

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION, THE ARTS AND CULTURE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE FOR 2010–
2013

The Federal Ministry for Education, the Arts and Culture of the Republic of Austria, of the one side, and the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus, of the other side, hereinafter referred to as «Sides»,

Desiring to strengthen the co-operation of both countries in the fields of education, arts and culture in order to experience the cultures of the states of both Sides and explore them together,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Both Sides will encourage direct contact between artists, and public and private institutions in the fields of arts and culture, including the initiatives of both countries which promote the co-operation in the fields of literature, visual arts, photography, theatre, dance and music.

Article 2

Both Sides will co-operate through international organisations, including within the framework of the European Union, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as UNESCO) and the Council of Europe.

Both Sides will encourage the co-operation of both countries within the framework of cultural exchange programmes of the European Union, in particular, the Culture Programme (2007–2013).

Both Sides emphasise the importance of the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions and encourage bilateral co-operation in

order to facilitate the implementation of these conventions.

Article 3

Both Sides will support the cooperation and information exchange for the purposes of preventing illegal trafficking of cultural valuables in accordance with national law and relevant international agreements signed by them.

Article 4

Both Sides encourage the direct co-operation of museums and galleries in organising history, arts, contemporary arts, architecture, design and other exhibitions.

Article 5

Both Sides will exchange information and experience related to current cultural policies in the fields of museums, libraries, publishing and professional arts.

Article 6

Both Sides will encourage museums and other cultural institutions to co-operate in accordance with the legislation in force in the territories of the states. The Austrian Side informs the Cypriot Side that the Austrian Museums are autonomous. The institutions concerned are responsible for the practical implementation of co-operation projects and related agreements.

Article 7

Both Sides encourage museums to co-operate through an exchange of specialists, joint implementation of research programmes, exchange of the experience of initial and continuous training of museum workers and the transfer of technology and knowledge (transfer of good practice).

Both Sides will pay particular attention to marketing, management and fundraising in the museum sector.

Article 8

Both Sides will seek to ensure an improved access of all members of the public to digitised cultural heritage, which reveals the history and cultural diversity of the countries. Therefore, both Sides will encourage the co-operation of institutions involved in the digitisation of cultural heritage, and initiation and implementation of joint projects for the presentation and popularisation of digital cultural heritage.

Both Sides welcome the involvement and participation of the Austrian and Cypriot institutions involved in the digitisation of cultural heritage in the EUROPEANA Project and promote its

further development.

Both Sides encourage the co-operation of digitisation specialists in addressing organisational, technical and legal issues of digitisation of cultural heritage, preservation of digital content and ensuring access to it, and the exchange and dissemination of knowledge and information in this field.

Article 9

Both Sides encourage co-operation in the public library sector and propose an exchange of ideas, experience and experts between the competent institutions of both countries.

Article 10

While this Memorandum of Understanding is in effect, both Sides, without exceeding their budgetary resources, will exchange visits of artists and experts in the fields of literature, visual arts, photography, films, theatre and music, for a maximum of 20 days each.

Article 11

Both Sides will express their wish to invite two artists in the fields of contemporary arts and/or photography from each of the countries for a three month stay (artists in residence) every three years.

Article 12

Both Sides will encourage participation of their representatives in festivals, international meetings, seminars and other cultural events organised in the other country. Both Sides will inform each other about the programmes of these cultural events, their dates and terms of participation.

Article 13

Both Sides will aim, for the duration of this programme and without exceeding their budgetary resources, to arrange a presentation of their arts and culture in the other country

Article 14

Both Sides encourage the exchange of experience and know-how transfer at expert and policy levels in the field of education, offering each other information e.g. concerning the structure and the organisation of the systems of education, curricula, didactic materials and teacher training.

Article 15

The Austrian Side will offer Cypriot teachers of German language at all levels, especially those who are in a multiplier function, the opportunity to attend "German as a Foreign Language", two week training seminars on specific subjects related to Austrian Studies as well as on German instruction methodology held throughout Austria. Further information can be found at the website www.kulturundsprache.at.

Cypriot institutions being interested in the Austrian Diploma for German Language (Österreichisches Sprachdiplom Deutsch, ÖSD, information at www.osd.at) are welcome to apply for a licence to become ÖSD examination centres.

Article 16

The exchange of artists, culture, art and educational experts between both Sides will be conducted subject to the following terms and conditions:

- the sending Side will submit, in advance, to the receiving Side the required documents on the persons sent, including the information about the desired programme for the visit and, after obtaining confirmation from the receiving Side that the proposed persons are welcome, will, as soon as possible, notify it of the exact dates of arrival;
- the sending Side will cover the international travel costs, while the receiving Side will take care of other expenses related to the activities of the artists and/or experts on the territory of that country;
- the Austrian Side will provide free accommodation and a daily allowance upon which an understanding will be reached in advance. The same will be provided by the Cypriot Side;
- in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding and with respect to international experience, the institutions concerned will directly agree on the conditions for the exchange of exhibitions, artists and experts;
- pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding, artists and experts may go to the countries of both Sides only after their health insurance and accident insurance costs have been covered by the sending Side.

Article 17

This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force on the day of its signature and will be effective until 31 December 2013. The Memorandum of Understanding may be extended by a written agreement of both Sides.

Article 18

Either Side may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by a written notification. The termination will become effective six months after the day of receipt of the written notification by the other Side or such later date as may be specified in the notification. The termination of

this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the implementation of the programmes and projects that both Sides have agreed upon.

Article 19

This Memorandum of Understanding will not create obligations under international law and it will not affect national legislation or obligations assumed by the countries in accordance with the international law.

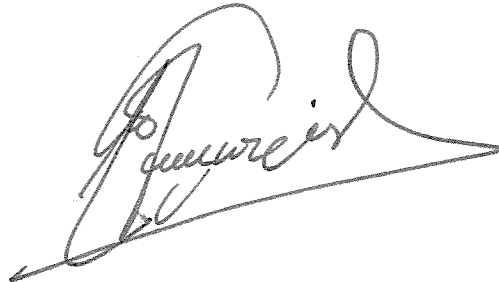
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