio: tel. (+34) 934034427, e-mail: [nataliaparicio@ub.edu](mailto:nataliaparicio@ub.edu)

### **Tourism and Regeneration - Best Practice from the North West of England 23 November 2005 (9.00 - 16.30), Brussels**

A one-day conference covering the creative agenda for Tourism across England's Northwest, its impact on regeneration and the latest news from Liverpool - European Capital of Culture 2008. This will be followed by an evening drinks reception (18.30-20.30) for all participants, hosted by Liverpool Culture Company to hear visions and plans for 2005-2008 in preparation for Liverpool European Capital of Culture 2008. [Click here for further information.](#)

Places are limited, so book now ASAP Email: [info@cheshire-brussels.com](mailto:info@cheshire-brussels.com)

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