International Cultural Relations of the European Union – Europe, World, Croatia - an international conference takes place in Rijeka, Croatia on 30-31 May, 2019. What is the role of cultural policies in fostering international cultural cooperation? Are cultural networks the expression of cultural change in international relations? How is the European Union using cultural diplomacy in strengthening external relations between the EU and third countries? What are the practices of the Republic of Croatia?

International conference International Relations of the European Union – Europe, World, Croatia will answer these and many other questions.

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Next 30-31 May, the European Capital of Culture 2020 Rijeka together with the Centre for Democracy and Law Miko Tripalo, will organise an international conference on EU’s external cultural relations.

As one of the strands of the European Agenda for Culture adopted in 2007, and the new Agenda for Culture in 2018, culture has been a vital element in the European Union’s international relations. The Joint Communication Towards an EU Strategy for International Cultural Relations from 2016 sealed the EU’s strategy to put more culture in its external relations and external action.

The programme of the International conference will propose, among others, the following sessions:

- The Role of Cultural Policies in Fostering International Cultural Cooperation
- Traditional and New Affinities: A Comparison of Cultural and Economic Relations of the EU Countries
- Creating Cultural Relation Policies from Local to World Level
- The Soft Approach Through Cultural Policies
- Cultural Policy in a So-called Populist Era
- The Role of Cultural Policies in Fostering International Cultural Cooperation
- Culture-Powered City Diplomacy: The Role of Large-Scale Events
- Cultural Networks – The Expression of Cultural Change in International Relations
- Cultural Networks, Important Cooperation Tools, Needing to Evolve
- Cultural Relations of the European Union and North Africa
- The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership: A Long Rocky Road
- Cultural Networks – The Expression of Cultural Change in International Relations
- The Future of Enhanced International Cultural Cooperation Between Europe and Africa
- The Future of Enhanced International Cultural Cooperation Between Europe and Africa
- African-EU Cultural Cooperation in Practice – A Forum for European Capitals of Culture and African Cities
- Croatia in International Cultural Cooperation
- Contribution to the Issues of Cultural Development
- Cultural Policies – Similarities and Differences Between the French and Croatian Management Model

- EU’s External Cultural Relations and The Role of Foreign Cultural Institutes in Croatia
- Sustainable models of cultural collaboration in Southeastern Europe
- Cultural Diplomacy or Cultural Relations: Which One and for Whose Agenda?
- Cultural Diplomacy: Strengthening External Relations in a Globalised World

- The full (working) programme is available [here](#).
- A Pre-conference will gather cultural professionals and Global Cultural Leadership Programme participants from 28 to 29 May to develop international networks and share best practices (apply by 13 May).

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